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**2013-14 UTAH**

**UPLAND GAME**



**AND TURKEY**

**GUIDEBOOK**

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## WHAT'S NEW THIS SEASON?

### Changes to band-tailed pigeon hunting:

Because of a decline in band-tailed pigeon populations, the daily bag limit will decrease in 2013, dropping from five birds to two birds. The hunt will be open statewide. For details, see the hunt tables on page 31.

### Increased possession limit for certain species:

This year, the possession limit will increase to three times the daily bag limit for band-tailed pigeons, mourning doves and white-winged doves. For details, see the hunt tables that begin on page 31.

### Three crane seasons in Uintah County:

This fall, there will be an early, middle and late season for sandhill cranes in Uintah County. For season dates, see page 35.

**Few changes to guidebook:** As you flip through the guidebook, you may notice that the regulations seem familiar. That's because 2013 is the third year of a three-year guidebook for upland game and turkey. This book will remain relatively unchanged until 2014. The Utah Wildlife Board approved a three-year guidebook to ensure consistency and ease of use for hunters.

## And keep in mind

**Hunt drawing for upland permits:** Sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse permits will be available through Utah's upland game hunt drawing. You must apply for the respective permits from July 8–22, 2013. To learn more, see page 9.

**Hunt drawing for turkey permits:** If you hope to hunt turkey on a limited-entry unit in 2014, the application period runs from Dec. 4–23, 2013. See page 12 for more information.

**Youth hunts:** Hunters who are 15 and under can participate in Utah's statewide youth-only

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE RULES

This guidebook summarizes Utah's upland game and turkey hunting laws and rules. Although the guidebook is a convenient quick-reference document for these regulations, it is not an all-encompassing resource.

For an in-depth look at the state's upland game and turkey hunting laws and rules, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/rules](http://wildlife.utah.gov/rules).

You can use the references in the guidebook—such as Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Administrative Rule R657-6-4—to search the Division's website for the detailed statute or rule that underpins the guidebook summary.

If you have questions about a particular rule, call or visit the nearest Division office.

### Who makes the rules?

The Utah Wildlife Board passes the rules summarized in this guidebook.

There are seven board members, and each serves a six-year term. Appointed by the governor, board members are not Division employees.

The Division's director serves as the board's executive secretary but does not have a vote on wildlife policies.

Before board members make changes to wildlife rules, they listen to recommendations from Division biologists. They also receive input from the public and various interest groups via the regional advisory council (RAC) process.

If you have feedback or suggestions for board members, you can find their contact information online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov).

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## Boundary maps online

Looking for a map of your hunting area? All of the boundary maps are available online at [wildlife.utah.gov/maps](http://wildlife.utah.gov/maps). Detailed boundary descriptions are also printed on most grouse, crane and turkey hunting permits.

partridge, quail and pheasant hunts this fall. There will also be sponsored hunts in a couple of additional areas. For more information, see the box on page 11.

**Opportunity for youth:** Fifteen percent of the sage-grouse, sandhill crane, sharp-tailed grouse and limited-entry turkey permits have been reserved for hunters 15 or under. For more information on youth hunting opportunities—and the upland game hunts that will be held for youth this fall—please see the box on page 11.

**Avoid a citation:** If you obtain a turkey limited-entry permit, you may not obtain a turkey general-season permit. If you obtain both of these turkey permits, you may be ticketed.

**Walk-in Access program requirement:** If you plan to hunt on Utah's Walk-in Access properties in 2013–2014, you'll need to obtain an authorization number. For details, see the information box on page 26.

**Cooperative Wildlife Management Units:** Five Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) will be open to turkey hunting this spring. Please see page 38 for more information or visit [wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu](http://wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu).

**Other permits available:** Beginning Aug. 22 at 8 a.m., you can obtain the free permits required for hunting band-tailed pigeon and white-tailed ptarmigan. Permits are available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices.

**Hunting license required:** Before you can hunt upland game—or apply for or obtain a turkey permit—you must have a valid Utah hunting or combination (hunting and fishing) license. You can buy your license from a license agent, a Division office or online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov). You can also purchase your license by calling 1-800-221-0659.

**Don't forget to register in the HIP:** If you plan to hunt migratory game birds—band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, sandhill crane or white-winged dove—during the 2013–2014 season, you must register in the Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP). Registration is easy and takes about five minutes to complete. For more information, please see page 8.

