

2011 - 2012 INDIANA HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS



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General License Regulations

- Unless otherwise exempted, a valid hunting license and applicable state or federal stamp privileges are required to hunt any wild animal in Indiana.
- A resident is a person whose true fixed and permanent home and principal residence has been in Indiana for 60 consecutive days prior to purchasing a license or permit and who does not claim residency for hunting, trapping or fishing in another state or country. All others are non-residents.
- You must carry your license (and applicable stamp privileges and federal stamps or permits and HIP number) with you while hunting and produce them on the request of any conservation officer or other authorized law enforcement officer.
- Should you lose your license, it can be reprinted for \$3. To obtain a reprint, go to IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov.
- Game bird or waterfowl privileges must have an original signature, in ink, on the license. You do not need a traditional stamp in addition to the purchase of this stamp privilege. Traditional stamps are available for purchase as a commemorative issue. Commemorative stamps, which do not convey hunting privileges, are available through the DNR Customer Service Center in the Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., Room W160, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4200.
- Licenses issued by the DNR may be revoked at the discretion of a court upon conviction of fish and wildlife law violations, or at the discretion of the department for non-compliance with conditions under which licenses are issued.
- Equipment such as guns and vehicles used in violation of fish and wildlife laws may be seized for evidence, and upon conviction, confiscated at the discretion of the court.
- Licenses are non-transferable and non-refundable.

How to Buy a Hunting License

To purchase a hunting license, anyone born after Dec. 31, 1986, must successfully

Licenses	Resident*	Non-resident	Resident Apprentice	Non-resident Apprentice
Annual Hunting	\$17	\$80	\$17	\$80
Annual Youth Hunting	na	\$17	na	\$17
Annual Hunting & Fishing	\$25	na	\$25	na
Deer Hunting	\$24 **	\$150 ***	\$24 **	\$150 ***
Youth Deer Hunting	na	\$24	na	\$24
Spring Turkey Hunting	\$25	\$120	\$25	\$120
Fall Turkey Hunting	\$25	\$120	\$25	\$120
Youth Spring Turkey Hunting	na	\$25	na	\$25
Youth Fall Turkey Hunting	na	\$25	na	\$25
Youth Consolidated Hunt/Trap	\$7	na	\$7	na
Five-Day Hunting	na	\$31	na	\$31
Private Shooting Preserve	na	\$8.75	na	na
Disabled American Veterans Hunt/Fish	\$2.75****	na	na	na
Waterfowl Stamp Privilege	\$6.75	\$6.75	na	na
Game Bird Habitat Stamp Privilege	\$6.75	\$6.75	na	na
Annual Trapping	\$17	\$140	na	na
Annual Youth Trapping	na	\$17	na	\$17

All 2011 annual licenses and stamp privileges are valid from Apr. 1, 2011 through Mar. 31, 2012.
2011-2012 license fees are subject to change by the Natural Resources Commission. For a list of current license fees, go to www.hunting.IN.gov or call (317) 232-4200.

* See resident description located at the left of this chart.
** The second and any additional resident bonus antlerless deer hunting licenses: \$15 ea. The first bonus antlerless license must be purchased at a cost of \$24 prior to purchasing the second and any additional bonus antlerless licenses at the discounted rate.
*** The second and any additional non-resident bonus antlerless deer hunting licenses: \$24 ea. The first bonus antlerless license must be purchased at a cost of \$150 prior to purchasing the second and any additional bonus antlerless licenses at the discounted rate.
**** Does not include deer or turkey

complete a hunter education class offered by the DNR except an Apprentice Hunter, see exceptions on page 6. Hunters certified in another state or Canada can also present a card or certificate and purchase an Indiana hunting license.

Online ...

Go to IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov

In Person ...

Visit a retailer or DNR site listed at IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov or visit the DNR Customer Service Center, Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., W160, Indianapolis. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

By Mail ...

