

CHAPTER 20

~~2023 FALL AND 2024 SPRING~~ WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statute § 23-1-302.

Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least two (2) of those licenses are Limited Quota Type 3 licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season, except as authorized in Commission regulations.

(c) No person shall possess or use shot other than nontoxic shot for hunting wild turkeys with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(d) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, ~~a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.~~ proof of sex shall accompany the turkey carcass, attached or unattached while the wild turkey is in transportation from the site of the kill to the residence of the person taking the wild turkey, or delivered to a processor for processing. Proof of sex for male wild turkeys shall include either one leg including the spur, or a patch of skin with the breast feathers and beard attached; and for female wild turkey (bearded hen) a patch of skin with the breast feathers and beard attached.

(e) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area. During the spring season, no person shall attempt to take a wild turkey on the lands of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area without possessing a valid Hunter Management Area permission slip issued to them by the Department for said management area and the date(s) of any attempt to take.

(ef) 2023~~4~~ Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	Limitations
Opens	Closes				
<u>1</u>	<u>Gen</u>	<u>Sep. 1</u>	<u>Sep. 30</u>		<u>Any wild turkey, archery only</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Gen</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>		<u>Any wild turkey</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Sep. 1</u>	<u>Sep. 30</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>Any wild turkey valid within Converse, Natrona, Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties, archery only</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>		<u>Any wild turkey valid within Converse, Natrona, Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties</u>
1	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
1	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
2	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
2	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
2	3	Sep. 1	Sep. 30	400	Any wild turkey valid within Converse and Natrona counties, archery only
2	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey valid within Converse and Natrona counties
3	Gen	Sep. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
3	3	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	350	Any wild turkey
4	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
4	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
5	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
5	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey

(fg) 2024~~5~~ Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	Limitations
Opens	Closes				
1	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard (Hunter Management Area permission slip required to hunt on the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area)
1	3	Apr. 1	May 31 Apr. 19	100 700	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid on private land in Natrona, Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Apr. 20</u>	<u>May 31</u>		<u>Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid in Converse, Natrona, Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan Counties</u>
2	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Hunt Area	Type	Season Dates		Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
2	3	Apr. 1	Apr. 19	250	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid in Natrona County
2	3	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid within Converse and Natrona counties
3	Gen	Apr. 1	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3	3	Apr. 1	May 31	400	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
4	1	Apr. 20	May 31	50	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

Section 3. Archery Regulations. Wild turkey may be taken with any archery equipment during any open season in accordance with Section 2 of this Chapter.

Section 4. Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and Number.

[Area 1. The entire State of Wyoming.](#)

~~**Area 1. Black Hills.** All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.~~

~~**Area 2. Central.** That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85; and all of Converse, Natrona and Niobrara counties.~~

~~**Area 3. Powder River.** All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties.~~

~~**Area 4. Bighorn Basin.** All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.~~

~~**Area 5. South Central.** All of Albany, Carbon, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties.~~

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