

Important Reminders

Licenses, applications, harvest reports and general information: www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Purchase Licenses, Apply for Draws and Submit Harvests

Apply for draw hunts, submit harvest reports and purchase licenses online, by telephone or at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) offices (page v).

Information Center Extended Hours

The NMDGF Information Center is open year-round, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (except holidays) to answer your questions and assist with license issues and harvest reports. Extended hours are March 2–March 17, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays from noon–5 p.m. The Information Center will close at 4:30 p.m. on March 18.

Print Your Licenses and Permits

All licenses and permits are available online and can be printed on standard paper. If a computer and printer are unavailable, licenses and permits may be requested by telephone and are available at NMDGF offices in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Roswell and Las Cruces.

New Lower Application Fees and Quicker Refunds

Application fees have been reduced to \$7 for residents and \$13 for nonresidents (nonrefundable fees). Refunds for deleted (cancelled) applications that are purchased by credit card now are processed immediately and will no longer require waiting until after the draw.

Application Purchase Options

- New Mexico residents may select a Second-Rod validation when purchasing the Game-hunting & Fishing License.
- Residents and nonresidents will be offered the option to purchase the Stamp Package which includes the Habitat Management & Access Validation and Habitat Stamp. Applicants younger than 18 years of age will be offered the Habitat Stamp only.
- The Harvest Information Program (HIP) number also will be available for applicants to purchase separately.

New Mentored Youth Hunter Requirements

To apply first-time hunters must be at least 10 years of age—but younger than 18 years of age. Mentored-Youth Hunters may hunt deer, turkey, javelina and upland game under the supervision of a licensed adult mentor. See page 9 for information.

New Application Procedure for Bighorn Sheep Hunts

New application procedures have been instituted for Rocky Mountain and desert bighorn sheep licenses. These new procedures are described on page 92 and only apply to bighorn sheep hunts.

Eurasian Collared-Dove Included in Upland Game

Eurasian collared-dove is included in Upland Game, page 128.

Report Harvest Results. It's Mandatory. Don't Forget!

Whether or not a hunt or harvest occurred, harvest reporting is mandatory for all Barbary sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx, pronghorn antelope, turkey and trapper license holders (page 4).

Important Dates

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Big Game Application Deadlines

February 4, 2015

Deadline to apply for turkey and bear draw permits. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST).

March 18, 2015

Deadline to apply for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, oryx and pronghorn antelope draw licenses. Applications must be completed before 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT).

Upland Game Application Deadline

September 30, 2015

Deadline to apply for special-permit pheasant hunts. Applications must be made before 5 p.m. MDT.

Important Dates to Remember for All Game

Feb. 4 Deadline to apply for bear and turkey draw permits.

Feb. 15 Deadline to report free-of-charge 2014–15 harvest results for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey license holders. Results can be reported online or by telephone. Late fees apply after this date.

Feb. 27 Results for the bear and turkey draw permits are available online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us and can be printed on standard paper.

Mar. 18 Deadline to apply for Draw Licenses for Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, ibex, javelina, pronghorn antelope and oryx, and to apply for Private-land Only Deer License for Units 2A, 2B, 2C, 4 and 5A.

Deadline to late-report 2014–15 harvest results for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and turkey (\$8 late fee applies). Harvest reporting, regardless of success, is required for 2014–15 license holders to apply for 2015–16 draw licenses. **Failure to report harvest results for these species by this date will result in rejection of all draw applications.** For additional species hunting and trapping harvest-result reporting deadlines see April 7.

Important Dates to Remember for All Game—continued.

- April 1** 2015–16 License Year begins. All Over-The-Counter (OTC) license types, including Game-hunting Licenses and Game-hunting & Fishing Licenses, are available online, by telephone, at NMDGF offices and license vendors.
- April 7** Deadline to report 2014–15 harvest results for Barbary sheep, ibex, javelina, oryx and trapping license holders to be eligible for big-game licenses. Results can be reported online or by telephone. **Failure to report harvest results for these species by this date will result in rejection of all applications.**
- April. 10** Spring youth-only turkey season begins.
- April 15** Spring turkey season begins.
- April 29** Big Game Draw License results are available online, by telephone or at NMDGF offices.
- Sept. 1** Dusky (blue) grouse and squirrel seasons begin.
Fall archery-only turkey season begins.
- Sept. 30** Application deadline for special-permit pheasant hunts. Applications must be made before 5 p.m. MDT.
- Nov. 1** Fall turkey season (any legal sporting arms) begins.
- Nov. 15** Quail season begins.
- Dec. 10** Pheasant season begins statewide, excluding Valencia County (see page 131).