Send a check or money order (payable to DNR) or Visa or MasterCard (include number, expiration date) to:

Licenses
DNR Customer Service Center
402 W. Washington St., W160
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Include the following information: Specify the license(s) and season (i.e., deer muzzleloader)

- Name, date of birth, Indiana Driver's License number or Social Security number
- Hunter education certificate number if born after Dec. 31, 1986
- Complete address, city, state, ZIP and phone number
- Height, weight, color of hair and color of eyes

By Phone ... Call (317) 232-4200

Rules for use of a Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit and application forms are available from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, 402 W. Washington St., W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 232-4102 or at hunting.IN.gov. To be considered for fall hunting seasons, applications must be received no later than Aug. 1, 2011.

General Hunting Regulations

See hunting.IN.gov for specific DNR property seasons and regulations, and information and locations of DNR shooting ranges.

To meet fluorescent orange (or “hunter orange”) clothing requirements, hunters must wear as an outer garment exposed at all times one or more of the following articles that are solid fluorescent orange in color: vest, coat, jacket, coveralls, hat or cap. Minimal logos or patches are allowed.

Camouflage-patterned fluorescent orange garments do not satisfy the requirement.

Fluorescent orange must be worn when hunting:

- Deer (Sept. 24-25, Nov. 12-27, Dec. 3-18)
- Squirrel (Nov. 4, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012)
- Turkey (Dec. 3 - 18)
- Pheasant
- Ruffed grouse
- Woodcock
- Rabbit
- Quail

It is illegal to...

- Hunt, trap, chase or retrieve game on private land without the consent of the landowner or tenant. Always ask permission before entering private property.
- Hunt animals and birds from, by, or with the aid of any motor-driven conveyance or boat, except:
 - By authorized persons with a Persons with Disabilities Hunting Permit.
 - To check traps that are lawfully set and maintained.
 - To hunt waterfowl from a motorboat if the boat is beached, resting at anchor, tied to a stationary object, or otherwise without motion except as provided by wind, water current or hand-operated oars or paddles.
 - To hunt any animal (except furbearers) from a motorboat, provided the boat is not under power derived from the motor.
- Hunt furbearers from any boat.
- Kill or cripple any wild animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal to include in your daily bag limit.
- Possess, ship, carry or transport more than two times the daily bag limit of a wild animal after the beginning of the second day of the season established to take that animal. It is illegal to take more than the daily bag limit of a wild animal in a calendar day.

- You must maintain possession of any wild animal taken while you are hunting or returning to your vehicle after hunting, unless the animal is properly tagged.
- Hunt, shoot at or kill any animal or to shoot at any object from within, into, upon or across any public road.
- Shoot across a body of water, except in the lawful pursuit of wildlife.
- Possess a silencer while hunting.

2011-2012 Indiana Hunting Seasons

Furbearers	Hunting Dates	Limit
Red and Gray Fox	Oct. 15, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012	No limit
Coyote, Striped Skunk	Oct. 15, 2011 - March 15, 2012	No limit
Raccoon and Opossum	Nov. 8, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012	No limit
Chasing Only (<i>Raccoon and Opossum</i>)	Feb. 1, 2011 - Oct. 25, 2011	No take
Woodland Game	Hunting Dates	Limit
Wild Turkey		
Youth Spring	April 21 and 22, 2012	1 per season
Spring (<i>Bearded or male turkey</i>)	April 25 - May 13, 2012	1 per season
Fall Archery (<i>includes crossbows</i>)	Oct. 1, 2011 - Oct. 30, 2011 and Dec. 3, 2011 - Jan. 7, 2012 -Statewide	} 1 per season regardless of equipment
Fall Firearms *	Oct. 19, 2011 - Oct. 23, 2011 and Oct. 19, 2011 - Oct. 30, 2011	
Deer		
Youth	Sept. 24 and 25, 2011	1 of either sex
Early Archery	Oct. 1, 2011 - Nov. 27, 2011	See page 4
Firearms	Nov. 12, 2011 - Nov. 27, 2011	See page 4
Muzzleloader	Dec. 3, 2011 - Dec. 18, 2011	See page 4
Late Archery	Dec. 3, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012	See page 4
Urban Deer Zone	Sept. 15 - Nov. 27, 2011 and Dec. 3 - Jan. 1, 2012	See page 4
Squirrel (<i>gray and fox</i>)	Aug. 15, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012	5 per day
Ruffed Grouse*		
Privately Owned Lands	Oct. 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011	2 per day
Publicly Owned Lands	Oct. 1, 2011 - Nov. 11, 2011	2 per day
<i>The possession limit for woodland game (except deer and turkey) is two times the daily bag limit</i>		
* Designated Counties See hunting.IN.gov		
Upland Game	Hunting Dates	Limit
Pheasant (<i>cock only</i>)	Nov. 4, 2011 - Dec. 18, 2011	2 per day
Quail**		
North of SR 26	Nov. 4, 2011 - Dec. 18, 2011	5 per day
South of SR 26	Nov. 4, 2011 - Jan. 15, 2012	8 per day
Rabbit**	Nov. 4, 2011 - Feb. 15, 2012	5 per day
<i>The possession limit on upland game is two times the daily bag limit.</i>		
** Hunting dates and bag limits for quail and rabbit may be different on state properties, see hunting.IN.gov		
Miscellaneous	Hunting Dates	Limit
Crow		
	July 1, 2011 - Aug. 15, 2011	No limit
	Dec. 13, 2011 - Mar. 1, 2012	