**Eurasian collared-doves:** During the dove season, do not pluck any Eurasian collared-doves before transporting them. A license is not required to hunt Eurasian collared-doves, and you can hunt them statewide throughout the year. Please see *Species identification* on page 42 for characteristics that will help you distinguish the various dove species in Utah.

**Prairie dog hunt dates:** You may hunt prairie dogs on Utah's public lands from June 17, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The season closes every spring—from April 1 through June 16—because that is when prairie dogs are raising their young. For more information, please see the article on page 28.

**Jackrabbits and coyotes:** Jackrabbits and coyotes are not protected in Utah. You do not need a license to hunt them, and you can hunt them throughout the year. For details on a new program that compensates the public for coyote removal, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/predators](http://wildlife.utah.gov/predators).

**Corrections:** If errors are found in this guidebook after it is printed, the Division will correct them in the electronic copy that is posted at [wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

## Don't lose your hunting and fishing privileges

If you commit a wildlife violation, you could lose the privilege of hunting and fishing in Utah. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources can suspend the license of anyone who knowingly, intentionally or recklessly violates wildlife laws. Your license can be suspended for a wildlife violation if:

- You are convicted.
- You plead guilty or no contest.
- You enter a plea in abeyance or diversion agreement.

Suspension proceedings are separate and independent from criminal prosecution. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources may suspend your license privileges whether or not the court considers suspension in your criminal case. You will be notified of any action against your privilege after criminal proceedings conclude. And remember, if your license is suspended in Utah, you may not be permitted to hunt or fish in most other states. (Visit [ianrc.org](http://ianrc.org) to see a map of participating states.)



**Protection from discrimination:** The Division receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, or if you desire further information, please write to:

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**Private lands:** The Division cannot guarantee access to any private land. If you plan to hunt—or engage in any other wildlife-related activities—in an area made up of all or mostly private lands, you must obtain WRITTEN permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized representative. To learn more, please see *Trespassing* on page 19.

**Division funding:** The Division is mostly funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and through federal aid made possible by an excise tax on the sale of firearms and other hunting- and fishing-related equipment.

## KEY DATES

### Grouse and sandhill crane application dates

Applications available online	July 8, 2013
Application deadline	July 22, 2013
Drawing results available	Aug. 5, 2013
Remaining permits available	Aug. 27, 2013

### Turkey application dates

Limited-entry applications available online	Dec. 4, 2013
Application deadline	Dec. 23, 2013
Drawing results available	Jan. 23, 2014
General-season permits available	Feb. 20, 2014

### Turkey season dates

Limited-entry season	April 12–24, 2014
Youth hunt	April 25–27, 2014
General season	April 28–May 31, 2014

### Three-day nonresident small game license

If you're not a resident of Utah and you'll only be in the state for a short time, you can hunt upland game without paying the full price for a nonresident license. A three-day nonresident small game license is now available for \$25. You can purchase one online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) or from license agents and Division offices. This three-day license does not allow you to apply for or obtain big game, bear, cougar or turkey permits.

## FEES

### Resident license fees

Hunting license* (under 14 years of age)	\$11
Hunting license* (14 years of age or older)	\$26
Combination license*	\$30

### Nonresident license fees

3-day small game license	\$25
Hunting license*	\$65
Combination license*	\$80

### Upland game permit fees

Sage-grouse permit (non-refundable application fee)	\$10
Sandhill crane permit	\$15†
Sharp-tailed grouse permit (non-refundable application fee)	\$10
Band-tailed pigeon permit	No fee
White-tailed ptarmigan permit	No fee

### Resident turkey permit fees

Turkey limited-entry permit	\$35†
Turkey general-season permit	\$35
Landowner turkey permit	\$35†
CWMU turkey permit	\$35†

### Nonresident turkey permit fees

Turkey limited-entry permit	\$100†
Turkey general-season permit	\$100
Landowner turkey permit	\$100†
CWMU turkey permit	\$100†

\* Hunting and combination licenses are valid for 365 days from the day you buy them.

† You will be charged an additional \$10 nonrefundable application fee.

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Are you planning to hunt upland game or wild turkey in Utah this year? Before you head into the field, make sure you meet Utah's hunter education and license requirements. And, if you plan to hunt migratory game birds, you must also obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number. This section explains how to meet these basic requirements.

### Are you old enough?

*Utah Code § 23-19-11*

In Utah, there are no age restrictions for upland game or turkey hunters. If you have passed a Division-approved hunter education course, then you can hunt upland game and turkey in Utah, regardless of your age.

