



WILD TURKEY GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth Hunts for Turkeys

A hunter must be 10 to 17 years of age to hunt in a general season youth hunt. See general seasons on pages 22-23.

NOTE: The 2020 Idaho Legislature may approve a new rule in April 2020 that would allow Hunting Passport holders who are 8 or 9 years of age to purchase turkey tags to participate in the following turkey hunts: general season, general youth-only, depredation, and landowner permission hunts with the appropriate landowner permission permit. Hunting Passport holders are not eligible to participate in controlled hunts. Please call your local regional office to find out if this rule has been approved.

A person applying for a youth only controlled hunt must be 10-17 years of age during the hunt for which they are applying, but they may not hunt until they are 10 years of age.

A 9-year old may purchase a junior hunting license and then purchase a turkey tag and/or apply for a controlled turkey hunt, but they may not hunt until they are 10 years of age.

Resident junior hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older who must be close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

Nonresident junior mentored hunters under 18 must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices.

Tag Requirements

No person may hunt wild turkey without having in his or her possession the appropriate hunting license, general tag, extra tag, and/or special unit tag.

A hunter may harvest as many turkeys as they have legal tags for that given year. There are three types of turkey tags available:

- **General Tag** (one tag per person per year)
- **Extra Tag** (two tags per person per year)
- **Special Unit Tag** (three tags per person per year)

Two turkey tags—one general and one extra tag—may be used for the spring turkey season before May 26.

A general tag or extra tag can be used with a controlled hunt permit to hunt in a controlled hunt. A second spring bird may be taken with an extra turkey tag. If the general and/or extra tag is not filled during the spring hunt, then that unused tag can be used in a fall general, fall controlled hunt, or fall landowner permission hunt.

A special unit tag may be used during general fall seasons in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, and 9. Special Unit Tags may be purchased at any time.

Controlled Hunt Permit Requirements

No person may hunt wild turkey in a controlled hunt or landowner permission hunt (see below) area without having in his or her possession the appropriate hunting license, general tag, and/or extra tag in addition to their permit. Permits are required for all controlled hunt and landowner permission hunt areas.

Spring and fall controlled hunt permits are valid only for specific areas and seasons as designated by hunt number, see pages 24-25 A turkey hunter **must** have a controlled hunt permit **and** a general tag **or extra** tag to hunt in a spring or fall controlled hunt. A turkey hunter may only harvest one bird per controlled hunt permit.

Landowner Permission Hunts (LPH)

These are a form of Depredation hunts. Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. LPH forms (a triplicate form provided by Fish and Game) are provided to landowners prior to the season or upon verifying a depredation problem that cannot be resolved by non-lethal means. Landowners can then provide permission to hunters. Landowners and hunters must fill out and sign their respective portions of the forms. Hunters must provide one copy of the form to the landowner and bring the remaining two copies to a Fish and Game office where they can purchase their controlled hunt permit after April 20 for spring hunts and after July 15 for fall hunts.

QUICK TAG OVERVIEW

If You Want to Hunt...	Buy a License AND a...
General Season, Spring Turkey	General or Extra Turkey Tag
General Season Fall Turkey	General or Extra Turkey Tag (Special Unit Tags in the Panhandle Region only)
Controlled Hunt, Spring Season	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit February 1 - March 1 and use the Permit with a General or Extra Turkey Tag. Any leftover permits go on sale April 1 at 10:00AM MDT
Controlled Hunt, Fall Season	Apply for a Controlled Hunt Permit May 1 - June 5 and use the Permit with a General or Extra Turkey Tag. Any leftover permits go on sale July 15 at 10:00AM MDT
Landowner Permission Hunt	Obtain a signed Landowner Permission Hunt form from the property owner, purchase the Permit at a Regional Office and use the Permit with a General or Extra Turkey Tag.