See fishing.IN.gov for Reptiles/Amphibians seasons and limits. See hunting.IN.gov for all migratory game bird and waterfowl season information.

Legal Hunting Hours

Turkey: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset (Hours may be different on DNR properties)

Deer: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset

Furbearer: Hunting/Running: noon of first day to noon of last day

Trapping: 8 a.m. of first day to noon of last day

- Intentionally interfere with the legal taking of a game animal by another person on public land, or on private land without permission of the landowner.
- Sell, trade, or barter protected or regulated wild animals, live, dead, or the meat therefrom, except lawfully taken furbearers, squirrel tails, deer hides, antlers, hooves, and cured game bird feathers may be sold.

English sparrows, starlings and feral pigeons (except homing pigeons) may be killed at any time. Brown-headed cowbirds,

common grackles, red-winged blackbirds, Brewer's blackbirds and crows may be controlled when they are damaging trees or crops. All other non-game species of birds not otherwise covered in this regulation are protected by state or federal law and may not be killed.

Crows may be taken outside of the hunting season only if they are damaging trees, crops, livestock or wildlife. There are no restrictions on use of calls or decoys. You may take crows with bow and arrow, firearm or falconry.

Deer Regulations

- A completed and signed deer hunting, youth, or lifetime comprehensive hunting or comprehensive hunting and fishing license bearing the hunter's name is required to hunt deer. A separate license is required for each deer taken.

See [Valid Licenses and Equipment for each Deer Season](#) for requirements.

- An antlered deer must have at least one antler that is at least 3 inches long.
- Legal hunting hours for all seasons is one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Fluorescent orange must be worn by deer hunters, including those using archery equipment, while hunting for deer during firearms and muzzleloader season, and during the youth deer hunting season.
- Urban deer zones provide an incentive for archery hunters to remove additional deer by increasing the bag limit in certain areas.

The bag limit for the urban zones is four antlerless deer, or three antlerless and one deer of either sex within an urban zone. This is in addition to all other bag limits. The season is Sept. 15 through Nov. 27, and Dec. 3 through Jan. 1, 2012. The provision does not override any local ordinances restricting shooting of firearms and bows.

An archery, extra archery or bonus antlerless license is needed for each deer taken in an urban deer zone. (These licenses are included with resident Youth Consolidated and comprehensive lifetime hunting licenses.)

See [hunting.IN.gov](#) for zone locations.

- Youth deer hunting season is Sept. 24 and 25. Youth age 17 or younger on the date of the hunt, and accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age, can take one deer of either sex during this special youth deer season.

If the youth hunter takes an antlerless deer during this season it is in addition

Consider donating your deer to participating processors as part of the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry Program.

FHH will pay for all of the butcher fees, and the meat will be distributed through Feeding Indiana's Hungry (FIH) and Feeding America food banks.

