

Wyoming Game and Fish Department General Information

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WY Livestock Board	(307)777-7515	http://wlsb.state.wy.us

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POSSESSING WILDLIFE

A Guide to Understanding Wildlife Possession Laws and Regulations in Wyoming



Wildlife conservation within Wyoming is the statutory responsibility of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and is implemented by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Scientific evidence clearly demonstrates that importation, possession, confinement, transportation, sale and disposition of wildlife may result in disease, genetic, ecological, environmental and other threats to Wyoming's wildlife.

This brochure cannot 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 such as falconry (See *WG&F Commission Regulation, Chapter 25*), scientific research (*Chapter 33*), or educational programs (*Chapter 33*).

You may wish to check with a department enforcement officer for your specific questions.



Wildlife means: “every wild mammal, bird, fish, amphibian, reptile, mollusk, crustacean, their viable gametes (eggs and sperm), fertilized eggs or any hybrid (including hybrids between wildlife and wildlife and hybrids between wildlife and domestic or domesticated animals) or any transgenic product thereof.”

Wyoming Game & Fish Commission Regulations, Chapter 10

Protecting Your Wildlife

The purpose of regulating possession/importation of wildlife is...

- ◆ To protect native wildlife from disease.
- ◆ To eliminate competition from the introduction of exotic species.
- ◆ To reduce the possibility of over harvest from commercial activity.
- ◆ To ensure the humane treatment of wildlife held in captivity.
- ◆ To prevent unwanted hybridization between native and exotic wildlife species.




While the Wyoming Game and Fish Department may allow possession of various wildlife, **local ordinances may be more restrictive. It is your responsibility to check city and county laws before importing or possessing live wildlife.**

Species	Possession Allowed?	Importation Allowed?	WGFD Possession Permit	WGFD Importation Permit	Comments
() Indicates footnote found at end of table					
Voles, Native	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Water voles need poss. permit
Weasels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Wolf	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Wolf, Red	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Wolf/Dog Hybrid	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Wolverine	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Woodrat, Bushy-tailed	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Yak, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9) (12)

Footnotes

(1)	These species may carry toxins, plague, salmonella, psittacosis, hantavirus, TB, or other diseases. Public display, where there is a possibility of exposure, may be regulated by the Wyoming Department of Health or federal agencies.
(2)	These species may carry plague or serve as a rabies host. The Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board rules prohibit the importation of this animal. Public display, where there is a possibility of exposure, may be regulated by the WY Department of Health. There is no approved rabies vaccine for these species.
(3)	Current veterinary inspection required by the Wyoming Livestock Board within 30 days of importation.
(4)	Brucellosis and TB test required by Wyoming Livestock Board before entry.
(5)	Negative EIA test and veterinary inspection within the last 30 days required by Wyoming Livestock Board before entry.
(6)	Permit required for the following mice: Canyon, Great Basin Pocket, Hispid Pocket, Meadow Jumping, Pinion, Plains Harvest, Plains Pocket, Silky Pocket, Western Jumping, and White-footed.
(7)	Permit required for Wyoming Pocket and Idaho Pocket Gophers.
(8)	Permit required for the following reptiles: Midget-faded Rattlesnake, Rubber Boa, Black Hills Redbelly Snake, Pale Milk Snake, and Ornate Box Turtle.
(9)	The WY Livestock Board regulates domestic livestock and poultry.
(10)	May not be imported for use as live fishing bait.
(11)	Importation prohibited by Animal Damage Management Board Rules.
(12)	Permit required from Wyoming Livestock Board.



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Pika	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Piranha	Yes	Yes	No	No	Must be confined to aquariums
Porcupine	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Prairie Dog	Yes (1)	No	No	N/A	Transportation requires approval from FDA*
Pronghorn	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Ptarmigan	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	(9)
Quail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	(9)
Rabbit, Cottontail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rabbit, European	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Raccoon	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Rat, Domestic	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	
Rat, Kangaroo	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Rat, Norway	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Raven	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Federal permit also required
Reptiles	Yes (1)	Yes	No (8) (10)	No (8) (10)	
Rhea, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9)
Sheep, Bighorn	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Shrew, Dusky	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Shrew, Dwarf	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Hayden's	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Masked	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Shrew, Merriam's	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Preble's	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Pygmy	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Vagrant	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Shrew, Water	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Skunk	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Sparrow, House	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	
Squirrel, Abert's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Squirrel, Flying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Squirrel, Fox	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Squirrel, Gray	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Squirrel, Ground	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Squirrel, Red	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Squirrel, Spotted Ground	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Starling, European	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Sugar Glider	Yes	Yes	No	No	Exempted by WGFD
Suidae	No	No	N/A	N/A	Except domestic pigs and pot-bellied pigs
Toad, Manitoba	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Turkey, Wild	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Vicuna, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	

How Do I Use This Guide?

