2012 UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Montana Hunting Regulations

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Dusky grouse *Dendragapus obscurus*. Photo by donaldmjones.com

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Regulations Adopted by FWP Commission

These regulations and final quotas were adopted under the authority granted to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission (FWPC) per MCA, Section 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. These regulations were adopted by the FWPC on February 16, 2012. Final bag limits and quotas were adopted by the FWPC on July 12, 2012. Joe Maurier, Director.

What's New & Reminders

What's New –

- January 1 closure for Mountain Grouse.
- Expanded general hunting areas for turkey in Regions 1 and 2.

Reminders –

- Youth Only Special Pheasant Weekend statewide is September 22–23, 2012.
- Lincoln County, Ravalli County and southwest portion of Missoula County are included in "general" fall season turkey hunting areas.
- Fall turkey hunting is only by special permit in Mineral, Park, Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, Gallatin, Madison, Beaverhead, Silver Bow and Jefferson counties and a Portion of Missoula County.
- Youth currently 11 years of age but who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013 may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2012.

Licensing – Residency

It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

Resident –

- To be a legal Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, as per MCA 87-2-102, you must:
  - claim Montana as your principal or primary home or place of abode.
  - have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - not possess current (or have applied for any) resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - file Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
- Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
- To purchase an annual resident conservation license you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver's License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC) or a valid Tribal Identification Card.
- If your MDL or MIC has been issued for less than six months, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver's license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.
- A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose.

Licensing – Hunter Education Requirements

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Licensing – General Information & Procedures

- Licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, license providers throughout the state and online at fwp.mt.gov. The license is valid March 1 through February of the following year.
- Permit applications are available online. Hunters may apply for a fall turkey special permit online at fwp.mt.gov. The hunter also has the option of applying by the deadline of July 26 at any FWP office or by submitting an application as specified in these regulations.
- It is illegal to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or duplicate resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license.

License Chart

License/Cost R= Resident NR= Nonresident	Stipulation(s) –	
	Resident	Nonresident
Conservation **R** - $8 **NR** - $10	Required prerequisite	
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee **R** - $2 **NR** - $10	Fee charged annually at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license for the current license year.	
Upland Game Bird **R** - $7.50 **NR** - $110 **NR youth** - $35	Montana residents 12*-14 and 62+ years of age, OR Montana FWP certified disabled need only a Conservation License to hunt upland game birds. Resident youth 12*-14 years of age must have successfully completed a Montana Hunter Education Course to be eligible for the implied privilege of an Upland Game Bird License. Available to resident Conservation License holders 12* years of age or older.	Required of nonresidents 12*+ years of age. Nonresident youth 12*-15 may purchase an Upland Game Bird License which includes the State Migratory Bird License. A Federal Waterfowl Stamp is not required.
Resident Flathead Reservation Use Permit Check with Flathead Reservation at 406-675-2700 for details.	A valid "Resident of the Flathead Reservation Use Permit" with a valid Flathead Reservation Bird Stamp will be honored by the state wherever hunting for upland or migratory game birds is lawful in Montana.	
Turkey **R** - $6.50 **NR** - $55 with an Upland Game Bird License OR $115 without an Upland Game Bird License.	Residents must have an upland game bird license to purchase a Turkey License.	
3-day Shooting Preserve License **NR** - $20		Alternative to an Upland Game Bird License for non-residents who wish to hunt only on **Shooting Preserves (Private)**

* Some 11 year olds are also eligible. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.

Licensing – Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident youth who is currently 11 but will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013, is eligible to hunt upland game bird with a valid license after August 15, 2012. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

Hunters with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact MonTECH at the University of Montana Rural Institute at 700 SW Higgins Ave, Suite 250, Missoula, MT 59803; 877-243-5511.

General Regulations

It is illegal to –

- Loan or transfer their license to another person or use a license issued to another person.
- Carry or have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location where the species to be hunted occurs. Exception: a person may carry or have control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.
- Alter a license or permit for any reason.
- Post state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

Accidental Dog Captures in Traps or Snares – To improve understanding of accidental dog captures in traps or snares, hunters should report such captures to the nearest FWP regional office within 48 hours. A Recreationist Guide to Releasing Traps and Snares is available on the FWP website.