Unlawful Methods of Take

No person may take turkey:

- Outside of legal shooting hours.
- With lead shot exceeding BB size or steel shot exceeding T size.
- By use of dogs, except during fall hunts.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow or firearms; Except turkeys may be taken with a shotgun using shells not exceeding 3 ½ inches maximum length, or muzzleloading shotgun.
- 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.

See page 44 for additional Unlawful Methods of Take.

Areas Closed to Hunting of Turkeys

- See page 45

Species Identification

The beard or leg of wild turkey must be left naturally attached to the carcass while being transported.

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Definitions

Daily Bag Limit: The maximum number of turkeys that may be legally taken, caught or killed by any one (1) person during a calendar day:

- During spring seasons the daily bag limit is two bearded turkeys, using a general tag and an extra tag.
- During fall seasons the daily bag is equal to the number of valid tags possessed. Either sex turkeys may be taken during the fall. The maximum number of tags one hunter can possess in one year is six.

Tags: There are Three Types of Tags

- **General tag** is valid for spring and fall seasons. It can also be used during spring or fall controlled hunts with the purchase of a controlled hunt permit or a landowner permission hunt permit. If the general tag is not used to harvest a turkey in the spring it may be used in fall seasons.
- **Extra tag** is valid for spring and fall general seasons. It can also be used with a controlled hunt permit or a landowner permission hunt permit. Two tags per person per year.
- **Special unit tag** is valid for the fall season in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7 and 9

Two turkey tags—one general tag and one extra tag—may be used for the spring turkey season before May 26.

LEARN ABOUT LEAD

Hunter Information:

- Lead can be toxic if ingested, and the toxicity level depends on the level and frequency of exposure.
- People can ingest lead particles from bullets or shot in hunter harvested game animals.
- Lead particles in game meat may be too small to detect by sight, feel or taste.
- Lead shot is banned in the U.S. for waterfowl hunting, but is still used for other purposes.
- Wildlife can be poisoned from ingesting lead.

Reduce Your Risk:

- Use non-lead, copper or other high-weight retention ammunition.
- Liberally trim around the wound channel.
- Discard meat that is bruised, discolored or contains hair or feathers, dirt, bone fragments, or plant material.
- Use caution when rinsing the carcass to avoid spreading lead fragments.
- Ground game meat has more lead fragments than steaks and chops.
- Ask commercial processors not to combine meat from other hunters with yours.
- Avoid cooking game meat with acidic substances like vinegar or wine.
- Practice good marksmanship.
- Practice clean field handling techniques.





Shaded areas indicate general wild turkey distribution in the primary units open to wild turkey hunting.

Wild turkeys are not native to Idaho but were first transplanted here in 1961. Since then, more than 150 translocation efforts have been conducted statewide.