### Adults must accompany young hunters

*Utah Code § 23-20-20*

While hunting with any weapon, a person under 14 years old must be accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian or other responsible person who is 21 years of age or older and who has been approved by the parent or guardian.

A person at least 14 years old and under 16 years old must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older while hunting with any weapon.

The Division encourages adults to be familiar with hunter education guidelines or to complete the hunter education course before accompanying youth into the field.

While in the field, the youth and the adult must remain close enough for the adult to see and provide verbal assistance to the young hunter. Using electronic devices, such as walkie-talkies or cell phones, does not meet this requirement.

### Have you passed hunter education?

*Utah Code § 23-19-11 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-23*

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1965, you must provide proof that you've passed a hunter educa-

tion course approved by the Division before you can apply for or obtain a hunting or combination license.

### Proof of hunter education

You can prove that you've completed hunter education by obtaining a hunter education course Certificate of Completion (this certificate is called a "blue card" in Utah) or by using a hunting license from a previous year with your hunter education number noted on the license.

### How to take hunter education

If you were born after 1965, you must take and successfully complete the state's hunter education course. It's an easy process:

1. Obtain a hunter education registration certificate. Each certificate costs only \$10, and you can obtain it online, at any Division office or from a license agent.
2. Register for a class with your local hunter education instructor. You can see a list of hunter education courses at [wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation](http://wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation). You can also contact your local Division office or call 801-538-4727.
3. Take your registration certificate to your instructor on the first night of class.
4. Successfully complete the course—your instructor will then validate your certificate. The validated certificate serves as your hunting license.

Both the registration certificate and the corresponding hunting license are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. The license enables you to apply for or obtain permits in the Division's hunt drawings. In order to maximize your hunting opportunities, you should register for and complete the hunter education course as

soon as possible after purchasing your registration certificate.

After completing the course, you will receive your official hunter education card (commonly known as the “blue card”) by mail. It will be sent to the address listed on your registration certificate. This card certifies that you passed hunter education.

You should also keep the following in mind:

- Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- Regardless of when a student graduates, all hunting regulations (such as season dates and bag limits) will apply.
- Students who are planning to hunt out of state should allow enough time for their hunter education card to arrive in the mail.

You can see a list of hunter education courses at [wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation](http://wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation). You can also contact your local Division office or call 801-538-4727.

### New to Utah?

If you become a Utah resident, and you’ve completed a hunter education course in another state, province or country, you must obtain a blue card before you can buy a resident hunting license. You can obtain a Utah blue card at any Division office by providing proof that you’ve completed a hunter education course approved by the Division. The card costs \$10.

### Do you have a license?

*Utah Code §§ 23-19-1 and 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-3*

You must purchase a hunting license or a combination license to hunt upland game in Utah. You must also have one of these licenses before you can apply for or obtain a permit to hunt a turkey. Here’s the difference between the two licenses:

- A hunting license allows you to hunt small game, including upland game and waterfowl.

- A combination license allows you to fish and hunt small game in Utah.

It costs less to buy a combination license than it does to buy separate hunting and fishing licenses.

Licenses are available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices. You can also purchase a license by calling 1-800-221-0659. The line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the fee for the license, you’ll also be charged a \$2 transaction fee for each item you buy.

You must carry your license with you while you’re hunting upland game, and you cannot alter, transfer or lend your license to another person.

### Do you have a HIP number?

*50 CFR 20.20 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-3*

In addition to your license, if you’re hunting migratory game birds—band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove or sandhill crane—you must obtain a Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number for Utah. You can obtain your Utah HIP number in one of two ways:

1. Register at [www.uthip.com](http://www.uthip.com).
2. Call 1-877-882-4744.

If you have questions or need help obtaining your HIP number, please call 1-800-368-4683.

You must provide the following information to obtain your HIP number: your hunting license number and hunting license type; your name, address, phone number and date of birth; and information about any migratory game bird hunts you participated in during the 2012–2013 season.

Once you’ve obtained your HIP number, you must write the number in the space provided on your current hunting license.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started the HIP in the mid-1990s. The program provides biologists with information that allows them to better manage the nation’s migratory game bird populations.

## HOW TO OBTAIN AN UPLAND GAME PERMIT

After you meet the basic hunting requirements (see page 7), you should determine whether you need any additional permits. There are a few upland game hunts that require you to obtain a separate permit before you can head into the field. This section outlines the types of permits available and explains how to apply for or obtain them. You’ll also find information about group applications, preference points and the youth hunt drawing.