Check Stations – All hunters and anglers are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Field Possession Limit – No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field, or while returning from the field to one's vehicle, hunting camp, home, etc.

FWP website – fwp.mt.gov – The FWP website offers information to help you plan your hunt. You'll find maps, regulations, and links to federal, state and local agencies. Also check mt.gov, the official state website, for information about Montana.

Hunter Orange Requirement – Shooting another hunter while swinging the gun on an upland bird is the leading cause of hunting-related accidents in Montana. Although not required, it is strongly recommended that all bird hunters wear at least a hunter orange hat or cap to reduce the chance of an accident.

Hunting Hours – Authorized hunting hours for the taking of upland game birds begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

Inspection of Wildlife – Wildlife taken must be shown to FWP enforcement for inspection when requested.

License Possession

- Licenses must be carried on your person at all times while in the field hunting.
- Licenses must be produced if requested by FWP Enforcement personnel.

Methods of Taking – Authorized means of taking is listed under each upland game bird species group. The three-shell (shotgun) limit required for migratory birds does not apply to upland game birds.

Prohibited Methods of Taking – It is illegal for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird:

- from any self propelled (that is, motorized) or drawn vehicle. Even if the vehicle is not moving, hunters must be off or out of the vehicle. Holders of the PTHFV are the exception to this;
- on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, in the State of Montana); or
- by the aid or with the use of any set gun, jacklight, spotlight or other artificial light, trap, snare, salt lick, or bait, as per Montana law. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain or food sources so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

National Wildlife Refuges – More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, POB 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225 303-234-4612.

Non-Toxic Shot – Hunters are reminded that non-toxic shot is required for the hunting of upland game birds on federal refuges or waterfowl production areas. Only federally-approved non-toxic shot may be used on these areas (except the C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge.) Specific questions regarding this regulation should be made through local offices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Outfitters and Guides – It is illegal to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2373.

Recorded or Amplified Calls – It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, MCA 87-6-401.

Shooting Preserves (Private) – To hunt upland game birds on a private shooting preserve, resident hunters must possess a valid upland game bird license and nonresident hunters must possess either a valid upland game bird license or a 3-day shooting preserve license.

Transporting Upland Game Birds –

- No person shall transport within the state any sage grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, mountain grouse or partridge unless one fully feathered wing is left naturally attached for species identification. The wing shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.
- If a hunter puts or leaves any game birds at any place or in the custody of another person, the birds should be tagged by the hunter with the following information: 1) the hunter's ALS number; 2) the hunter's signature; 3) the hunter's address; 4) the total number of birds involved, by species; and 5) the dates such birds were killed. Game birds should be tagged if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

Transporting Pheasants – It is unlawful to possess or transport within the state any pheasant unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until it has arrived at the permanent residence of the possessor.

Two-way Communication

- Two-way communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:
  - hunt game animals or upland game birds, migratory birds or furbearers as defined in Montana law ("Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture."), or
  - avoid game checking stations, FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate illegal activity.
- The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

Wanton Waste –

- It is illegal to waste any part of any game animal, game bird, or game fish suitable for food.
- Following are game bird parts "suitable for food."
  - All birds that fall into the size category of the partridge or smaller, only the breasts must be retained.
  - All birds larger than a partridge and up to the size category of, and including, pheasants and sage grouse, the breasts and the thighs must be retained.
  - All turkeys: the breasts, thighs and wings must be retained.

Be A Montana Hunter

- Follow the rules of safe gun handling.
- Be proficient in the use of your equipment.
- Know and obey laws and regulations.
- Develop hunting skills and knowledge.
- Develop a personal code of conduct.
- Respect the wildlife you hunt and the land it inhabits.
- Respect other hunters and the rights of non-hunters and landowners.
- Relax and enjoy your hunt, whether you get your game or not.
- Get involved in conserving wildlife and hunting.
- Be a role model; share your skill and knowledge with others.

Hunter Land Access

It is your responsibility as a hunter in Montana to always know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply. Always carry a map that clearly marks hunting boundaries, landownership, and travel restrictions. Maps may be obtained at most federal agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service offices, as well as some sporting goods stores. Also, be sure to visit the Interactive Hunt Planner on the FWP website.

