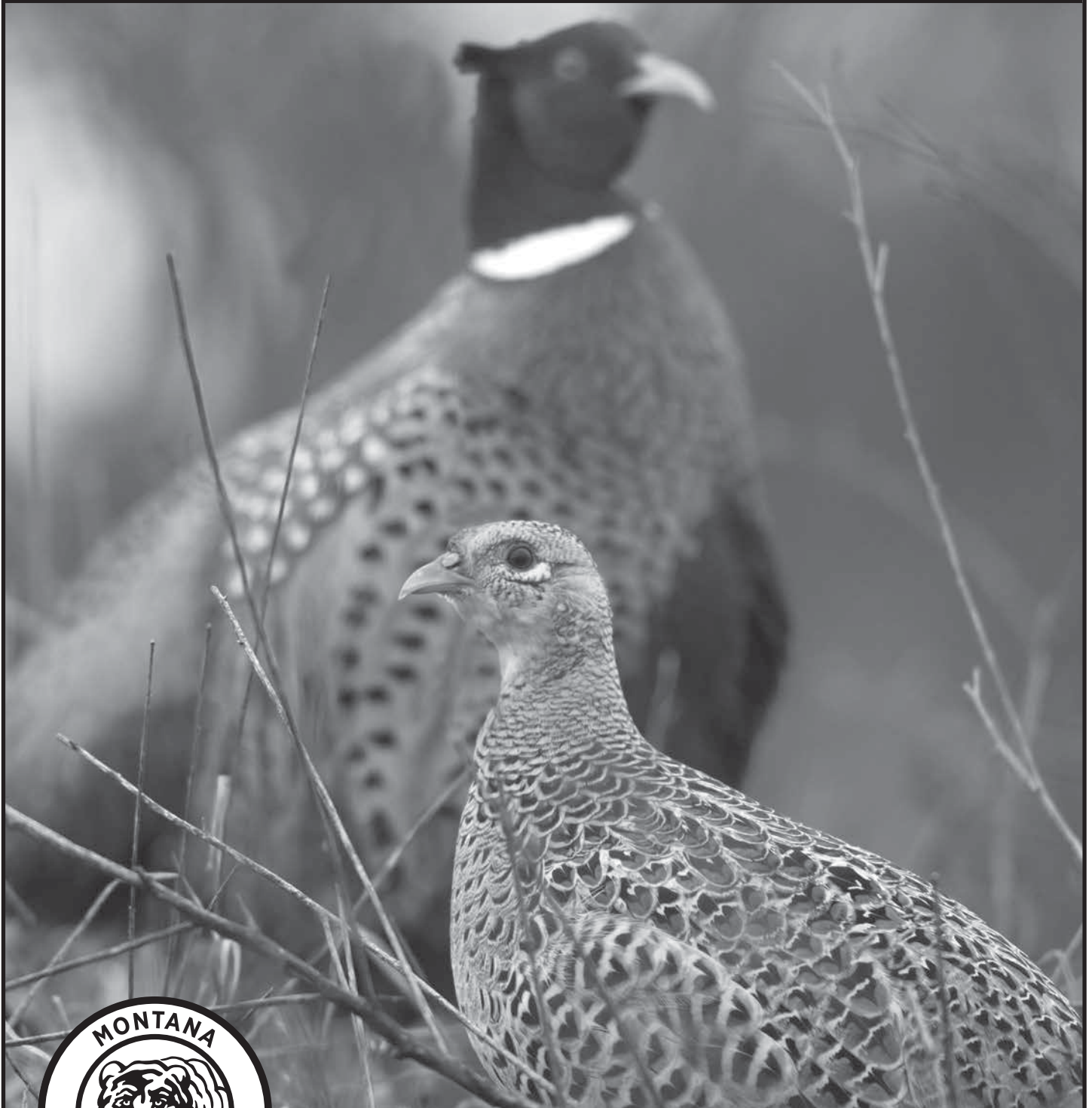


# 2018

# UPLAND GAME BIRDS

**FWP** | Montana Hunting Regulations



Ring-necked pheasant | *Phasianus colchicus* | Photo by Tim Christie

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## Regulations Adopted by F&W Commission

These regulations and final quotas were adopted under the authority granted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission (F&W Commission) per MCA, Section 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. These regulations were adopted by the F&W Commission on Feb 15, 2018. Final bag limits and quotas were adopted by the F&W Commission on June 14, 2018. Martha Williams, Director.