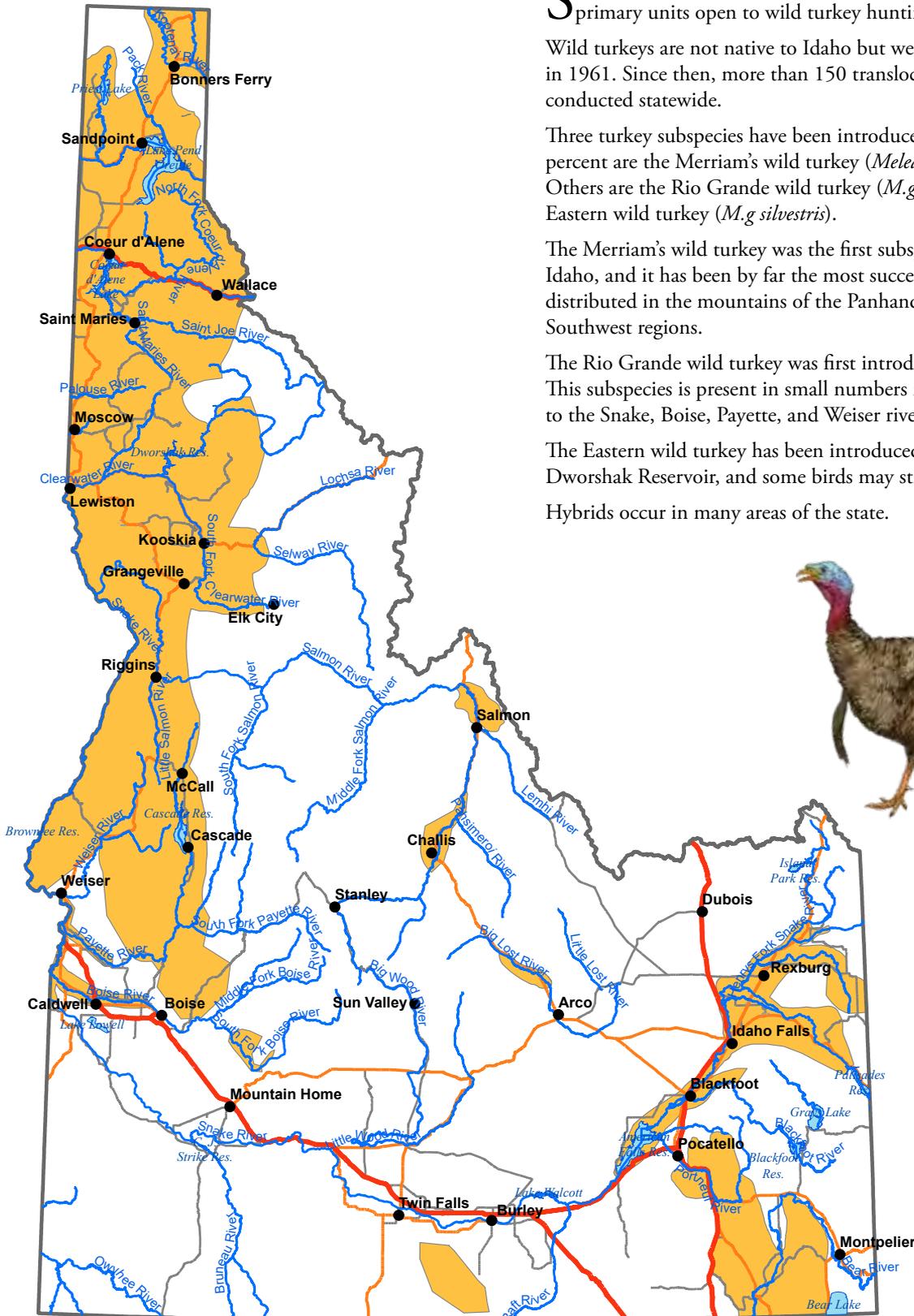
Three turkey subspecies have been introduced to Idaho. More than 90 percent are the Merriam's wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo merriami*). Others are the Rio Grande wild turkey (*M.g. intermedia*), and the Eastern wild turkey (*M.g silvestris*).

The Merriam's wild turkey was the first subspecies introduced to Idaho, and it has been by far the most successful. This bird is widely distributed in the mountains of the Panhandle, Clearwater, and Southwest regions.

The Rio Grande wild turkey was first introduced to Idaho in 1982. This subspecies is present in small numbers in riparian areas adjacent to the Snake, Boise, Payette, and Weiser rivers.

The Eastern wild turkey has been introduced to a few sites near Dworshak Reservoir, and some birds may still be found there.

Hybrids occur in many areas of the state.





