



2015-16 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	25,036
Game Hunting and Fishing	36,355
Junior Game Hunting	4,556
Junior Game Hunting and Fishing	4,669
Senior Game Hunting	4,081
Senior Game Hunting and Fishing	2,314
Handicap Game Hunting	477
Handicap Game Hunting and Fishing	1,024
Military Game Hunting and Fishing	2,128
<100% Disable American Veteran Game Hunting and Fishing	2,337
Total Resident Licenses	82,977
<i>Non Resident</i>	
Non-resident Game Hunting	21,025
Junior Non-resident Game Hunting	924
Non-resident Temporary Game Hunting	1,941
Total Non-resident Licenses	23,890
TOTAL NEW MEXICO HUNTING LICENSE SALES	106,867

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. There were 25,099 license holders who voluntarily reported they did not hunt small game, and 2,557 license holders who reported hunting without harvest. The return rate of all small game license holders submitting a harvest report was 29.8%.

Resident small game hunters submitted a total of 4,016 species harvest reports, with the potential that some hunters may have filed individual reports for different species. A larger number of small game reports were filed in 2015 compared to 2014, with an increase in number of small game reported harvested (Table 2). 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 3.75 to 4.27.

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-doves, and squirrels (Abert's, gray, red, and fox). 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 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Species	Reports Filed 2014-15	Reported Harvest 2014-15	Reports Filed 2015-16	Reported Harvest 2015-16
Scaled Quail	1,129	17,037	1,987	41,633
Gambel's Quail	586	5,840	527	5,280
Northern Bobwhite	114	1,250	210	2,824
Montezuma Quail	50	343	65	506
Pheasant	26	48	35	70
Dusky Grouse	427	1,420	374	1,186
Eurasian Collared-Dove	549	11,242	548	12,858
Gray Squirrel	101	387	99	373
Abert's Squirrel	133	580	122	602
Red Squirrel	47	238	44	288
Fox Squirrel	10	33	5	14

Species Reports

Scaled Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	1	20	5.0
Chaves	373	7244	4.2
Cibola	5	38	3.8
Colfax	1	15	4.0
Curry	3	783	4.0
De Baca	29	611	4.2
Dona Ana	83	869	3.9
Eddy	749	18,022	4.2
Grant	24	165	4.0
Guadalupe	12	123	3.9
Harding	3	65	4.3
Hidalgo	12	88	3.7
Lea	309	8,710	4.4
Lincoln	21	288	4.1
Luna	56	586	3.7
Otero	22	335	4.3
Quay	40	746	4.5
Roosevelt	87	1,821	4.3
San Juan	3	18	3.0
San Miguel	5	63	4.0
Sandoval	9	77	4.0
Santa Fe	3	14	3.3
Sierra	28	313	3.9
Socorro	58	453	3.7
Torrance	2	10	3.5
Union	7	83	3.9
Valencia	8	73	4.3
TOTAL	1,987	41,633	4.2

Gambel's Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	1	50	5.0
Catron	3	13	4.0
Chaves	3	18	4.7
Dona Ana	122	1,244	3.9
Grant	65	593	3.6
Hidalgo	39	440	3.7
Lincoln	5	15	3.8
Luna	89	874	3.8
Otero	22	203	3.9
San Juan	9	64	3.3
San Miguel	1	15	2.0
Sandoval	4	22	3.5
Sierra	64	864	3.8
Socorro	94	847	3.7
Valencia	6	18	3.5
TOTAL	527	5,280	3.8

Northern Bobwhite Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Chaves	19	246	4.5
Curry	37	550	4.1
De Baca	5	32	3.8
Eddy	23	316	4.1
Guadalupe	1	8	3.0
Harding	2	23	4.5
Lea	53	791	4.2
Quay	4	21	4.3
Roosevelt	66	837	4.5
TOTAL	210	2,824	4.3