See [hunting.IN.gov](#) for participating processors.

Valid Licenses and Equipment for each Deer Season

	Archery	Handgun	Muzzleloading Handgun	Muzzleloading Long Gun	Shotgun	Crossbow	Rifle
Youth Season – Sept. 24 and Sept. 25							
Youth Consolidated Hunt/Trap License valid for all seasons	♦			♦	♦	♦	♦
Early Archery Season – Oct. 1 to Nov. 27							
Archery License (including Urban Deer Zones*)	♦						
Extra Archery License (including Urban Deer Zones*)	♦						
Archery Military/Refuge License (only on military/refuge hunt on date of permit)	♦						
Bonus Antlerless Deer License	♦						
Firearms Season – Nov. 12 to Nov. 27							
Firearms License (antlered deer only)		♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
Bonus Antlerless Deer License	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦		♦
Firearms Military/Refuge License (only on military/refuge hunt on date of permit)				♦	♦		
Muzzleloader Season – Dec. 3 to 18							
Muzzleloader License			♦	♦			
Bonus Antlerless Deer License	♦		♦	♦			♦
Muzzleloader Military/Refuge License (only on military/refuge hunt on date of permit)				♦			
Late Archery Season – Dec. 3 to Jan. 1							
Archery License	♦						♦
Extra Archery License (including Urban Deer Zones*)	♦						
Archery Military/Refuge License (only on military/refuge hunt on date of permit)	♦						
Bonus Antlerless Deer License	♦						♦

* Urban Deer Zone season is Sept. 15 to Nov. 27, and Dec. 3 to Jan. 1.

to any antlerless deer taken during any other season. If the youth hunter takes an antlered deer during this season, they may not take another antlered deer during the regular archery, firearm, or muzzleloader seasons.

The youth hunter and accompanying adult must possess a valid hunting license.

- All hunters must immediately tag the deer with a paper stating the name, the complete address, and the license number (if applicable) of the person who killed the deer; date the deer was taken; and the sex of the deer taken before transporting it from the field. A hunter is not required to place the tag on the deer while dragging it out of the field as long as the hunter has filled out and is carrying the required information. A hunter must maintain immediate custody of and visual contact with the deer carcass unless it is tagged. The tag must be attached to the deer before the hunter leaves the deer or loads the deer

in a vehicle.

For a sample blank transportation tag, go to [hunting.IN.gov](#) and print the form.

The person who takes the deer must cause the delivery of the deer to an official deer check station within 48 hours of the kill for registration. For a complete listing of check stations, go to [hunting.IN.gov](#).

Before leaving the check station, a permanent seal must be attached to the carcass. The permanent seal must remain attached until the carcass is placed in the custody of another person for processing or until the carcass has been processed and packaged. The deer head must remain attached to the carcass until the tag is attached and locked at the deer check station.

Deer Hotline

If you have questions about deer hunting regulations, call (812) 334-3795, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is not a toll-free call.

It is illegal to...

- Party hunt. In a party hunting arrangement, a hunter not only shoots to fill his/her license but also shoots additional deer to fill the licenses of other hunting party members.
- Shine a spotlight, searchlight or other artificial light for the purpose of taking, attempting to take or assisting another person to take a deer, or to shine such a light while in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow.
- Deliberately cast a spotlight or other artificial light from a motor vehicle if in possession of a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow.
- Use infrared sensors or electronic deer calls to locate or take deer and to hunt or to retrieve deer with the aid of an infrared sensor or to hunt deer while possessing an electronic deer call.
- Use bait, salt, snares, dogs or other domesticated animals to take deer. Bait is considered any product that is transported into a hunting area and placed there for animal consumption. Baits can be in the form of salt, mineral blocks, prepared solid or liquid that is intended for the animal to eat. An area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait and any affected soil.