Block Management – The Block Management program is a cooperative effort among private and some public landowners, FWP, and hunters. The program seeks to: 1) maintain public hunting access to private and isolated public lands; 2) help landowners manage public hunting and provide benefits to offset impacts like increased road maintenance and weed control; and 3) help FWP manage wildlife. Each FWP Region administers the Block Management Areas (BMAs) for its portion of the state. If you are interested in hunting a BMA, contact the regional office in the area you wish to hunt. Regional tabloids listing lands enrolled in the program are available annually on August 15. The earliest date to reserve access to a BMA is August 22.

Indian Reservations –

- Hunters hunting upland game birds and turkeys on tribal land within the exterior boundary of an Indian Reservation should check Indian Reservation regulations because season dates, bag limits, licensing requirements, shooting hours, legal species, and shot shell requirements may differ from state regulations. State regulations apply to deeded land within Indian Reservations.
- The State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation. Please check for upland game bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information call the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 406-752-5501 or the Tribes in Pablo at 406-675-2700.

Private Land – Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land. Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property. Landowners may grant permission face-to-face, over the phone, in writing, or by posting signs that explain the type of hunting allowed—game species or sex—and under what conditions. Visit FWP's website for the Interactive Hunt Planner or visit http://nris.mt.gov for assistance with land ownership.

Public Land –

- National Parks are closed to hunting.
- National Wildlife Refuge lands are closed except those areas designated open to public hunting. For hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges or Federal Waterfowl Production Areas, inquire at the local refuge office.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local federal office.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

Railroad Access – Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad. Consult the individual railroad for details.

State School Trust Lands –

- Overnight (2 night) camping is allowed within 200 feet of a legal access point.
- Horses may not be kept on state land overnight.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open.
- Motorized use of other roads and trails and all off-road use is prohibited.
- Game retrieval is by foot or horse only.
- No open fires are allowed except in designated campground fire pits.
- Firearms may not be discharged within ¼ mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- State School Trust Lands within Block Management Areas (BMA) may have more liberal regulations. Consult the individual regulations for specific BMAs.
- Additional information regarding the rules, regulations, and restrictions governing these activities is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

State Game Preserves – State game preserves may or may not be open to limited hunting. For more information, contact a regional FWP office.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) – Wildlife Management Areas are generally open for hunting. They are closed to public entry, unless otherwise posted, from the day following the end of the general deer-elk season or December 1, whichever is later, to May 15 each year, as posted. There may be exceptions to these dates. For specific WMA information, contact the regional office that the WMA is located in (see page 8 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wildlifeManagementAreas

Closed or Restricted Areas – Upland Game Bird and Falconry

Indian Reservations and Federal Wildlife Refuges: inquire at the local Indian Agency or Refuge office.

That part of Montana lying west of the Continental Divide is closed to the hunting of sage and sharp-tailed grouse.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis and Clark County): Open to upland game bird hunting up to the opening day of the waterfowl season at which point it is closed to all hunting.

The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted.

Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area (Teton County): Open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the general waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting in the following described portion of the Wildlife Management Area: SW 1/4 Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W 1/2 Section 12, W 1/2 of E 1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Lake Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. The area closed will reopen November 20.

Youth Only – Special Pheasant Weekend

September 22-23, 2012 – Statewide

The FWP Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a special hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in pheasant hunting. Legally licensed hunters age 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) through 15 may hunt pheasants statewide on these days. A nonhunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. The bag limit, shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular pheasant season shall apply to this special season.

Species-Specific Hunting Regulations

---------- Mountain Grouse Season ----------

Means of taking: *Blue, Ruffed and Franklin's Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle; or a handgun. All other means of taking are prohibited.*

Mountain Grouse -

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Jan 01

Bag Limit: 3 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

---------- Sharp-tailed Grouse Season ----------

Means of taking: *Sharp-tailed Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.*

Sharp-tailed Grouse - (Closed West of the Continental Divide)

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Jan 01

Bag Limit: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

---------- Sage Grouse Season ----------

Means of taking: *Sage Grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long, recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.*

Sage Grouse - (Closed West of the Continental Divide)

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Nov 01

Bag Limit: 2 daily. Possession limit is two times the daily bag limit.