WILD TURKEY GENERAL SEASONS 2020 & 2021

2020 & 2021 Spring Turkey General Seasons - Youth Only - Bearded Turkey

See map on page 23

Game Management Units	Season Dates	Notes
1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA), 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), 32A, 33, 39, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77 & 78	April 8, 2020 - April 14, 2020 April 8, 2021 - April 14, 2021	See note 1, page 21
32 (that portion in Payette County) & 38	April 8, 2020 - May 25, 2020 April 8, 2021 - May 25, 2021	See note 1, page 21

2020 & 2021 Spring Turkey General Seasons - Bearded Turkey

See map on page 23

Game Management Units	Season Dates	Notes
1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA), 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16A, 17, 18, 19, 19A, 20, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County) 32A, 33, 39, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77 & 78	April 15, 2020 - May 25, 2020 April 15, 2021 - May 25, 2021	

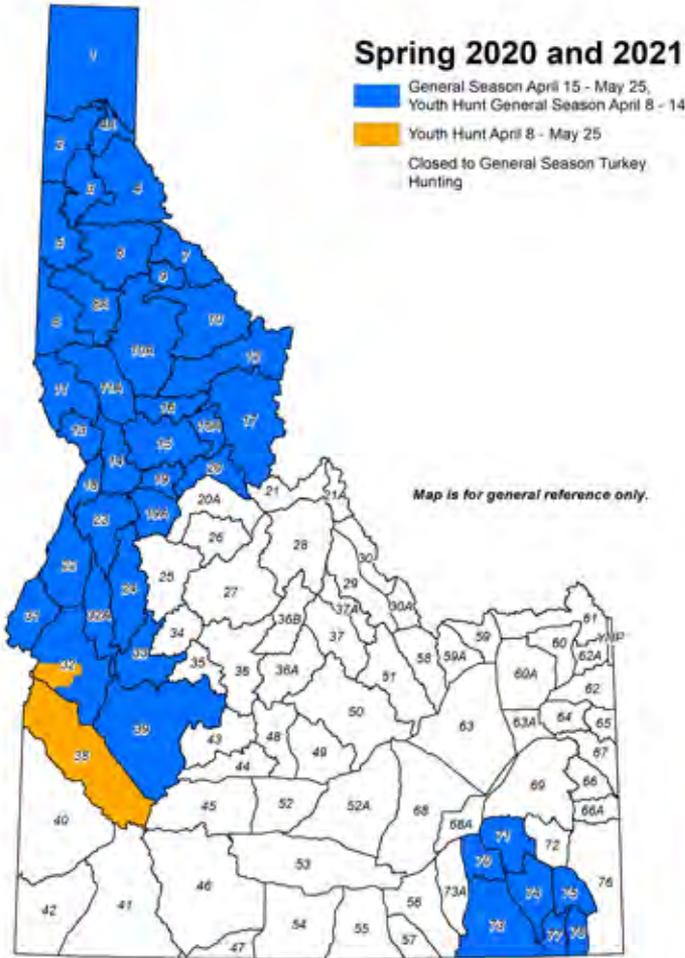
2020 & 2021 Fall Turkey General Seasons - Either Sex Turkey

See map on page 23

Game Management Units	Season Dates	Notes
1, 2 (except Farragut State Park and Farragut WMA), 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7 & 9	August 30, 2020 - January 31, 2021 August 30, 2021 - January 31, 2022	See note 2, page 21
8, 8A, 10A, 11, 11A, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 18	August 30, 2020 - December 31, 2020 August 30, 2021 - December 31, 2021	
10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, & 20	August 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020 August 30, 2021 - October 9, 2021	
Outside the National Forest System boundary in Units 22, 31, 32 (except that portion in Payette County), & 32A	August 30, 2020 - October 9, 2020 August 30, 2021 - October 9, 2021	
71, 73, 74, 75, 77, & 78	September 15, 2020 - November 30, 2020 September 15, 2021 - November 30, 2021	

Notes:

- 1. These are Youth Only hunts. See page 18 for age requirements on Youth Only hunts.
- 2. These hunts overlap calendar years. Turkey tags expire on December 31 the year of purchase. Hunters must purchase a valid hunting license and turkey tag for the year in which they intend to hunt. Hunting licenses and tags go on sale December 1 for the upcoming year.