### Types of permits

*Utah Code §§ 23-19-1 and 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-4*

You must obtain a permit if you want to hunt the following species:

- Band-tailed pigeon
- Sage-grouse (a two-bird permit)
- Sandhill crane (a one-bird permit)
- Sharp-tailed grouse (a two-bird permit)
- White-tailed ptarmigan
- Wild turkey (see page 12 for more information)

You may obtain only one permit for each of these species. Please remember that you must also have a valid hunting or combination license in order to use the permit. If your hunting license expires before the end of the season for which your permit was issued, you’ll have to buy a new license to hunt the remainder of the season.

Band-tailed pigeon and white-tailed ptarmigan permits are available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov), and from license agents and Division offices, beginning Aug. 22 at 8 a.m.

The permits for sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse are available through the state’s upland game hunt drawing. For more information, please see the section below.

### Applying for a permit

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-21*

To hunt sage-grouse, sandhill crane or sharp-tailed grouse in Utah, you must draw a permit in the state’s upland game hunt drawing. You can apply for the drawing online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) beginning July 8, 2013.

If you don’t want to apply for a permit this year, but you want a better chance of drawing one

next year, you can apply for a preference point instead.

Please note the following dates if you want to apply for permits or preference points.

### July 8: Apply online for permits or preference points

Beginning July 8, 2013, you can visit [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) to apply for sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse permits or preference points. You may apply for one permit or preference point per species each year.

Both residents and nonresidents may apply. Groups of up to four people may also apply. For more information, please see *Applying as a group* on page 10.

Application fees are charged to your credit or debit card when your application is processed. Your application can be rejected if your credit or debit card is invalid or refused. A permit fee is charged only if you are successful in drawing a permit. For a list of permit fees, see page 6.

You can use American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA credit or debit cards as payment, and they must be valid through September 2013. To change the credit or debit card associated with your application, call 1-800-221-0659. You can also use a pre-paid credit card. If you have questions about using a pre-paid credit card, check with your financial institution for more information.

If you obtain a sage-grouse, sandhill crane or sharp-tailed grouse permit, please remember that you must have a valid hunting or combination license in order to use your permit. If your hunting license expires before the applicable hunting

season ends, you'll have to buy a new license to hunt the remainder of the season.

### July 22: Deadline for permit applications and preference points

Your application must be submitted through [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) no later than 11 p.m. on July 22, 2013. If you need help with your online application, please call any Division office before 5 p.m. on July 22. A Division employee will be available to help you.

### July 22: Deadline to withdraw and resubmit your application

Did you make a mistake in your online permit application? Simply withdraw your original online application and submit a new, correct application before 11 p.m. on July 22, 2013.

You must have your confirmation number, your customer ID and your date of birth in order to withdraw your application. For each new application you submit, you will be charged a \$10 nonrefundable application fee.

If you need help with your online application, please call any Division office before 5 p.m. on July 22, 2013.

### July 22: Deadline to withdraw your application

If you decide not to hunt, you can withdraw your online permit application until 11 p.m. on July 22, 2013. Application fees are not refundable.

### August 5: Drawing results available

You'll be notified of the drawing results by email. Beginning Aug. 5, 2013, you can also learn the drawing results by calling 1-800-221-0659 or by visiting [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov).

**Note:** Drawing results are not final until the Division posts the results online or you receive an official notification email. If you draw a permit, you'll receive your permit in the mail in August.

### August 27: Remaining permits available

Any permits remaining after the upland game drawing may be obtained beginning Aug. 27,

2013, at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices. Remaining permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Note:** If you plan to visit a license agent, you should find out when they'll be open for business. A list of license agents is available at [wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents](http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents).

## Applying as a group

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-21*

Instead of applying as an individual hunter, you and your friends and family can apply as a group for each of the following hunts:

- Sage-grouse
- Sandhill crane
- Sharp-tailed grouse

Up to four hunters—including both residents and nonresidents—can apply together for sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse permits.

Please remember that if you're a youth, and you want to participate in the youth hunt drawing, you must apply as an individual hunter. Do NOT apply as part of a group. Please see the information box below for more information about the youth hunt drawing.

If your group is successful in the drawing, all of the applicants in your group who have valid applications will receive a permit.

## Youth upland game drawing process

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-21*

Fifteen percent of this year's sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse permits are reserved for hunters who will be 15 years of age or younger on Sept. 28, 2013.

If you'll be 15 years of age or younger on Sept. 28, you can participate in the youth drawing by submitting an application as an individual hunter. You won't be included in the youth drawing if you apply as a member of a group.