---------- Partridge Season ----------

Means of taking: *Hungarian and Chukar Partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.* ***Note:*** *Chukar partridge occur primarily in Carbon County.*

Partridge -

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Jan 01

Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Jan 10

Portion of Carbon County as described in the legals. Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

Portion of Carbon County within the following described 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.

---------- Falconry Season ----------

Means of Taking*: 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.*

Falconry Hours: *One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Year round sunrise/sunset tables are available at all FWP license providers and on the FWP website.*

Falconry Season - (except Turkey)

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Mar 31

Bag Limit: 2 daily in aggregate and 6 in possession. Bag and possession limits are not in addition to general limits.

---------- Ring-necked Pheasant Season ----------

Means of taking: *Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long recurve or compound bow and arrow. All other means of taking are prohibited.*

Transporting Pheasants*: It is unlawful to possess or transport within the state any pheasant unless one leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. They shall remain attached until they arrive at the permanent residence of the possessor.*

Ring Necked Pheasant -

Season Dates: Oct 06 - Jan 01

Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

---------- Wild Turkey Season ----------

Means of taking: *Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; a long recurve or compound bow and arrow; a rifle; or a handgun. All other means of taking are prohibited.*

Exception: *In Flathead, Lake, missoula, Ravalli, Sanders and Lincoln Counties rifles and handguns may not be used.*

Tagging: *Immediately after harvesting your wild turkey, cut out the proper month and day from the license (if more than one date is cut, the license is invalid) and affix to the leg of the wild turkey.*

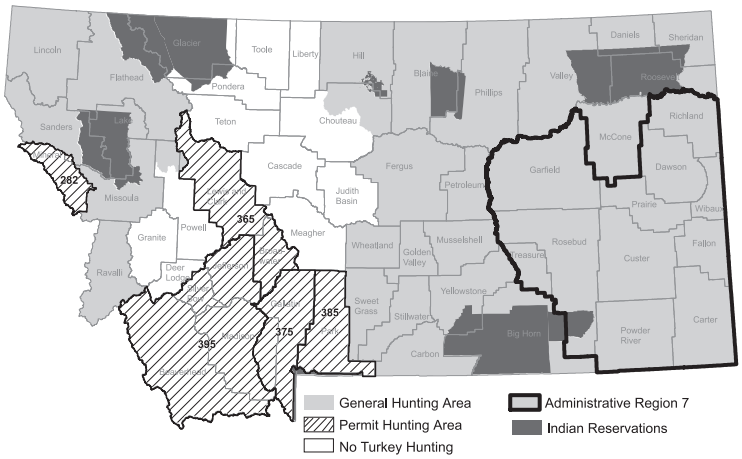
Wild Turkey - General Fall Season

Season Dates: Sept 01 - Jan 01

Bag Limit: 2 wild turkey, either-sex. However, the total combined limit of the spring and fall seasons cannot exceed two turkeys per hunter. A hunter may harvest two male turkeys in the spring (as long as at least one of them is harvested in Admin Reg 7); **OR** one male turkey in the spring and one either-sex turkey in the fall; **OR** two either-sex turkeys in the fall (as long as at least one of them is harvested in Administrative Region 7).

The following counties are open to all hunters who hold a valid current year turkey license: Lincoln, Flathead, Missoula, Ravalli, Lake and Sanders counties AND the following counties or portion of counties and all counties lying east of these: Hill, portion of Chouteau, Fergus, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon.

Administrative Region 7 open to hunting includes: Garfield, Rosebud, Treasure, Prairie, Custer, Powder River, Richland, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon and Carter counties.



Portion of Chouteau County open to hunting includes: that portion of FWP Region 6 in Chouteau County north of the Missouri and east of the Marias Rivers.

