

Hunting Season Information

Turkey

Wild turkey may be taken with: a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle, handgun or crossbow may be used during the fall season except in areas with weapons restrictions limiting their use; an air rifle: fall turkey may be taken with an .177 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 1250 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer or with an .22 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 950 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer. **(MCA 87-6-401, CR)** All other means of taking are prohibited.

License	Licenses Per Hunter	Season Dates	Opportunity	Opportunity specific details
General Turkey License				
Over-the-Counter valid in General Hunting Areas (see map).				
Turkey License	1	Apr. 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
		Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	Not valid in Region 4.
Regional Turkey Licenses				
Over-the-Counter				
Region 1 Turkey License				
NOTE: Turkeys in Region 1 are mostly on private land. Hunters must get permission.				
199-00	1	Apr. 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	Valid in Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, and Lake counties and those portions of Sanders and Missoula counties within Region 1. Not valid on the Flathead Indian Reservation.
		Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	
199-01	† <u>Up to 4</u>	Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	
Region 2 Turkey License				
NOTE: Rifles are not allowed in Deer & Elk HD 260.				
299-00	1	Apr. 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
		Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
299-01	Up to 4	Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula and Ravalli counties
299-02	1	Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Female or beardless Wild Turkey.	Valid in Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral counties.
Region 5 Turkey License				
Valid in Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Yellowstone, and Bighorn counties.				
599-00	1	Apr. 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
Region 7 Turkey License				
Valid in that portion of Garfield County south and west of Fort Peck Reservoir, west of Big Dry Creek and south of HWY 200, Rosebud County, Treasure County, Prairie County, Custer County, Powder River County, that portion of Richland County south of HWY 200, that portion of Dawson County south of HWY 200, that portion of McCone County south of HWY 200, Wibaux County, Fallon County, and Carter County.				
799-00	1	Apr. 15 - May 31	Male Wild Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.	
		Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Either-sex Wild Turkey.	

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Mountain Grouse		
Blue, ruffed, and Franklin's grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a crossbow; a firearm; or air rifle: mountain grouse may be taken with an .177 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 1250 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer or with an .22 caliber air rifle shooting a performance ballistic alloy pellet at least 950 feet per second as specified by the manufacturer. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Bag Limit: 3 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	-
Partridge		
Hungarian and chukar partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Chukar partridge occur primarily in Carbon County.
Sep. 01 - Jan. 10	Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Portion of Carbon County within the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 72 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, then northerly along said route to Bridger, then northerly along Hwy. 310 to Edgar, then east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Big Horn Lake, then southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, then west along said state line to its junction with Route 72, the point of beginning.
Ptarmigan		
Closed	Closed	Closed
Ring-necked Pheasant		
Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep. 21 - Sep. 22 Youth Only	Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.	Legally licensed youth ages 15 and under when accompanied by a nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age. Mentors for Apprentice Hunters must be at least 21 years of age.
Oct. 12 - Jan. 01	Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.	-
Sage Grouse		
Sage grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep. 01 - Sep. 30	Bag Limit: 2 daily. Possession limit is two times the daily bag limit.	Closed West of the Continental Divide.
Sharp-tailed Grouse		
Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.		
Sep. 01 - Jan. 01	Bag Limit: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.	Closed West of the Continental Divide.
Falconry		
All areas open to hunting of upland game birds and/or migratory game birds by firearms shall be open to either-sex hunting of that species by falconry.		
Sep. 01 - Mar. 31	Bag Limit: 2 daily in aggregate and 6 in possession. Bag and possession limits are not in addition to general limits.	Falconry Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Year round sunrise/sunset tables are available on the FWP website. A 2023 Upland Game Bird License is valid for falconry until March 31, 2024. Falconers hunting in the month of March 2024 must have purchased their 2023 Upland Game Bird License no later than Feb. 29, 2024. <u>A current valid Upland Game Bird License is required to hunt with falconry.</u>