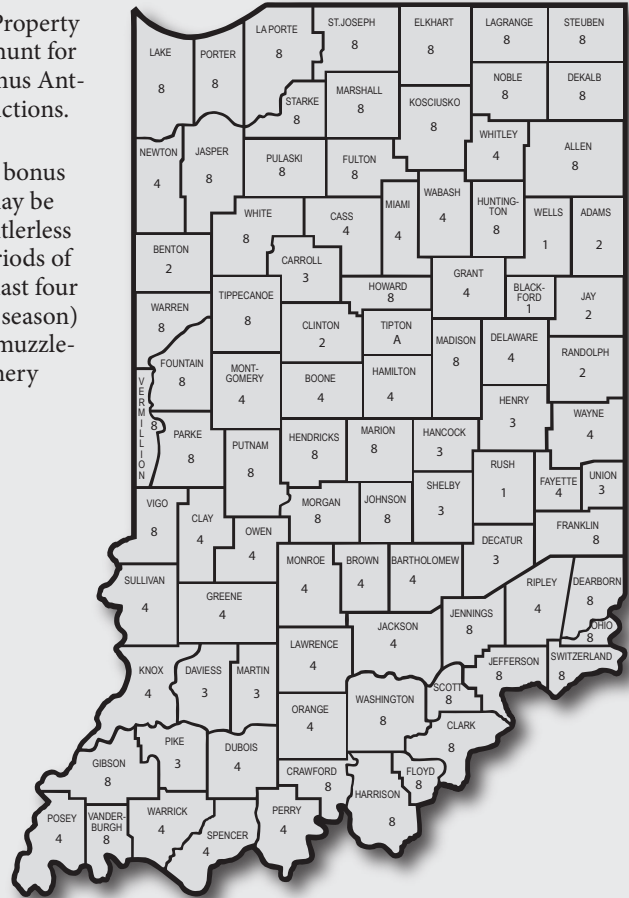
Dogs may be used while on a leash only to track or trail wounded deer.

Artificial deer decoys are legal for deer hunting.

Bonus Antlerless County Quota Map

Contact the DNR Property where you plan to hunt for information on Bonus Antlerless license restrictions.

For "A" county, a bonus antlerless license may be used to take one antlerless deer during the periods of Nov. 24 - Nov. 27 (last four days of the firearm season) or Dec. 3 - Jan. 1 (muzzleloader and late archery seasons).



Deer License and Bag Limit Summary

A separate deer license is required for each deer taken.

• Only one antlered deer per hunter may be taken during the following 3 deer hunting seasons combined.

DEER SEASON TYPE	LICENSE(S) REQUIRED	BAG LIMIT
Archery Season	1 Archery and/or 1 Extra Archery	2 antlerless deer (1 per license) OR 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer (1 per license)
Firearms Season	1 Firearms	1 antlered deer
Muzzleloader Season	1 Muzzleloader	1 antlered deer or 1 antlerless deer

The following bag limits are in addition to the season bag limits listed above, when using the specific license type listed below.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	LICENSE(S) REQUIRED	BAG LIMIT
Antlerless Deer	Bonus Antlerless. Not to exceed the Bonus Antlerless Deer quota for the county being hunted	1 antlerless deer per license
Urban Deer Zone	Archery, Extra Archery and/or Bonus Antlerless	4 antlerless deer (1 per license) OR 3 antlerless deer and 1 antlered deer (1 per license)
Military/Refuge	Military/Refuge Archery and Military/Refuge Firearms	1 deer of either sex per license
State Park (must be drawn)	A valid Deer License	3 antlerless deer OR 2 antlerless deer and 1 antlered deer

NOTE: An antlered deer must have at least one antler that is at least 3 inches long.

Trapping Seasons

Furbearing game animals in Indiana include beaver, coyote, gray fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, red fox and striped skunk.

Furbearers

Coyote, Striped Skunk

Red and Gray Fox

Beaver

Raccoon, Opossum

Mink, Muskrat, Weasel
(long-tailed weasel only)

Trapping Seasons

Oct. 15, 2011 - March 15, 2012

Oct. 15, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012

Nov. 15, 2011 - March 15, 2012

Nov. 8, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012

Nov. 15, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012

All trapping seasons are from 8 a.m. of the first day of the season to noon of the last day of the season (EST). There are no daily bag or possession limits.