Special Permit Application Process

- Applicants may apply for only one fall special turkey permit and in only one area of the state.
- Hunters must possess a fall special turkey permit, in conjunction with a valid turkey license, to hunt in fall special turkey permit hunting areas.
- The fall special turkey permit allows the hunter to hunt in the described area during the time period specified on the permit.
- Applicants must hold a 2012 Conservation License at the time of applying for a fall special turkey permit.
- Hunters may apply for a fall special turkey permit:
  - online at fwp.mt.gov no later than 11:30 p.m. MDT on July 26, OR
  - over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters, OR
  - by mail. Mailed applications must include the $5 nonrefundable drawing fee and must be received by FWP Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT July 26. Applications are available at all FWP regional and area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov.
  - Successful fall special turkey permit applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid turkey license before hunting.

Avian Influenza

National Early Detection Effort

- Several years ago, a virulent form of bird flu—Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1)—emerged to sicken and kill domestic poultry in Asia, Africa and Europe.
- MONTANA Wildlife officials are contributing to the national effort to detect the possible arrival of the virulent strain of bird flu that could be brought to North America via migrating waterfowl.
- Part of that effort includes getting help from hunters by collecting samples from harvested waterfowl through routine hunter game checks.
- H5N1 is primarily a disease of birds, not humans. Should H5N1 be detected anywhere in North America, it would not signal the start of a human health crisis.

Common Sense Precautions

- Viruses like H5N1 are shed from birds in fecal material and other body fluids; so avoid contact with these materials while plucking and cleaning birds.
- Do not harvest or handle wildlife that is obviously sick or found dead.
- Wear rubber gloves while cleaning game.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game and wash hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes after handling game.
- Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach—one part chlorine to 10 parts water.
- Separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.
- Cook game meat thoroughly, to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information, visit **fwp.mt.gov.** Search "Avian Influenza"

Special Permit Fall Turkey Hunting Areas

Region 2

Mineral County

Special Permit Fall. Drawing Only. Apply by July 26.

282-50: 25 permits. Mineral County

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

Region 3

Lewis and Clark and Broadwater Counties

Special Permit Fall. Drawing Only. Apply by July 26.

365-50: 25 permits. Valid only in Lewis and Clark and Broadwater counties (Lower Missouri Unit).

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

365-51: 2 permits. Valid only in Lewis and Clark and Broadwater counties (Lower Missouri Unit). Only youth ages 12-15.

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-15. Shotgun/Archery only.

Gallatin County Unit

Special Permit Fall. Drawing Only. Apply by July 26.

375-50: 10 permits. Valid only in Gallatin County and portion of Madison County east of Madison River (Gallatin County Unit)

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

375-51: 2 permits. Valid only in Gallatin County and portion of Madison County east of Madison River (Gallatin County Unit). Only youth ages 12-15.

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-15. Shotgun/Archery only.

Park County

Special Permit Fall. Drawing Only. Apply by July 26.

385-50: 30 permits. Park County.

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

385-51: 2 permits. Park County.Only youth ages 12-15.

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-15. Shotgun/Archery only.

Upper Missouri Unit

Special Permit Fall. Drawing Only. Apply by July 26.

395-50: 20 permits. Valid only in Beaverhead, Silver Bow, and Jefferson counties, and Madison County west of Madison River (Upper Missouri Unit).

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Shotgun/Archery only.

395-51: 2 permits. Valid only in Beaverhead, Silver Bow, and Jefferson counties, and Madison County west of Madison River (Upper Missouri Unit). Only youth ages 12-15.

- Sept 01 - Jan 01 - Either-sex Turkey. Only youth ages 12-15. Shotgun/Archery only.

2012 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of upland game birds and falconry begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. **(Do not utilize from other sources)**.