The chart on the following pages lists various species with associated information on whether or not they may be possessed and/or imported into the state of Wyoming and each species' Chapter 10 Permit requirements.

Footnotes and comments incorporate some of the Wyoming Department of Health and Wyoming Livestock Board rules. Please note that most **animals must have a current veterinary health inspection certificate** for transport across county or state lines. **All game birds also require a Certificate of Origin** prior to importation.

Permit requirements may vary depending on the proposed use of the wildlife and whether the animal is to be imported into, or simply possessed in Wyoming.

Chapter 10, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulations, outlines which animals may be possessed or imported into Wyoming without a permit, which animals require a permit, which animals are prohibited from importation or possession. It also lists animals that have been exempted from regulation by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Additionally, the Wyoming Livestock Board and the Wyoming Department of Health have enacted further regulations in an effort to protect public health and agriculture. Contact these agencies directly for further information. The applicant should ensure that possession of live wildlife is allowed by local city and county ordinances and covenants of subdivisions.

The list in this guide does not include all animals for which importation or possession is regulated. **If an animal is not listed in this guide, it does not mean that the animal can be imported or possessed without a permit.**



How Do I Get A Chapter 10 Permit?

Applications for permits are available on the department's website (<http://gf.state.wy.us>) on the "Forms and Applications" link, or from your local game warden and Regional Offices. Applications are self-explanatory and must be submitted to your local game warden or fisheries biologist for initial approval. Wardens and biologists can assist you in the application process. **A person must have a permit prior to importation or possession of live wildlife.** This applies to all persons.

Wildlife Possession & Importation Guide

This list is not intended to be an inclusive list of all wildlife species. If you have questions regarding the possession and/or importation of any species not delineated in this guide, please contact the nearest Game and Fish Office for additional information.

Species	Possession Allowed?	Importation Allowed?	WGFD Possession Permit	WGFD Importation Permit	Comments
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Alpaca	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9)
Amphibians	Yes	Yes (10)	No	No	Manitoba Toad prohibited
Badger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bats	Yes (1) (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Rabies concern
Bear, Black	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Bear, Grizzly	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Beaver	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Bison, Wild	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Blackbird	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Bobcat	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Camel, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9)
Cat, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	Vet inspection, rabies vac. required for import
Cervidae	No	No	N/A	N/A	All deer species, including reindeer, red deer
Chinchilla	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Chipmunk, Cliff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chipmunk, Least	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Chipmunk, Uinta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chipmunk, Yellow Pine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Coatimundi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cowbirds	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Coyote	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Crayfish, Rusty	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Crows	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Crustaceans	Yes	Yes (10)	No	No	Rusty Crayfish prohibited
Deer	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Dove, Mourning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Duck, Muscovy	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9)
Elk	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Emu	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9) (3)
Falcons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Regulated under statute 23-2-105
Ferret, Blk-footed	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Ferret, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Fish, Game	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Must be confined to aquariums
Fish, Marine	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	Can only live in salt water
Fish, Tropical	Yes	Yes	No	No	Must be confined to aquariums; cannot live in water temperatures below 50 degrees Fahrenheit

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Fox, Gray	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Fox, Red	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Fox, Swift	Yes (2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gerbil	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Goat, Mountain	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Goldfish/Koi	Yes	Yes	No	No	Must be confined to aquariums
Gopher	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes (7)	Yes	
Grackle	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Grouse	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Hamster, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Hawks	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Regulated under statute 23-2-105
Hedgehog	Yes	Yes	No	No	Exempted by WGFD
Jackrabbit	Yes (2)	No (11)	No	N/A	
Llama	Yes	Yes	No	No	Vet inspection required for import (9) (4)
Magpie	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Mallard, Domestic	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9)
Marmot	Yes (1)	Yes	No	Yes	
Marten	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mice, Wild	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes (6)	Yes	
Mink	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mole, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mollusks	Yes (1)	Yes (10)	No	No	Zebra mussels, NZ mudsnail prohibited
Monkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Moose	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Mouse, Domestic	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	
Muskrat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mussel, Zebra	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Opossum	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Opossum, Pygmy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Ostrich	Yes	Yes	No	No	(9) (3)
Otter, River	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Ox, Musk	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Parakeet, Monk (AKA Quaker, Quaker Conures, Gray-breasted, or Grey-headed)	No	No	N/A	N/A	
Partridge	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	(9)
Pheasant	Yes (1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	(9)
Pig, Guinea	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Pig, Pot-bellied	Yes	Yes	No	No	Exempted by WGFD (9) (12)
Pigeons, Common Park	Yes (1)	Yes	No	No	