Possession of Hides/Carcasses

It is illegal to possess the untanned hides or unprocessed carcasses of furbearers outside of these dates:

Species of Hides

Beaver

Red, Gray Fox

Mink, Muskrat, Long-tailed Weasel

Raccoon, Opossum

Striped Skunk

Coyote

Legal Possession

*Nov. 15 - Apr. 4

*Oct. 15 - March 19

*Nov. 15 - Feb. 20

*Nov. 8 - Feb. 20

*Oct. 15 - April 4

No Restriction

*The deadline for legal possession of untanned hides and unprocessed carcasses of furbearers is subject to change; visit hunting.IN.gov for current dates.

The sale of legally harvested furbearing mammals or untanned hides of furbearing mammals can be made to licensed fur buyers only. For a list of Indiana licensed fur buyers, call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (317) 232-4102 or visit hunting.IN.gov

Trapping Regulations

- You must have a valid Indiana trapping license to set traps.
- Traps may not be set prior to 8 a.m. on opening day of trapping season. Traps must be checked and animals removed at least one time every 24 hours. Traps may be set at any distance from openings to tile drains or entrances to beaver or muskrat lodges. Tree-climbing equipment may not be used as an aid in removing wild animals from trees. The use of motor-driven watercraft is permitted for purposes of setting or checking trap lines.

It is illegal to...

- Use a foothold trap with saw-toothed or spiked jaws.
- Take a wild animal with a foothold trap if the widest inside jaw-spread measured perpendicular to the trap's base plate and the inside width between the trap's hinge posts (both measurements) is greater than 5¼ inches and less than or equal to 6½ inches, unless the jaws of the trap have at least a 1/8 inch offset, the gap of the offset is filled with securely attached rubber pads,

- or the trap is completely covered by water.
- Take a wild animal with a foothold trap on land if the widest inside jaw-spread measured perpendicular to the trap's baseplate and the inside width between the trap's hinge posts is greater than 6½ inches. Securely attached rubber pads are those attached with bolts or rivets. The trap's hinge posts must be maintained at a 90-degree angle to the trap's baseplate.
- Set or place a stake, chain, drag or another portion of a trap that is designed to take a wild animal, except during a season established for trapping that wild animal.
- Take badgers, bobcats and river otters in Indiana. If you accidentally trap a badger, bobcat or river otter, report the incident to a conservation officer. There is no penalty for reporting accidental captures. If the animal is dead, the carcass must be surrendered to a conservation officer. Information provided by hunters and trappers is an important means of determining the status and distribution of these species in Indiana.

For more information call (317) 232-4200 or go to endangeredwildlife.IN.gov.

Furbearer Hunting

A continuously burning light that can be seen for at least 500 feet must be carried while pursuing furbearing animals between sunset and sunrise.

It is illegal to...

- Remove wild animals from any cavity or den;
- Disturb the den or nest of any animal by shooting, digging, cutting or chipping; with the aid of smoke, fire, fumes, chemicals, ferret or other small animal; or with any device introduced into the hole where the animal is sheltered
- Use or carry tree climbing or cutting equipment for the purpose of dislodging an animal from a tree.
- Hunt a furbearing mammal from a boat.

Chase Season

The chasing season for raccoon and opossum is from noon Feb. 1 - noon Oct 25. It is illegal to possess a firearm, air rifle or another device capable of taking a raccoon or opossum while chasing a raccoon or opossum during the chasing season. An individual may possess a handgun while chasing a raccoon or opossum during the chasing season if the individual possesses a valid unlimited license to carry a handgun issued under IC 35-47-2; or is not required to possess a license to carry a handgun under IC 35-47-2-2. It is legal to hunt foxes (Oct 15 to Feb. 28) and coyotes (Oct. 15 to March 15) with dogs during the established hunting seasons.

Predator Calling

It is legal to hunt fox and coyote with the use of mouth- or hand-operated calls, or with the use of recorded calls. Spotlights may be used to take fox and coyote. There are no restrictions on hunting hours or firearms for hunting fox and coyote. It is illegal to hunt fox or coyote from a roadway or with the use of any motor-driven conveyance.