ZONE 1

INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:56	8:14	7:36	7:15	8:19	6:19	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:59
02	6:58	8:12	7:37	7:13	8:21	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	5:00
03	6:59	8:10	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:16	8:03	4:48	8:21	5:01
04	7:00	8:08	7:40	7:09	7:24	5:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
05	7:02	8:06	7:41	7:07	7:25	5:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03
06	7:03	8:04	7:42	7:05	7:27	5:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04
07	7:04	8:03	7:44	7:03	7:28	5:11	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05
08	7:05	8:01	7:45	7:01	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06
09	7:07	7:59	7:46	6:59	7:31	5:08	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:07
10	7:08	7:57	7:48	6:57	7:33	5:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:08
11	7:09	7:55	7:49	6:55	7:34	5:06	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10
12	7:11	7:53	7:51	6:53	7:35	5:05	8:13	4:47	8:18	5:11
13	7:12	7:51	7:52	6:52	7:37	5:03	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12
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15	7:14	7:47	7:55	6:48	7:40	5:01	8:15	4:48	8:17	5:15
16	7:16	7:45	7:56	6:46	7:41	5:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:16
17	7:17	7:43	7:58	6:44	7:43	4:59	8:16	4:49	8:15	5:18
18	7:18	7:41	7:59	6:42	7:44	4:58	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:19
19	7:20	7:39	8:00	6:41	7:46	4:57	8:18	4:49	8:14	5:20
20	7:21	7:37	8:02	6:39	7:47	4:56	8:18	4:50	8:13	5:22
21	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:37	7:48	4:55	8:19	4:50	8:12	5:23
22	7:24	7:32	8:05	6:35	7:50	4:55	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:25
23	7:25	7:30	8:06	6:34	7:51	4:54	8:20	4:51	8:10	5:26
24	7:26	7:28	8:08	6:32	7:52	4:53	8:20	4:52	8:09	5:28
25	7:28	7:26	8:09	6:30	7:54	4:52	8:20	4:53	8:08	5:29
26	7:29	7:24	8:10	6:29	7:55	4:52	8:21	4:53	8:07	5:31
27	7:30	7:22	8:12	6:27	7:56	4:51	8:21	4:54	8:06	5:32
28	7:32	7:20	8:13	6:25	7:58	4:51	8:21	4:55	8:05	5:34
29	7:33	7:18	8:15	6:24	7:59	4:50	8:21	4:56	8:04	5:35
30	7:34	7:16	8:16	6:22	8:00	4:50	8:21	4:57	8:03	5:37
31			8:18	6:21			8:21	4:58	8:01	5:38

ZONE 2

INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Choteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:49	8:06	7:28	7:07	8:11	6:12	7:52	4:42	8:12	4:52
02	6:50	8:04	7:29	7:05	8:12	6:11	7:53	4:42	8:12	4:53
03	6:51	8:02	7:30	7:03	8:14	6:09	7:55	4:42	8:12	4:54
04	6:53	8:00	7:31	7:01	7:15	5:08	7:56	4:41	8:12	4:55
05	6:54	7:58	7:33	6:59	7:17	5:06	7:57	4:41	8:12	4:56
06	6:55	7:56	7:34	6:57	7:18	5:05	7:58	4:41	8:12	4:57
07	6:56	7:54	7:36	6:55	7:20	5:04	7:59	4:41	8:11	4:58
08	6:58	7:52	7:37	6:53	7:21	5:02	8:00	4:41	8:11	4:59
09	6:59	7:50	7:38	6:51	7:22	5:01	8:01	4:41	8:11	5:00
10	7:00	7:49	7:40	6:50	7:24	5:00	8:02	4:41	8:10	5:02
11	7:02	7:47	7:41	6:48	7:25	4:59	8:03	4:41	8:10	5:03
12	7:03	7:45	7:42	6:46	7:27	4:57	8:04	4:41	8:10	5:04
13	7:04	7:43	7:44	6:44	7:28	4:56	8:04	4:41	8:09	5:05
14	7:05	7:41	7:45	6:42	7:30	4:55	8:05	4:41	8:08	5:07
15	7:07	7:39	7:47	6:40	7:31	4:54	8:06	4:41	8:08	5:08
16	7:08	7:37	7:48	6:38	7:33	4:53	8:07	4:41	8:07	5:09
17	7:09	7:35	7:49	6:37	7:34	4:52	8:07	4:42	8:06	5:11
18	7:11	7:33	7:51	6:35	7:35	4:51	8:08	4:42	8:06	5:12
19	7:12	7:31	7:52	6:33	7:37	4:50	8:09	4:43	8:05	5:13
20	7:13	7:29	7:54	6:31	7:38	4:49	8:09	4:43	8:04	5:15
21	7:14	7:27	7:55	6:30	7:40	4:48	8:10	4:44	8:03	5:16
22	7:16	7:25	7:56	6:28	7:41	4:48	8:10	4:44	8:02	5:18
23	7:17	7:23	7:58	6:26	7:42	4:47	8:11	4:45	8:01	5:19
24	7:18	7:21	7:59	6:25	7:44	4:46	8:11	4:45	8:00	5:21
25	7:20	7:19	8:01	6:23	7:45	4:45	8:11	4:46	7:59	5:22
26	7:21	7:17	8:02	6:21	7:46	4:45	8:12	4:47	7:58	5:24
27	7:22	7:15	8:04	6:20	7:47	4:44	8:12	4:47	7:57	5:25
28	7:24	7:13	8:05	6:18	7:49	4:44	8:12	4:48	7:56	5:27
29	7:25	7:11	8:06	6:17	7:50	4:43	8:12	4:49	7:55	5:28
30	7:26	7:09	8:08	6:15	7:51	4:43	8:12	4:50	7:54	5:30
31			8:09	6:13			8:12	4:51	7:53	5:31