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## Reminders

### Reminders –

- Turkey regulations are now only in the “Spring & Fall Turkey Regulations”.
- Youth Only Special Pheasant Weekend statewide is September 22-23, 2018.
- Nonresident 3-day upland game bird license - see License Chart for details.

### Youth Only – Special Pheasant Weekend

**September 22-23, 2018** – Statewide  
The F&W Commission is allowing two additional days to provide a special hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in pheasant hunting. Legally licensed youth ages 15 and under may hunt pheasants statewide on these days. A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. Mentors for Apprentice Hunters must be at least 21 years of age. 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.

## Licensing – General Information & Procedures

- Licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, license providers throughout the state and online at <http://fwp.mt.gov>. The license is valid March 1 through February 28 of the following year.

## Licensing – Residency

It is unlawful 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) or 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.

## Licensing – Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident **youth 12 years of age or older** may hunt any game species for which their license is valid. Those who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2019 may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15 of the 2018 license year. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

An **Apprentice Hunter** is a resident or nonresident at least 10 years of age, certified at an FWP office. This allows the apprentice to hunt some species, while accompanied by a mentor, without first completing a hunter education course. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase a mountain lion, black bear or wolf license or apply for a bighorn sheep license or a hunting license or permit with a limited quota. The Apprentice Hunter may not purchase an elk license if he/she is under 15 years of age. Other restrictions apply. See our website for details:

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/licenses/all/apprenticeHunter/default.html>

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

## 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,  
9 McGill Hall,  
Missoula, MT 5982  
(406) 243-5751

<http://montech.ruralinstitute.utm.edu/>

License Chart		
License	Cost/Stipulation(s)	
	Resident	Nonresident
Base Hunting License	\$10	\$15
	Fee charged annually at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license for the current license year.	
Conservation	\$8	\$10
	Required prerequisite	
Upland Game Bird	\$7.50 Ages 18 - 61	\$110 Ages 18 and over
	\$3.75 Youth ages 12-17*, Senior (62+) or Disabled	\$55 Youth ages 12-17*
Resident Flathead Reservation Use Permit	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. Check with Flathead Reservation at 406-675-2700 ext 7200 for details.	
Turkey	\$6.50 Residents must have an Upland Game Bird License to purchase a Turkey License.	\$57.50 with an Upland Game Bird License OR \$115 without an Upland Game Bird License.
3-day Upland Game Bird License		\$50 3-day license for non-residents. The license is not valid for sage grouse at any time or for ring-neck pheasants during the opening week of the season.
3-day Shooting Preserve License		\$20 Alternative to an Upland Game Bird License for non-residents who wish to hunt only on Shooting Preserves (Private).
* Some 10 and 11 year olds are also eligible. See Youth Hunting Opportunities for license requirements.		

### License and Permit Possession and Use

#### It is unlawful to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt for any game bird unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- Refuse to produce a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a game warden.
- Alter or change a license in any material manner.
- Loan or transfer any license to another person.
- Use a license issued to another person.
- Attach the person's license to a game animal killed by another person.
- Have physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit; This prohibition does not apply to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person.

### Lawful Methods of Hunting Upland Game Birds

Upland Game Birds may only be taken by hunting (firearms, archery or falconry). See individual species regulations for species specific restrictions.

**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. Specific questions regarding this regulation should be made through local offices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

**Possession Limit while in the Field** – 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.

**Possession Limit** – The number of birds that may be possessed at any time in any form: fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned, or preserved.

### Unlawful Methods of Hunting Upland Game Birds

#### Aerial Spotting

- It is unlawful for a person to shoot a game bird from an aircraft.
- It is unlawful for a person to use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game bird.

**Artificial Light** – It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game birds.

#### Baiting

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

**Motorized Vehicles** – It is unlawful for anyone to:

- Hunt or attempt to hunt any game bird from any self propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle (PTHFV) are the exception to this.
- Use a motorized vehicle or aircraft to concentrate, drive, rally, stir-up, corral, or harass game birds.
- Operate, on public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All Federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land.
- Use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.
- Use a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail or any floating device towed by a powerboat, sailboat, or any boat under sail for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any game bird.

## Night Vision Equipment and Thermal Imaging Equipment –

Enhanced penalties apply for use of night vision equipment to unlawfully take a game bird.

**Public Roadways** – It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game bird: 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).

**Recorded Animal Sounds** – 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, wolves, and those birds not protected by State or Federal law.

**Two-way Communication** – Two-way electronic communication (radios, cell phones, text messages, etc.) may not be used to:

- Hunt game birds (“Hunt” means to “pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture”), or
- Avoid game checking stations or FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate unlawful activity.