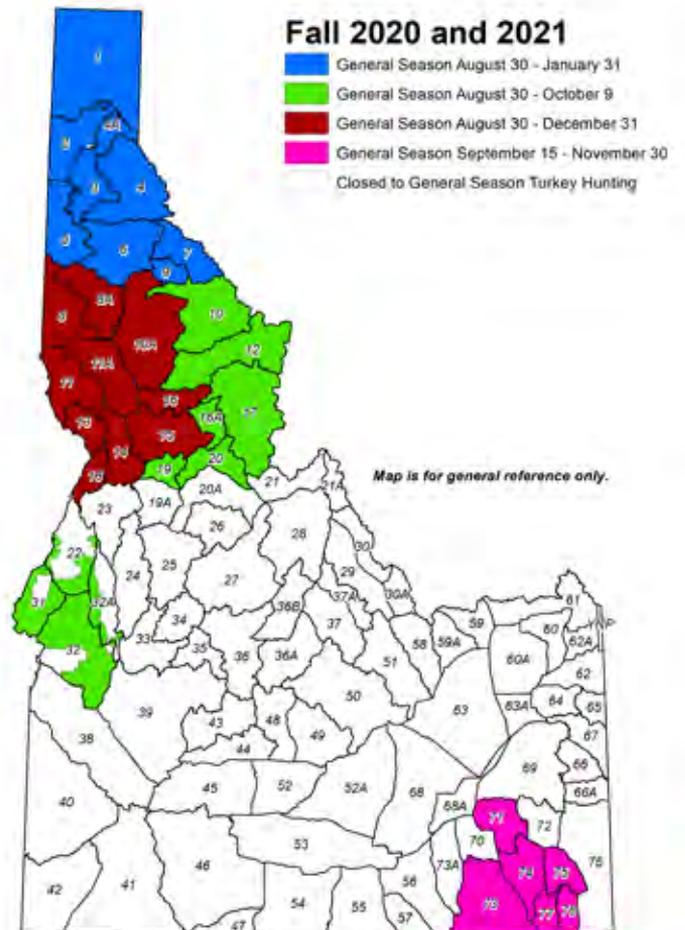
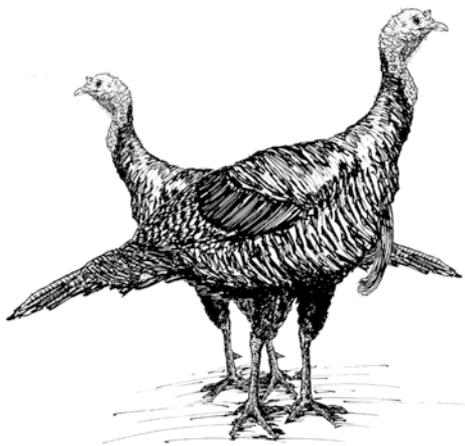
Controlled hunts are on pages 24 - 26. Visit the Idaho Hunt Planner for maps of Controlled Hunt areas.

The Idaho Hunt Planner is an interactive search & mapping engine for our Hunting Regulations

- Download hunt areas for viewing offline or in your GPS.
- View Hunts with realtime fire and emergency closures
- And more!



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WILD TURKEY CONTROLLED HUNT SEASONS 2020 & 2021

SPRING

Spring hunt application period: February 1 – March 1. Any leftover permits go on sale April 1 at 10:00AM MDT..

Hunters: Please check controlled hunt area descriptions, as they may change annually. For Game Management Unit boundary descriptions, please see current Big Game Seasons and Rules Brochure.

2020 & 2021 Spring Controlled Hunts Youth Only - Bearded Turkey



Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.

Youth Hunts - See pages 18 and 48 for details.

Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts	Permits
9001	21A-1: All of Units 21, 21A, 29, 30, and that portion of Unit 28 downstream from the Hat Creek drainage	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25 Access is Limited	5
9002	36B-1: All of Units 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, and that portion of Unit 28 upstream from and including the Hat Creek drainage.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25 Access is Limited	25
9003	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 69.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	50
9004	54: All of Unit 54.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	30
9005	68A: All of Unit 68A.	Youth Hunt April 8 - May 25	15

2020 & 2021 Spring Controlled Hunts Bearded Turkey



Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.

Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts	Permits
9006	21A-1: All of Units 21, 21A, 29, 30, and that portion of Unit 28 downstream from the Hat Creek drainage	April 15 - May 25 Access is limited	10
9007	36B-1: All of Units 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, and that portion of Unit 28 upstream from and including the Hat Creek drainage.	April 15 - May 25 Access is Limited	30
9008	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	April 15 - April 30 Access is Limited	100
9009	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	May 1 - May 25 Access is Limited	100
9010	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 69.	April 15 - April 30	125
9011	50-1: All of Unit 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 69.	May 1 - May 25	125
9012	54: All of Unit 54.	April 15 - May 5	30
9013	54: All of Unit 54.	May 6 - May 25	30
9014	68A: All of Unit 68A.	April 15 - April 30	15
9015	68A: All of Unit 68A.	May 1 - May 25	15

Turkey Controlled
Hunt Seasons

FALL

Fall hunt application period: May 1 - June 5. Any leftover permits go on sale July 15 at 10:00AM MDT.

Hunters: Please check controlled hunt area descriptions, as they may change annually. For Game Management Unit boundary descriptions, please see current Big Game Seasons and Rules Brochure.

2020 & 2021 Fall Controlled Hunts Youth Only - Either Sex Turkey			
↓ Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.		Youth Hunts - See pages 18 and 48 for details.	
Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts	Permits
9016	22-1: All of Units 22, and 31	Youth Hunt August 30 - October 9	20
9017	50-1: All of Units 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 69.	Youth Hunt September 15 - November 30	25
2020 & 2021 Fall Controlled Hunts Either Sex Turkey			
↓ Use these numbers on your controlled hunt application.			
Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts	Permits
9018	21A-1: All of Units 21, 21A, 29, 30, and that portion of Unit 28 downstream from the Hat Creek drainage.	September 15 - December 31 Access is Limited	15
9019	22-2: Outside the National Forest System boundary in Units 22, 31, and 32 (except that portion of Payette County).	October 10 - December 31	75
9020	36B-1: All of Units 36A, 36B, 37, 37A, and that portion of Unit 28 upstream from and including the Hat Creek drainage.	September 15 - December 31 Access is Limited	30
9021	38-1: All of Unit 38 and that portion of Unit 32 in Payette County.	September 15 - October 9	60

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED HUNTS

Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Please see page 18 for application information.

2020 & 2021 Spring Landowner Permission Required Hunts				
Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts/Dates	Legal Bird	Permits
9101	38-2: Private land only in that portion of Unit 38 within the following boundary: within one mile on either side of the Boise River and Snake River, beginning at the intersection of the north channel Boise River and Eagle Road, following the north channel Boise River and mainstem Boise River west to the confluence with the Snake River, then following the Snake River north to the border of Unit 32.	April 15 - May 25	Beardless	50

Landowner Permission Required Hunts are a form of Depredation Hunt. Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Please see page 18 for application information.

Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED HUNTS

Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Please see page 18 for application information.

2020 & 2021 Fall Landowner Permission Required Hunts				
Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts/Dates	Legal Bird	Permits
9102	22-3: Private land only, outside the national Forest System Boundary in Units 22, 31 and 32	December 1 - December 31	Beardless	50
9103	38-2: Private land only in that portion of Unit 38 within the following boundary: within one mile on either side of the Boise River and Snake River, beginning at the intersection of the north channel Boise River and Eagle Road, following the north channel Boise River and mainstem Boise River west to the confluence with the Snake River, then following the Snake River north to the border of Unit 32.	September 1 - December 31	Beardless	50
9104	68A - All of Unit 68A	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	25
9105	69- All of Unit 69	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	50
9106	70 - All of Unit 70	October 1 - December 31	Either Sex	75
9107	71 - All of Unit 71	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	50
9108	73- All of Unit 73	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	100
9109	74 - All of Unit 74	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	50
9110	77 - All of Unit 77	December 1 - December 31	Either Sex	300
Landowner Permission Required Hunts are a form of Depredation Hunt. Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Please see page 18 for application information.				