ZONE 3

INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:38	7:56	7:17	6:56	8:01	6:01	7:44	4:30	8:04	4:39
02	6:39	7:54	7:19	6:54	8:03	5:59	7:45	4:30	8:04	4:40
03	6:40	7:52	7:20	6:52	8:04	5:58	7:46	4:29	8:04	4:41
04	6:42	7:50	7:21	6:50	7:06	4:56	7:47	4:29	8:04	4:43
05	6:43	7:48	7:23	6:48	7:07	4:55	7:48	4:29	8:03	4:44
06	6:44	7:46	7:24	6:46	7:09	4:53	7:49	4:29	8:03	4:45
07	6:46	7:44	7:25	6:44	7:10	4:52	7:50	4:28	8:03	4:46
08	6:47	7:42	7:27	6:43	7:12	4:51	7:51	4:28	8:03	4:47
09	6:48	7:40	7:28	6:41	7:13	4:49	7:52	4:28	8:02	4:48
10	6:50	7:38	7:30	6:39	7:15	4:48	7:53	4:28	8:02	4:50
11	6:51	7:36	7:31	6:37	7:16	4:47	7:54	4:28	8:01	4:51
12	6:52	7:34	7:32	6:35	7:18	4:46	7:55	4:28	8:01	4:52
13	6:53	7:32	7:34	6:33	7:19	4:45	7:56	4:29	8:00	4:53
14	6:55	7:30	7:35	6:31	7:21	4:43	7:57	4:29	8:00	4:55
15	6:56	7:28	7:37	6:29	7:22	4:42	7:57	4:29	7:59	4:56
16	6:57	7:26	7:38	6:27	7:24	4:41	7:58	4:29	7:58	4:57
17	6:59	7:24	7:40	6:26	7:25	4:40	7:59	4:29	7:58	4:59
18	7:00	7:22	7:41	6:24	7:26	4:39	7:59	4:30	7:57	5:00
19	7:01	7:20	7:42	6:22	7:28	4:38	8:00	4:30	7:56	5:02
20	7:03	7:18	7:44	6:20	7:29	4:37	8:01	4:31	7:55	5:03
21	7:04	7:16	7:45	6:19	7:31	4:37	8:01	4:31	7:54	5:04
22	7:05	7:14	7:47	6:17	7:32	4:36	8:02	4:32	7:53	5:06
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30	7:16	6:58	7:58	6:04	7:42	4:31	8:04	4:38	7:45	5:18
31			8:00	6:02			8:04	4:39	7:44	5:19

ZONE 4

INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties

	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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03	6:27	7:37	7:05	6:38	7:49	5:45	7:29	4:17	7:47	4:30
04	6:28	7:35	7:07	6:36	6:50	4:43	7:30	4:17	7:47	4:31
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07	6:32	7:30	7:11	6:31	6:54	4:39	7:33	4:17	7:46	4:34
08	6:33	7:28	7:12	6:29	6:56	4:38	7:34	4:16	7:46	4:35
09	6:34	7:26	7:13	6:27	6:57	4:37	7:35	4:16	7:45	4:36
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16	6:43	7:12	7:23	6:14	7:07	4:29	7:41	4:17	7:42	4:45
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18	6:46	7:08	7:26	6:10	7:10	4:27	7:43	4:18	7:40	4:48
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