



2014 New Mexico Small Game Voluntary Harvest Reports

Small game harvest is managed by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department). A Game Hunting License is required to legally take small game. The breakdown of New Mexico hunting license sales are below:

<i>Type of license</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
<i>Resident</i>	
Game Hunting	25,882
Game Hunting and Fishing	33,646
Junior Game Hunting	5,747
Junior Game Hunting and Fishing	4,243
Senior Game Hunting	3,895
Senior Game Hunting and Fishing	2,155
Handicap Game Hunting	455
Handicap Game Hunting and Fishing	995
Military Game Hunting and Fishing	1,633
<100% Disable American Veteran Game Hunting and Fishing	1,960
Total Resident Licenses	80,611
<i>Non Resident</i>	
Non-resident Game Hunting	20,438
Junior Non-resident Game Hunting	914
Non-resident Temporary Game Hunting	1,556
Total Non-resident Licenses	22,908
TOTAL NEW MEXICO HUNTING LICENSE SALES	103,519

Submission of a harvest report is voluntary, and license holders are able make submissions through the Department's online Harvest Reporting System. For licenses holders who decided to submit a report, information was collected on if they hunted, what species of

small game was harvested, the number harvested, and the county of harvest. Hunters may report hunting in more than one county. Resident small game hunters submitted a total of 3,178 harvest reports, with the potential that some hunters may have filed separate reports for individual species. The small game harvest report return rate for was 3% for all 2014 hunting license purchasers. A larger number of small game reports were filed in 2014 compared to 2013, 3,172 versus 1,999 respectively (Table 1). Only 2% of 2013 license holders filed a small game harvest report. Of the license holders who filed a report, hunters were generally satisfied with their small game hunting experience in New Mexico. Individual species small game hunting ratings ranged from 3.57 to 4.2.

This report summarizes the reported harvest data for all small game including: quail (scaled, Gambel’s, northern bobwhite, and Montezuma), pheasants, dusky grouse, Eurasian collared-dove, and squirrels (gray, fox, red, and Abert’s). Information provided from survey results assists the Department with development of recommendations for future small game harvest opportunities.

Table 1. Comparison of the number of harvest reports submitted and number of small game reported harvested in 2013 and 2014.

Species	Reports Filed 2013	Reported Harvest 2013	Reports Filed 2014	Reported Harvest 2014
Scaled Quail	518	5,722	1,129	17,037
Gambel’s Quail	283	2,417	586	5,840
Northern Bobwhite	73	357	114	1,250
Montezuma Quail	25	166	50	343
Pheasant	23	41	26	48
Dusky Grouse	349	1,133	427	1,420
Eurasian Collared-Dove	455	8,780	549	11,242
Gray Squirrel	97	320	101	387
Fox Squirrel	51	205	47	238
Red Squirrel	6	26	10	33
Abert’s Squirrel	119	408	133	580

Species Reports

Scaled Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	2	22	3.5
Chaves	199	3,620	3.94
Cibola	1	20	4
Curry	22	514	3.73
De Baca	18	227	4.11
Dona Ana	58	417	3.43
Eddy	398	6,714	3.79
Grant	18	88	3.28
Guadalupe	5	64	3.6
Harding	7	161	3.86
Hidalgo	6	51	3.83
Lea	141	2,218	3.78
Lincoln	12	158	3.92
Luna	43	348	3.44
Otero	18	244	3.44
Quay	20	353	3.65
Roosevelt	70	1,103	4.09
San Juan	2	19	2.5
San Miguel	2	27	3
Sandoval	5	24	4.2
Santa Fe	1	7	5
Sierra	21	215	3.76
Socorro	46	363	3.57
Taos	1	5	2
Union	4	19	3.5
Valencia	9	36	3.33
TOTAL	1,129	17,037	3.77

Gambel's Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	1	3	3
Chaves	26	256	3.88
Cibola	1	3	3
Curry	3	32	4.67
De Baca	3	42	4.33
Dona Ana	84	648	3.5
Eddy	64	1014	3.61
Grant	68	613	3.56
Guadalupe	1	6	4
Hidalgo	39	359	3.64
Lea	25	343	3.56
Lincoln	3	52	3
Luna	72	545	3.31
Otero	25	227	3.32
Quay	4	44	3
Roosevelt	6	55	4
San Juan	7	46	2.71
San Miguel	1	1	4
Sandoval	6	26	3.33
Sierra	48	506	3.6
Socorro	90	937	3.82
Valencia	9	82	3.22
TOTAL	586	5,840	3.57