2021 & 2022 Landowner Permission Required Hunts

Hunt No	Controlled Hunt Area Descriptions	Hunts/Dates	Legal Bird	Permits
9201	22-3: Private land only, outside the national Forest System Boundary in Units 22, 31 and 32	January 1 - February 28	Beardless	50
9202	38-2: Private land only in that portion of Unit 38 within the following boundary: within one mile on either side of the Boise River and Snake River, beginning at the intersection of the north channel Boise River and Eagle Road, following the north channel Boise River and mainstem Boise River west to the confluence with the Snake River, then following the Snake River north to the border of Unit 32.	January 1 - February 28	Beardless	50
Landowner Permission Required Hunts are a form of Depredation Hunt. Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period. Please see page 18 for application information. Hunters must purchase a valid hunting license and turkey tag for the year they intend to hunt. Hunting licenses and tags for 2021 go on sale December 1, 2020 Hunting licenses and tags for 2022 go on sale December 1, 2021				

Turkey Controlled Hunt Seasons

Controlled Hunt Application Worksheet*

To Complete the Application Worksheet

Enter name, date of birth, and complete 11- digit hunting license number for each person on the application.

Enter the complete 4- digit hunt number (not hunt area) of your first and second choice (optional). Controlled hunt numbers are found in the left hand column of the controlled hunt tables.

The hunt numbers are subject to change, so be sure to use this brochure when applying for any turkey hunts in 2020 or 2021.

Applications can be submitted at any Fish and Game offices and license vendors. Applications also can be made using your credit card by calling 1-800-554-8685. The charge for processing phone-in applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50. Internet applications can be made on the Fish and Game website at idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/controlled. The charge for internet applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50.

Any person desiring to change an application after it has been submitted may cancel it at a Fish and Game office. You must pay all controlled hunt application fees again when re-applying.

***Controlled Hunt Applicants:** Use this worksheet to collect all your information before applying for your controlled hunt. **Under new rules, Fish and Game will not accept mail-in applications for controlled hunts.**

Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only. You may photocopy this form. **Application fee is Resident \$6.25, Nonresident \$14.75 per person per species.**

How Many Hunters are Applying?

(Single application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, or turkey)

NAME #1

DATE OF BIRTH
M D Y

DESIGNATE \$1 FEE TO C.A.P?
(Citizens Against Poaching)

HUNTING/COMBO LICENSE NUMBER

Y **N**

EMAIL: _____

(Group application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, or turkey)

NAME #2

DATE OF BIRTH
M D Y

HUNTING/COMBO LICENSE NUMBER

EMAIL: _____

1st Choice Hunt Number
(Do not use hunt area)

2nd Choice Hunt Number
(Do not use hunt area)

Results: It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he/she was successful in drawing a controlled hunt.



TURKEY DEPREDATION HUNT SIGN UP



Special hunts (not listed in these rules) are sometimes used to relieve game damage problems. If these hunts are needed, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas, and be limited to a few hunters.

How Can I Participate?

If you are an Idaho resident, with a valid hunting or combination license, or a Hunting Passport, fill out the form on this page and mail it to the regional office in the area(s) you are willing to hunt. You may photocopy this form if necessary. All applications received from May 1 to June 30 will be placed in random order. All applications received after June 30 will be placed at the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1 to the following June 30.

What Are My Chances of Drawing A Depredation Permit?

Most regions issue only a few depredation permits each year.

