

UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKE FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS

No person shall take upland game birds:

- Outside of legal shooting hours.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, slingshot, hand-held or thrown missiles, firearms except a shotgun using shells not exceeding 3 ½ inches maximum length, except forest grouse. Forest grouse shall not be taken with a trap, snare, net or crossbow. Except, crossbows may be used to take forest grouse by a person who possesses a Disabled Persons Archery Hunting Permit or a Special Weapon Reasonable Modification Hunting Permit authorizing use of a crossbow, or by a person hunting in an area where crossbow is a lawful method of take for big game.
- From any watercraft.
- By the use or aid of any electronic call.
- By the aid of baiting. Bait is defined as any substance placed to attract game.

Shooting hours:

- Upland Game Birds: From one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- WMAs Where Pheasants Are Stocked: From 10AM to one half hour after sunset, during the pheasant season.
- Turkeys: From one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Upland Game Possession Limit Definition: The maximum number of each species of game bird or game animal, that may be lawfully possessed while in the field or being transported.

Termination of Possession: The possession of upland game birds/animals taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds/animals have been delivered by them to:

- Another person as a gift when accompanied by a proxy statement (see page 46).
- Upon reaching the final place of consumption or storage.

Species Identification: One (1) fully-feathered wing or the head must be retained on all dressed game birds (except turkey) and Eurasian-collared doves to permit identification as to species and sex while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor OR between the place where taken and a commercial processing or storage facility. The beard or leg of wild turkey must be left naturally attached to the carcass while being transported.



Sage-grouse

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UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKE FOR UPLAND GAME ANIMALS

No person shall take upland game animals:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With a trap, snare, net, or shotgun using shotgun shells exceeding 3 1/2 inches in length.
- By the use or aid of any electronic call.



Cottontail Rabbit

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Cottontail Rabbit Seasons

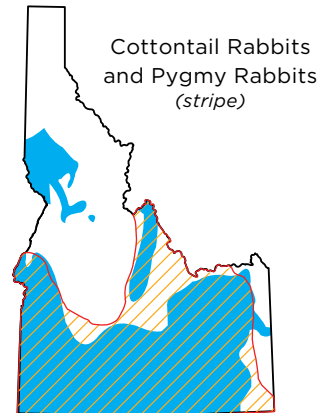
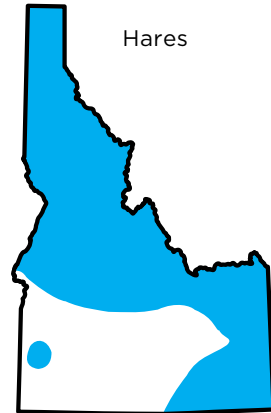
2018 — August 30 through March 31, 2019	
Daily Bag Limit.....	8
Possession Limit.....	24
2019 — August 30 through March 31, 2020	
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Snowshoe Hare Seasons

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Pygmy Rabbit Season is CLOSED

Shaded areas show general distribution of these species



Rabbit and Hare Seasons

To correctly distinguish cottontail rabbits (season OPEN) and pygmy rabbits (season CLOSED), check for these characteristics:

Cottontail Rabbit (Season is OPEN)

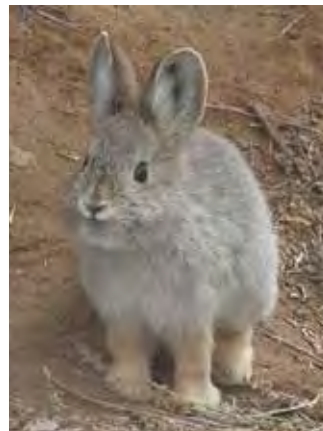
Tail: dark above and white underneath.
Size: More than one foot in length (13.5-16.6 inches)



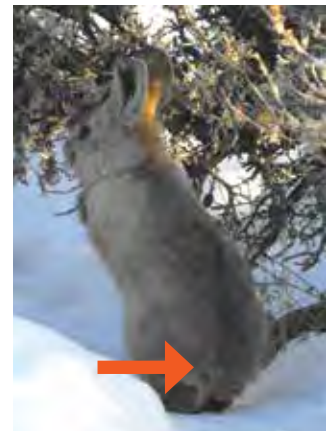
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Pygmy Rabbit (Season is CLOSED)

Tail: buffy gray with no white on it.
Size: Less than one foot in length (9.7-11.3 inches)
Contact your local regional office to determine if pygmy rabbits are found in your area of interest.



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