## Preference points

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-9*

Preference points are used to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful—or who apply only for preference points for sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse—will have an advantage in the next year's drawing for the respective permits.

Preference points in the upland game drawing apply to sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse hunts only. A preference point is awarded for each unsuccessful sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse application.

If you do not want to hunt sage-grouse, sandhill crane and sharp-tailed grouse this year, you may apply for a preference point by selecting the appropriate hunt choice code on the application. You will be charged a \$10 application fee for every preference point you apply for (limit one per species).

The application period is from July 8–22, 2013.

You may surrender your sage-grouse, sandhill crane or sharp-tailed grouse permit before the season opening date to reinstate your preference points, including a preference point for the current year (just as if a permit had not been drawn).

### Eligibility to obtain a preference point

If you are eligible to obtain a sage-grouse, sandhill crane or sharp-tailed grouse permit, you are eligible to apply for a preference point for that hunt.

You cannot apply for both a permit and a preference point for the same species.

A preference point will not be issued if you are successful in drawing for the respective permit.

You will not forfeit your preference points if you obtain a permit that remains after the drawing.

You cannot apply for a sage-grouse, sandhill crane or sharp-tailed grouse permit or a preference point if you are currently under wildlife license suspension.

## Youth hunts for upland game

This fall, Utah will offer statewide youth-only hunts for chukar, gray (Hungarian) partridge, pheasant and quail.

Modeled after Utah's Youth Day for waterfowl hunting, these hunts are open to all youth who meet the age requirements and graduate from hunter education.

### Youth chukar and gray partridge hunts

The youth chukar and gray partridge hunts will be held statewide on Sept. 21, 2013. To participate in either of these hunts, you must be 15 years of age or younger on Sept. 21. Shooting will begin at 6:45 a.m. and end at 7:55 p.m.

For bag and possession limits, see the hunt tables that begin on page 31.

### Youth pheasant and quail hunts

The youth pheasant and quail hunts will be held statewide on Oct. 12, 2013. To participate in either of these hunts, you must be 15 years of age or younger on Oct. 12. Shooting will begin at 7:06 a.m. and end at 7:21 p.m.

For bag and possession limits, see the hunt tables that begin on page 31.

### Adult hunting partner

Each youth hunter must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who has been approved by the youth's parent or legal guardian.

### Additional hunt opportunities

Youth and recent hunter education graduates can take advantage of some additional hunt opportunities this year. A few sponsored hunts will be available during the upland game season. For more information, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/uplandyouth](http://wildlife.utah.gov/uplandyouth).

## HOW TO OBTAIN A TURKEY PERMIT

After you meet Utah's hunter education and license requirements (see page 7), you can apply for or obtain a wild turkey permit. You must have a turkey permit before you can hunt turkeys in Utah. This section provides information about the different types of turkey permits, the permit application process, bonus points and important dates for turkey hunters.

### Types of turkey permits

There are a variety of turkey permits available to hunters:

- Limited-entry permits
- General-season permits
- Conservation permits
- Landowner permits
- Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) permits
- Poaching-reported reward permits

No matter which permit you obtain, a few general rules apply.

Your turkey permit allows you to take one bearded turkey within the area and during the season specified on your permit. Most mature male turkeys have a beard, and about 20 percent of mature female turkeys have one too. Please see page 24 to learn what a beard looks like and where it's located on a turkey.

**If you obtain a turkey limited-entry permit, you may not purchase a general-season permit.** In most cases, you may obtain only one turkey permit each year. For exceptions, see *Conservation permits* on page 15.

You must carry the turkey permit on your person while you're hunting. You cannot alter your permit or transfer it to another person.

### Limited-entry permits

Turkey limited-entry permits are available through the state's turkey permit drawing.

You can enter the permit drawing by applying online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) during the turkey application period.

If you are successful in the drawing, your permit will authorize you to harvest a turkey on a specific limited-entry area, during the limited-entry season.

Fifteen percent of Utah's turkey limited-entry permits are reserved for hunters who are 15 years old and younger. For more information on this opportunity for youth, see the information box on page 15.

For more information on the limited-entry areas and the number of available permits, see page 38.

### Turkey application period

The 2013 turkey application period opens on Dec. 4 and closes on Dec. 23. Here's what you need to know in order to apply for a turkey limited-entry permit or a bonus point (see the column to the right for more information about bonus points):

- Before you can apply, you must have a valid Utah hunting or combination license. If you don't already have one of these licenses, you can buy one online when you apply.
- You can apply online at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) until 11 p.m. on Dec. 23.