Help Indiana's endangered wildlife.

Look for the eagle on the Indiana state income tax form and help protect our endangered species. Donate all or a portion of your refund to support the Endangered Wildlife Program. The Endangered Wildlife Fund is the main source of funding for Indiana's Endangered Wildlife Program.

A direct tax-deductible donation may be made to the Endangered Wildlife Fund by mailing a check to :

Endangered Wildlife
Div. of Fish and Wildlife,
402 W. Washington St., W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For More Information visit our website:
endangeredwildlife.IN.gov

Apprentice Licenses

An individual of any age, resident or non-resident, can buy an apprentice hunting license without having to take a hunter education class. An individual can purchase up to three apprentice hunting licenses, of any combination, in his/her lifetime.

While hunting, the apprentice hunter at all times must be in close proximity to and be able to communicate with a hunter who is at least 18 years old and has a valid hunting license (unless exempt from needing a hunting license). The individual who accompanies the apprentice hunter cannot accompany more than two apprentice hunters at one time while afield.

Youth Free Hunting Days

Youth free hunting days are Sept. 3-4 and Nov. 26-27, 2011. Any resident age 17 or younger on the date of the hunt, and accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age, can take any legal game in season during these youth free hunting days. The youth hunter does not have to possess a hunting license, HIP number or any state stamp but must comply with all other hunting regulations. To hunt waterfowl, a Federal duck stamp is required for all persons 16 years or older.

The accompanying adult must be in close enough proximity to monitor and communicate with the youth hunter at all times and may assist the youth hunter, including calling, but may not carry a firearm or bow and arrow. The accompanying adult must possess a valid hunting license, unless exempted from needing a license.

Reserved-Hunt Applications Online

Apply for Reserved Hunts on DNR Properties, Military Areas and National Wildlife Refuges online.

Hunters may apply for a reserved hunt online only by visiting IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov and clicking on the "register for a reserved hunt" link. All applicants must possess a pertinent hunting license for the hunt for which they apply. All applications must be completed by the application deadline to be eligible for the drawing. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing. All drawing results will be posted online at IN.gov/dnr/fishwild (or hunting.IN.gov) within a week after application deadlines.

Resident License Requirements for Indiana Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Animal	Hunter Orange	License Required
SMALL GAME		
Rabbit	entire season	Hunting
Squirrel	Nov. 4 to end of season	Hunting
Common Snapping Turtle, Smooth Softshell Turtle, Spiny Softshell Turtle		Hunting or Fishing
Bullfrog and Green frog		Hunting or Fishing
FURBEARERS		
TRAPPING		
Beaver		Trapping
Long-tailed Weasel		Trapping
Mink		Trapping
Muskrat		Trapping
Striped Skunk		Trapping
Red Fox, Gray Fox		Trapping
Coyote		Trapping
Raccoon		Trapping
Opossum		Trapping
HUNTING		
Red Fox, Gray Fox		Hunting
Coyote		Hunting
Raccoon		Hunting
Opossum		Hunting
Striped Skunk		Hunting
GAME BIRDS		
Quail	entire season	Hunting and Game Bird Habitat
Ruffed Grouse	entire season	Hunting and Game Bird Habitat
Pheasant	entire season	Hunting and Game Bird Habitat
Crow		Hunting
Wild Turkey	Dec. 3-18	Turkey and Game Bird Habitat
Mourning Dove		Hunting and Game Bird Habitat

Law Enforcement Region Headquarters

North Region Headquarters
1124 N. Mexico Road
Peru, IN 46970
(765) 473-9722
ICONR@dnr.IN.gov

South Region Headquarters
4850 S. S.R. 446
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 837-9536
ICOSR@dnr.IN.gov

Turn in a Poacher

Help eliminate the illegal taking of Indiana's fish and wildlife, and stop pollution and destruction of rivers and wetlands.



Report Poaching
Call (800) - TIP-IDNR
(847-4367)



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