The rule does not prohibit the possession or use of two-way communication for safety or other legitimate purposes.

**Unmanned Aerial Vehicles** – The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) for the purposes of hunting is prohibited.

## General Regulations

**California and Gambel’s Quail** – These non-native species are now found throughout portions of Montana. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission has designated California and Gambel’s quail as prohibited species which means that:

- Possession, sale, purchase, exchange, or transport of **live** birds in Montana is prohibited.
- Feral California and Gambel’s quail may be taken without license, season, or limit.

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

**Eurasian Collared Doves** – This non-native exotic species is now found throughout much of Montana, especially in and near cities and towns.

- The Montana Fish and Wildlife

Commission has designated them as an unprotected species that may be taken without license, season, or limit.

- They are different from a mourning dove in that they are larger, have a rounded tail rather than a pointed one, and they have a black ring around the back of the neck.

## 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.

**Littering** – A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes, while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current Montana hunting, fishing, or trapping license and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in Montana for a period of one year.

## Outfitters and Guides

- A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.
- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

## 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.

## 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. The BMA hunting access guide lists current information on lands enrolled in the program statewide. These are available annually on August 15. The earliest date to reserve access to a BMA is August 22.

**Fishing Access Sites** – Many of Montana’s Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at <https://myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore> for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

**National Wildlife Refuges** – More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations visit <https://www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/Montana.html>.

**Montana State Parks** – Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/> for site specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

**Private Land Access** – Montana law requires permission for all hunting on private land.

- Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the land owner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not.
- Access to public land through private land requires permission of the private land owner, lessee, or their agent.
- Retrieval of all wildlife through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

**Public Land Access** –

- Public lands closed to hunting include:
  - National Parks and other areas administered by the National Park Service.
  - National Wildlife Refuge lands except those areas designated open to public hunting.
- 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.
- It is unlawful to post, place signs or mark state or federal land other than that done by a state or federal land agency.

**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.

**State Game Preserves** – State Game Preserves may or may not be open to hunting. See Closed or Restricted Areas.

**State School Trust Lands** –

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to legally accessible 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 School Trust Lands overnight.
- 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 one-quarter mile of an inhabited dwelling or outbuilding without permission of the inhabitant.
- Additional information is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)** – FWP's Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the game animal hunting season.

WMAs with big game winter range 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 noon on May 15 each year, as posted.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA specific information, please call the Regional office (see page 8 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/wma/>

**Tribal Land** – Hunting game birds by non-Tribal members on Indian Reservations is prohibited by the State of Montana unless it is provided for in a cooperative agreement between the Tribal Government and the State of Montana. Check with local Tribal Government before attempting to hunt on an Indian Reservation. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 8 for contact information.

**Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP)** – Provides technical and financial assistance to enhance and conserve upland game bird habitats on lands open to public upland game bird hunting.

Partnerships are formed between FWP and (1) private landowners, (2) government agencies, (3) conservation organizations, or (4) a combination of the various partners. Hunters can order the annual Projects Access Guide, which includes project specifics, area maps, and the method used to request permission to hunt on private lands enrolled in UGBEP. Visit <http://fwp.mt.gov> to order your guide. Obtaining landowners' permission to hunt upland game birds is required prior to hunting or entering any private land project area.

**Waste of Game**

- It is unlawful 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.

**Closed or Restricted Areas – Upland Game Bird and Falconry**

**Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve:**

Closed to all hunting: Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

**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.

**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.

## Species-Specific Hunting Regulations

### -- 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 (see page 7). Year round sunrise/sunset tables are available on the FWP website.

### Falconry Season - (except Turkey)

- 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.

### -- 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 crossbow; or a firearm. All other means of taking are prohibited.

### Mountain Grouse -

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 - Bag Limit: 3 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four 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 -

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 - Bag Limit: 8 in aggregate daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.
- Sep 01 - Jan 10 - Portion of Carbon County as described below. 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.

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### -- Ptarmigan Season --

### Closed

### -- 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 -

- Sep 22 - Sep 23 - 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. Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.
- Oct 06 - Jan 01 - Bag Limit: 3 cock pheasants daily. Possession limit is three 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)

- Sep 01 - Sep 30 - Bag Limit: 2 daily. Possession limit is two 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)

- Sep 01 - Jan 01 - Sharp-tailed Grouse. Bag Limit: 4 daily. Possession limit is four times the daily bag limit.

### 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.

### 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 9 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.

## 2018 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 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 use other sources.**



### ZONE 1

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

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

### ZONE 2

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

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

### ZONE 3

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

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

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

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