If you need help with your online application, please call any Division office before 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013. A Division employee will be available to help you.

### Permit application fees

*Utah Code § 23-19-38 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-6*

There is a nonrefundable \$10 application fee when you apply for a turkey limited-entry permit or a bonus point.

The application fee will be charged to your credit or debit card when your application is processed. Permit fees are charged later if you are successful in the drawing. Your application can be voided if your credit or debit card is invalid or refused.

You can use American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA credit or debit cards as payment, and they must be valid through March 2014.

You can also use a prepaid credit card. For more information about prepaid credit cards, contact your financial institution.

### Remaining permits

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-14*

Starting Feb. 13, 2014 at 8 a.m., any remaining turkey limited-entry permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. If you purchase a remaining limited-entry permit, you will lose any bonus points you've accumulated.

### Waiting periods

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-25*

Waiting periods do not apply to turkey limited-entry permits.

### Bonus points

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-8*

A turkey bonus point system was started in 2000 to increase your chance of drawing a turkey limited-entry permit.

Here's a quick look at how your bonus points work in the drawing:

- Fifty percent of the permits for each limited-entry hunting unit are reserved for applicants who have the greatest number of bonus points.
- You receive a random drawing number for your current turkey application and a random drawing number for every turkey bonus point you have. Your lowest random number is then used in the drawing. (The lower your number, the better your chance at drawing a permit.)

How bonus points are earned:

- You receive a bonus point each time you're unsuccessful in the turkey drawing.
- If you don't plan to hunt a turkey during the upcoming season, you may apply for a bonus point only. Simply select the appropriate hunt choice code (TKY) on the application and pay the \$10 application fee.
- You may apply for either a turkey permit or a bonus point, but not both.

You cannot apply for or receive a bonus point if your hunting privileges are suspended for turkey or small game.

Once you draw a turkey limited-entry or CWMU permit—or obtain a remaining limited-entry permit—you lose any bonus points you've accumulated. You'll start earning bonus points again the next time you apply for a turkey permit and are unsuccessful in that year's drawing.

**Note:** You will not lose your bonus points if you purchase a turkey general-season permit.

### General-season permits

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-21*

The turkey general-season hunt will be held statewide from April 28–May 31, 2014.

General-season permits will be available beginning at 8 a.m. on Feb. 20, 2014 at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices.

You may obtain a turkey general-season permit if you meet the basic hunting requirements (see page 7), and you didn't obtain a turkey limited-entry permit for the 2014 season.

Young hunters who obtain turkey general-season permits will have the opportunity to participate in the youth hunt. For details, see the information box on page 15.

### Permit refunds

*Utah Code § 23-19-38 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-42*

The Division rarely issues refunds for licenses or permits, but there are some exceptions. To see if you're eligible for a refund, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/refund](http://wildlife.utah.gov/refund).

### Important dates for turkey hunters

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-25*

Please note the following dates if you want to obtain a turkey limited-entry permit or a turkey general-season permit.

**December 4: Apply online**

Starting Dec. 4, 2013, residents and nonresidents can apply for a turkey limited-entry permit or bonus point at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov). You can also apply by calling any Division office.

To apply for a resident permit, you must be a resident on the date the permit is purchased. January 23, 2014 is considered the purchase date. Please see the definition of “resident” on page 51.

When applying for a turkey limited-entry permit, you may select up to five hunt choices. Please list your hunt choices in order of preference.

You may not apply for a turkey limited-entry permit more than once each year.

Group applications are not accepted.

**December 23: Application deadline for permits and bonus points**

Your application for a turkey limited-entry permit or bonus point must be completed at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and submitted no later than 11 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013. For assistance with your online application, you can call any Division office until 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013. Please remember that you must have a hunting license or a combination license to apply for a permit or bonus point.

**December 23: Deadline to withdraw and resubmit your application**

Did you make a mistake in your online permit application? Simply withdraw your original online application and submit a new, corrected application before 11 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013.

In order to withdraw your application, you must have the confirmation number from your original application. You must also have your customer ID and your date of birth. For each new application you submit, you will be charged a \$10 application fee.

If you need help resubmitting your online application, please call any Division office before 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013.

**December 23: Deadline to withdraw your application**

If you decide not to hunt, you can withdraw your permit application online at no cost until 11 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013.

Please remember that the \$10 application fee is not refundable.