Northern Bobwhite Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Chaves	9	62	4.33
Curry	20	252	3.9
Dona Ana	1	4	4
Eddy	21	200	4.05
Grant	2	12	4.5
Harding	1	5	5
Lea	14	119	3.71
Otero	1	3	3
Roosevelt	43	588	4.16
Union	2	5	3.5
TOTAL	114	1,250	4.04

Montezuma Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	2	13	3.5
Chaves	4	37	4.25
Curry	1	30	4
Dona Ana	1	3	3
Eddy	8	93	3.25
Grant	7	20	3.71
Guadalupe	2	14	2.5
Hidalgo	3	11	3.33
Lea	3	43	4.67
Lincoln	5	14	3.8
Otero	1	5	5
Roosevelt	2	24	3
San Juan	1	2	3
Sierra	4	6	3.5
Socorro	6	28	3.83
TOTAL	50	343	3.64

Ring-necked Pheasant

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Chaves	5	11	4
Eddy	5	8	4.4
Lea	1	2	3
Mora	1	1	2
Rio Arriba	1	1	2
San Juan	1	1	5
Socorro	8	17	3.25
Union	2	3	3
Valencia	2	4	4
TOTAL	26	48	3.62

Dusky Grouse

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Cibola	1	3	3
Colfax	14	41	3.5
Lea	1	7	3
Los Alamos	8	17	3.63
Mora	21	99	3.81
Rio Arriba	115	351	3.76
San Juan	1	1	4
San Miguel	52	152	3.85
Sandoval	28	58	3.75
Santa Fe	34	97	3.59
Socorro	1	2	2
Taos	150	590	3.82
Valencia	1	2	4
TOTAL	427	1,420	3.76

Eurasian Collared Dove

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	6	203	3.33
Chaves	93	2,461	4.14
Cibola	2	8	4
Colfax	1	15	4
Curry	19	529	3.89
Dona Ana	103	2,215	4.16
Eddy	103	2,293	3.88
Grant	18	262	3.72
Guadalupe	2	20	4.5
Hidalgo	8	112	4
Lea	37	667	4.14
Lincoln	3	37	3
Luna	6	76	2.83
McKinley	4	50	4.5
Otero	9	90	3.67
Rio Arriba	1	3	4
Roosevelt	5	94	4
San Juan	6	117	3.5
San Miguel	2	14	3.5
Sandoval	10	124	3.8
Santa Fe	11	81	3.64
Sierra	21	223	4.19
Socorro	26	396	3.85
Torrance	13	189	3.77
Union	6	103	4.67
Valencia	34	860	3.68
TOTAL	549	11,242	3.97

Gray Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	2	6	4
Catron	11	28	3.82
Chaves	1	8	5
Cibola	13	91	4.38
Colfax	3	11	3.33
Dona Ana	2	5	3
Grant	8	21	3.75
Guadalupe	1	1	1
Lincoln	1	5	5
Los Alamos	4	9	3.25
Luna	3	22	4.33
McKinley	2	9	4
Mora	1	6	5
Otero	6	18	3.67
Rio Arriba	16	45	3.56
San Miguel	4	20	4.5
Sandoval	12	34	4.33
Santa Fe	5	14	3.4
Socorro	1	1	4
Taos	7	18	3.86
Torrance	3	13	3.33
Union	1	2	5
TOTAL	107	387	3.88

Fox Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	2	3	3.5
Grant	1	5	5
Mora	1	3	4
Otero	1	4	5
San Miguel	1	12	5
Sandoval	1	1	3
Santa Fe	2	2	4
Socorro	1	3	5
TOTAL	10	33	4.2

Red Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Cibola	1	3	5
Eddy	2	6	2.5
Grant	1	6	4
Lincoln	4	28	4.25
Los Alamos	1	3	4
Mora	1	2	5
Otero	10	54	3.9
Rio Arriba	6	25	3.83
San Miguel	5	21	3
Sandoval	11	70	3.91
Santa Fe	4	19	4
Taos	1	1	4
TOTAL	47	238	3.83

Abert's Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	29	168	3.59
Cibola	15	91	4.13
Grant	9	24	3.33
Guadalupe	1	10	4
Hidalgo	1	2	5
Lincoln	1	8	5
Los Alamos	1	1	5
Luna	1	1	3
McKinley	7	24	4.14
Mora	1	1	5
Rio Arriba	14	86	4
San Juan	3	11	3.33
San Miguel	2	5	4.5
Sandoval	15	44	3.53
Santa Fe	5	13	4.8
Sierra	11	34	3.55
Socorro	8	34	3.88
Taos	3	4	4
Torrance	6	19	4.33
TOTAL	133	580	3.85