



## Possessing Live Warm-Blooded Wildlife

### Quick Reference Guide – Chapter 10

This reference guide lists some of the species that Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) personnel are commonly asked about possessing and/or importing. The table within this quick reference guide indicates if **possession and/or importation of live wildlife is allowed and if a permit is required**. If a species is allowed for possession under a permit, wildlife housing restrictions and other conditions may be required prior to the issuance of a permit and/or during the time frame of the permit. Each application to possess live wildlife is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For more detailed information, see the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulation **Chapter 10**, Importation and Possession of Live Warm-Blooded Wildlife under the “[Possession of Live Wildlife](#)” section located on the Department’s website (<http://wgfd.wyo.gov>) via the “Regulations” link. Application forms may be downloaded from this site.

#### **How do I get a Chapter 10 Permit** ???

Applications are also available from your local [game warden and Department regional offices](#). Applications should be submitted to your local game warden for initial approval. Game wardens can assist you with the application process. Please allow a few weeks for the processing of all permit applications. If a permit is required, it must be **in possession PRIOR to importation or possession of live wildlife**. Permit renewals for wildlife that will be in your possession after the existing permit expires shall be applied for at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the existing permit. If you have questions regarding the possession and/or importation of any species, please contact the nearest Department regional office for additional information.

While the Department may allow the possession or importation of various wildlife species, **local laws, ordinances, and covenants may be more restrictive**. It is your responsibility to comply with all local laws, ordinances and covenants before importing or possessing live wildlife.

Additionally, the Wyoming Livestock Board, Wyoming Department of Health, United State Fish and Wildlife Service, counties, municipalities and subdivisions have enacted further rules and regulations pertaining to the possession of wildlife. Contact these agencies directly for further information.

**This brochure will not answer all questions, but provides basic guidelines and information regarding the complex issue of importing and possessing wildlife.**

Additional permits may be required if live wildlife are used for other purposes, for example falconry (*WGF Commission Regulation, Chapter 25*), scientific research / educational programs / special purpose (*WGF Commission Regulation, Chapter 33*), rehabilitation (*WGF Commission Regulation, Chapter 45*) or possession of cold-blooded wildlife (*WGF Commission Regulation, Chapter 69*)

**🐾 Wildlife Possession & \*Importation Quick Reference Table 🐾**

**Note: This table includes typical Chapter 10 permit issuance results and is only for quick reference.  
Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis.**

Species (Common Name)	Possession Allowed?	Chp. 10 Permit Required?	Notes (*Please check the United States Fish and Wildlife Service list of <a href="#">injurious wildlife</a> for species prohibited from transportation between states)
Badger, American	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Bat	No	N/A	
Bear, Black and Grizzly	No	N/A	
Beaver, North American	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Bird, Cage and Aviary	Yes	No	Wyoming Livestock Board rules may apply
Bird, Pen-raised Game (Also see "Mallard," below)	Yes	Yes	Migratory game birds may require a US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) permit in conjunction with a state permit.
Bird, Nongame	Yes	Yes	Requires a USFWS permit in conjunction with state permit. Importation is prohibited
Bird, Other (rock pigeons, Eurasian collared-doves, and mute swans)	Yes	No	Commercial use of mute swans prohibited; Importation is prohibited
Bird, Predacious (house sparrows and European starlings)	Yes	No	Importation is prohibited
Bird, Prohibited: monk parakeet (AKA Quaker parakeet); wild turkey	No	N/A	See other species listed as injurious under federal regulations.
Bird, Raptors	No	N/A	Possession may be permitted under other WGF Commission Regulations. Check federal regulations. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required prior to importation.
Bobcat	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Buffalo, Water (Domesticate)	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Camel, Domestic	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Chinchilla	Yes	No	
Chipmunk, Least	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Coatimundi	Yes	Yes	
Coyote	Yes	No	Importation prohibited
Deer	No	N/A	All deer species, including reindeer, red deer are prohibited.
Dove, Eurasian-collared	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Duck, Muscovy	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Elk	No	N/A	
Emu	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Ferret, Black-footed	No	N/A	
Ferret, Domestic	Yes	No	
Fox, Gray	No	N/A	
Fox, Red	Yes	No	Importation prohibited
Fox, Swift	No	N/A	
Gopher, Northern Pocket	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Ground Squirrel	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Hedgehog, Domestic	Yes	No	
Jackrabbit	Yes	No	Importation prohibited
Kangaroos / Wallabies	Yes	Yes	
Lion, Mountain	No	N/A	
Lynx	No	N/A	
Mallard, Domestic	Yes	No	Defined as morphologically distinct from wild mallards. The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.

Species (Common Name)	Possession Allowed?	Chp. 10 Permit Required?	Notes
Mallard, Captive-Reared	Yes	Yes	Typically used for dog training.
Marten	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Marmot	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Mink	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Monkey	No	N/A	
Moose	No	N/A	
Mouse, Domesticated	Yes	No	
Mouse: House, North American Deermouse, N. Grasshopper, Western Harvest	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Muskrat	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Opossum, Virginia	Yes	No	Permit required for importation..
Ostrich	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Otter, River	No	N/A	
Peccaries	No	N/A	
Pigs, Wild and other members of family Suidae	No	N/A	Prohibited, except domestic pigs and pot-bellied pigs. The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Pika	No	N/A	
Porcupine, North American	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Prairie Dog	Yes	No	Importation prohibited
Primate	No	N/A	
Pronghorn	No	N/A	
Rabbit, Cottontail	Yes	Yes	
Rabbit, European (Domesticated)	Yes	No	
Raccoon	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Rat, Domesticated	Yes	No	
Rhea, Domestic	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Sparrow, English	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Starling, European	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Swan, Mute	Yes	No	Importation prohibited; may not be used for commercial use
Vole, Meadow	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Skunk	Yes	No	Importation prohibited.
Squirrel	Yes	Yes	
Sugar Glider	Yes	No	
Quail, Common & Japanese (Domesticated)	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Vicuna, Domestic	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
Weasel	Yes	Yes	Any resident person who desires to capture furbearing animals for domestication or propagation shall apply for a license and a Chapter 10 permit
Wolf & Wolf Hybrids	No	N/A	
Wolverine	No	N/A	
Woodrat, Bushy- tailed	Yes	No	Permit required for importation.
Zebra, Domesticated	Yes	No	The Wyoming Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock.



## Notes:

- All non-game wildlife used for any type of commercial use requires a Chapter 10 permit for possession.
  - Common pets such as domestic varieties of dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats, guinea pigs and ferrets are exempted from Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulations.
  - Please check with the United State Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), at [www.fws.gov/](http://www.fws.gov/), prior to importing or possessing wildlife.
  - Wildlife may carry toxins or diseases. Public display, where there is a possibility of exposure, may be regulated by the Wyoming Department of Health or federal agencies. Please check with a veterinarian for vaccination information.
  - If wildlife is to be used for scientific research, education, or a special purpose that is deemed beneficial to conservation or management goals of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the wildlife may, upon approval, be possessed with a Chapter 33 permit.
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Cheyenne Headquarters	(307) 777-4600
Cody Regional Office	(307) 527-7125
Green River Regional Office	(307) 875-3223
Jackson Regional Office	(307) 733-2321
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Laramie Regional Office	(307) 745-4046
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Sheridan Regional Office	(307) 672-7418



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### Additional Information

Animal Damage Management Board	(307) 777-6433
Wyoming Department of Health	(307) 777-7656
Wyoming Livestock Board	(307) 777-7515
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	(307) 772-2374