**January 23: Drawing results available**

You'll be notified of the turkey drawing results by email. Beginning Jan. 23, 2014, you can also learn the drawing results by visiting [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) or calling 1-800-221-0659.

**Note:** Drawing results are not final until the Division posts the results online or you receive an official notification email. If you draw a turkey limited-entry permit, you'll receive it in the mail by the middle of February.

Please be aware that if the debit card or credit card you used for payment is refused, the Division will attempt to contact you multiple times to obtain a valid card number. If you realize that your card number is no longer valid, please call 1-800-221-0659 to provide a different card number.

**February 13: Remaining limited-entry permits available**

Any limited-entry permits remaining after the drawing may be obtained beginning at 8 a.m. on Feb. 13, 2014 at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices.

Remaining limited-entry permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you purchase a remaining limited-entry permit, you will lose any bonus points you've accumulated.

You can find a list of participating license agents at [wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents](http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents). Please remember that license agents have different hours of operation. You should verify that an agent is open before you attempt to purchase a remaining permit.

**Opportunities for youth**

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-25 and R657-54-21*

If you're a young hunter, make sure you understand all of the opportunities you have to hunt and harvest a wild turkey.

**Limited-entry permits for youth**

Fifteen percent of Utah's turkey limited-entry permits have been set aside for young hunters.

If you'll be 15 years of age or younger on Jan. 23, 2014 (the day when results of the turkey drawing are available), you'll be automatically entered in the youth permit drawing when you apply for your permit.

With a turkey limited-entry permit, you can hunt only the region listed on your permit from April 12–24, 2014. You may not participate in the general-season, youth-only hunt with a limited-entry permit.

**February 20: General-season permits available**

You may obtain a turkey general-season permit beginning at 8 a.m. on Feb. 20, 2014. Permits are available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and from license agents and Division offices.

Please remember that license agents have different hours of operation. You should verify that an agent is open before you attempt to purchase a turkey general-season permit.

You can find a list of participating license agents at [wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents](http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents).

**Additional turkey permits**

In addition to limited-entry and general-season permits, other types of turkey permits are available.

**Conservation permits**

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-41*

You may obtain conservation permits in addition to any other turkey permit you've obtained.

**General-season permits and the youth-only hunt**

If you're a youth who obtains a turkey general-season permit, you can participate in Utah's Youth Turkey Hunt from April 25–27, 2014. (See page 39 for shooting hours.) This hunt will be restricted to youth who are 15 years of age or younger on Jan. 23, 2014.

No matter what turkey permit a youth obtains, an adult must accompany the young hunter in the field.

If you do not harvest a turkey during the youth hunt, you can continue to hunt during the turkey general season, which runs from April 28–May 31, 2014.

Please see page 7 of this guide for more information about the requirements adults must meet to accompany a youth.

Turkey conservation permits are available from nonprofit conservation organizations. The organizations usually sell the permits at fundraising banquets. A list of organizations selling conservation permits for Utah's 2014 turkey season will be available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) by late November 2013.

**Landowner permits**

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-4*

If you own land that supports turkeys in Utah, you may qualify for a landowner turkey permit.

An additional 20 percent of the permits in each of the state's five regions are reserved for landowners. These permits are a way to recognize landowners for maintaining and enhancing turkey habitat on private land and to encourage them to do so in the future.

If you're interested in obtaining a landowner permit, contact or visit the regional Division office in your area from Oct. 21–Nov. 14, 2013. Your application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2013. **Note:** You must apply at the office located within the same region as your property.

If you obtain a landowner permit, you are not eligible to purchase a general-season turkey permit.

Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified landowners. If any permits remain after Nov. 14, 2013, they will be added to the pool of permits available in the limited-entry permit drawing.

## Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit permits

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-37*

You can enjoy hunting turkeys on private property in Utah through the state's Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program. Here's how the CWMU program works:

Private lands can become CWMUs if the landowners work with the Division to manage the land for turkeys. Private landowners who own land that qualifies as a CWMU are given permits they can sell to hunters. In return, the landowners agree to allow an equal number of public hunters—those who obtain CWMU permits through the state's drawing—onto their CWMUs to hunt.

You can obtain a CWMU permit in one of two ways: you can either apply for one in the turkey drawing, or you can contact a CWMU operator directly to inquire about purchasing a permit.

Please see page 38 for the number of permits available through the turkey drawing this season and visit [wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU](http://wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU) for a list of CWMU operators.

For more information about obtaining a CWMU permit, contact the nearest Division office.