Tag Requirements

The Regional Office will provide hunters with tag requirements for each depredation hunt.

Remember...

Send only 1 application per species. Hunters may apply only once per species per year. Applying for the same species in more than one region will result in disqualification from all regions. Hunters may apply for different species in regions. Please contact a regional office for questions.



DEPREDATION HUNT APPLICATION

I/We are applying for Turkey Depredation Hunts.

1st hunter _____ Hunting License No. _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

2nd hunter _____ Hunting License No. _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS

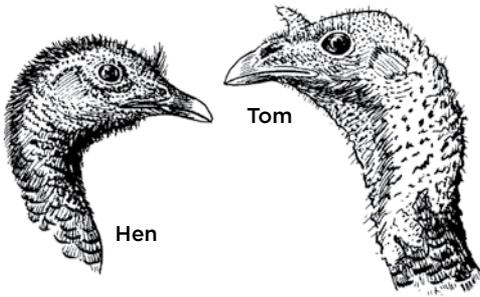
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- 1-7 2885 Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
- 8, 8A, 10-19, 20 3316 16th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501
- 19A, 22-24, 31-34, 38-39 15950 N. Gate Blvd., Nampa ID 83687
- 54, 55 324 S. 417 E., Suite #1, Jerome, ID 83338
- 68A, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78 1345 Barton Road, Pocatello, ID 83204
- 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A, 60,
60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64-67, 69 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
- 36B, 37 99 Highway 93 North, Salmon, ID 83467

Clip and mail to appropriate Fish and Game Regional Office.
Attn: Turkey Depredation Hunts.



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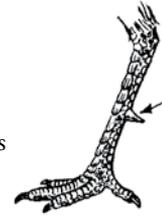


Heads

- **Hen:** Scattering of short black velvety hair-like feathers. Head smaller and blacker than toms
- **Tom:** Head bald with narrow band of feathers up the back of neck. Colors bright reddish-blue in spring

Evidence of Spurs

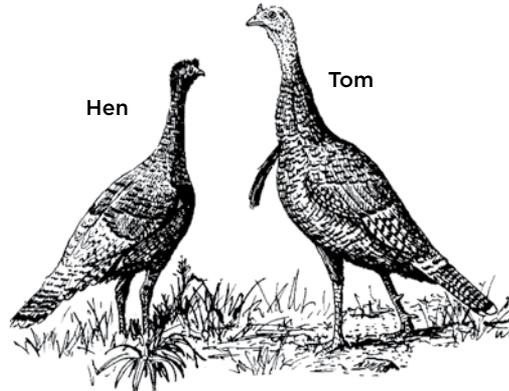
- Spurs on toms
- Very small or absent on hens



Tom



Hen



Beards

Beards up to 10 inches long are present on the breasts of mature toms. Beards are generally absent on hens. Any turkey with a visible beard is legal in a bearded turkey hunt.

WILD TURKEY HUNTING SAFETY AND ETHICS



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Safety

1. Positively identify your target.
2. Assume every noise and movement is another hunter.
3. Never stalk a turkey or turkey sound.
4. Don't wear red, white, or blue.
5. Protect your back.
6. Shout "Stop" to alert approaching hunters.
7. Make your position known to other hunters.
8. Preselect a zone of fire.
9. Choose safe, ethical hunting companions.
10. Practice courtesy and self-control at all times.

Ethics

All ethical wild turkey hunters support a series of rules that make wild turkey hunting the quality experience it can be. Following these rules will not only help maintain healthy flocks of wild turkeys in Idaho, but will also add to the challenge and excitement that is wild turkey hunting.

- Ask first to hunt on private land.
- Do not disturb nesting hen turkeys or their nests.
- Though it is legal (during legal hours) to shoot a tom out of a roost tree, this practice is unacceptable among most hunters.
- If you hear another hunter calling a bird, allow that hunter to continue undisturbed and leave the area.