Montezuma Quail

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	4	21	4.5
Chaves	8	97	4.3
Dona Ana	6	39	3.5
Eddy	10	140	4.3
Grant	3	35	4.7
Hidalgo	4	27	3.8
Lincoln	7	41	3.9
Otero	6	19	4.5
Sierra	7	47	3.7
Socorro	10	40	4.0
TOTAL	65	506	4.1

Ring-necked Pheasant

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Chaves	10	21	4.2
Colfax	1	1	4.0
Eddy	11	22	3.7
Mora	2	6	5.0
Roosevelt	1	1	5.0
San Juan	1	3	5.0
Socorro	3	5	3.7
Union	3	5	4.0
Valencia	3	6	4.7
TOTAL	35	70	4.1

Dusky Grouse

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	1	3	4.0
Colfax	15	49	4.0
Los Alamos	3	11	3.3
Mora	12	26	3.3
Rio Arriba	101	285	3.7
San Miguel	48	154	4.0
Sandoval	19	48	4.1
Santa Fe	20	61	3.9
Taos	155	549	3.8
TOTAL	374	1,186	3.8

Eurasian Collared Dove

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	8	79	3.0
Catron	1	3	3.0
Chaves	79	2624	4.2
Colfax	3	41	3.7
Curry	23	1549	4.0
De Baca	2	7	2.0
Dona Ana	98	2272	4.3
Eddy	114	2292	4.1
Grant	6	85	4.2
Hidalgo	3	26	4.7
Lea	53	1314	4.1
Lincoln	2	12	4.0
Luna	9	110	3.7
Otero	8	54	3.8
Quay	9	249	4.2
Roosevelt	12	178	4.1
San Juan	15	143	3.8
San Miguel	3	45	4.3
Sandoval	5	35	3.4
Santa Fe	3	70	3.7
Sierra	12	133	4.2
Socorro	30	579	3.6
Taos	1	10	3.0
Torrance	10	110	3.9
Union	2	55	5.0
Valencia	37	813	3.7
TOTAL	548	12,858	4.1

Gray Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	5	19	4.6
Catron	12	56	3.6
Cibola	5	31	3.4
Grant	5	7	3.4
Lincoln	6	27	4.3
Los Alamos	2	5	4.0
McKinley	5	23	3.4
Mora	1	5	5.0
Otero	7	37	4.0
Rio Arriba	11	43	3.9
San Juan	1	1	3.0
San Miguel	6	9	3.8
Sandoval	14	43	3.9
Santa Fe	7	20	3.6
Sierra	2	17	2.5
Socorro	2	3	3.5
Taos	4	10	3.8
Torrance	2	3	5.0
Valencia	2	14	3.5
TOTAL	99	373	3.8

Red Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Catron	1	10	5.0
Colfax	1	5	3.0
Grant	2	5	4.0
Lincoln	4	8	3.5
Mora	2	7	4.5
Otero	11	108	4.1
Rio Arriba	4	15	4.0
San Miguel	1	4	5.0
Sandoval	11	104	3.4
Socorro	2	9	2.0
Taos	3	6	4.0
Valencia	2	7	3.5
TOTAL	44	288	3.8

Abert's Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Bernalillo	2	8	4.0
Catron	31	128	4.0
Cibola	15	80	4.2
Eddy	1	40	5.0
Grant	12	45	3.9
Lincoln	2	23	4.5
Los Alamos	2	2	3.0
McKinley	3	9	3.7
Mora	1	1	4.0
Otero	1	15	5.0
Rio Arriba	17	89	4.1
San Juan	1	1	4.0
San Miguel	3	7	4.3
Sandoval	12	51	3.9
Santa Fe	2	5	3.0
Sierra	6	34	3.8
Socorro	6	26	3.7
Taos	1	3	5.0
Torrance	3	32	4.0
Valencia	1	3	3.0
TOTAL	122	602	4.0

Fox Squirrel

County	Hunter Reports	Harvests	Hunter Rating
Cibola	1	2	2
Grant	1	2	4
Lincoln	1	5	5
Taos	1	2	5
Union	1	3	3
TOTAL	5	14	3.8