## Poaching-reported reward permits

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-20*

If you provide information that leads to the arrest and successful prosecution of a person who has illegally taken a turkey, you may be eligible to receive a permit from the Division to hunt turkeys the following year on the same limited-entry area where the violation occurred.

## Depredation hunts

When wild turkeys cause material damage to private property, the Division may hold hunts that are not listed in this guidebook. These hunts are called depredation hunts. They may occur on short notice, involve small areas and are often limited to only a few hunters.

To apply for the depredation hunter pool each year, you must visit [wildlife.utah.gov/depredation](http://wildlife.utah.gov/depredation) between July 1 and January 31 to complete and submit an online application.

## FIELD REQUIREMENTS

While hunting upland game or turkey in Utah, you should know the requirements for carrying and using firearms and archery tackle, the different hunting methods you may use and what you're required to do with any game you take.

### Firearms and archery tackle

Several rules apply to the types of firearms, archery tackle and ammunition that you may use to take upland game and turkeys in Utah.

### Weapon and ammunition requirements

*50 CFR 20.21, Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-6, R657-6-7 and R657-54-5*

Turkeys may be taken only with a bow and broadhead arrows, or a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge, firing shot that ranges in size from BB through no. 8.

Upland game may be taken with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge, a handgun or with archery equipment. Ammunition for shotguns and

handguns must be one-half ounce or more of shot that ranges in size from no. 2 through no. 8.

The only exceptions to these rules are the following:

- Sandhill crane may be taken only with nontoxic shot, but there's no restriction on the size of the nontoxic shot you may use (to learn more about nontoxic shot, please see the definition on page 51 of this guide).
- Migratory game birds (doves, pigeons and cranes) may not be taken with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells (one in the chamber and two in the magazine). Many shotguns can hold more than two shells in the magazine, but making these guns legal for dove, pigeon and crane hunting is easy. An inexpensive item, called a

### Are you allowed to possess a weapon?

It is illegal under Utah Code § 76-10-503 to possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader, archery tackle, or any other dangerous weapon if you:

- Have been convicted of or are under indictment for any felony offense;
- Are on probation or parole for a felony offense;
- Are on parole from a secure facility;
- Have been adjudicated delinquent (juvenile) in the last seven years of an offense, which if committed by an adult would have been a felony;
- Are an unlawful user of a controlled substance;
- Have been found not guilty by reason of insanity for a felony offense;
- Have been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a felony offense;

- Have been adjudicated mentally defective, as provided in the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act;
- Have been committed to a mental institution;
- Are an alien who is illegally in the United States;
- Have been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces; or
- Have renounced your United States citizenship.

The purchase or possession of any hunting license, permit, tag or certificate of registration from the Division does not authorize the holder to legally possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader, archery tackle or any other dangerous weapon while hunting if they are otherwise restricted from possessing these weapons under Utah Code § 76-10-503.

“shotgun plug,” comes with most shotguns, or you can purchase one at most sporting goods stores.

- Doves, pigeons and cranes may not be taken with a handgun.
- Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare may be taken with any firearm that is not capable of being fired fully automatic.

In addition to the requirements above, you may NOT use either of the following:

- A firearm capable of being fired fully automatic
- Any light-enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light

**Note:** Crossbows are not legal archery equipment for taking upland game.

### Loaded firearms in a vehicle

*Utah Code §§§§ 76-10-502, 76-10-504, 76-10-505 and 76-10-523*

You may not carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle unless you meet all of the following conditions:

- You own the vehicle or have permission from the vehicle’s owner.
- The firearm is a handgun.
- You are 18 years of age or older.

A pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun is considered to be loaded when there is an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile in the firing position.

Pistols and revolvers are also considered to be loaded when an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile is in a position whereby the manual operation of any mechanism once would cause the unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile to be fired.

A muzzleloading firearm is considered loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinders.

The firearm restrictions in this section do not apply to concealed firearm permit holders, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take wildlife.

## Areas with special restrictions

Although many areas are open to hunters, some areas are closed or have specific restrictions.

### Areas closed to upland game hunting

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-21*

You may not hunt upland game in any area posted closed by the Division or in any of the following areas:

- Salt Lake International Airport boundaries as posted.
- Many Utah towns, cities and incorporated municipalities have laws that restrict hunting and the discharge of firearms within city limits. Contact the city’s administrative office for specific laws and boundaries.
- Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge is closed to upland game hunting.
- The Goshen Warm Springs Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is closed to all hunting. (Other WMAs are open but have weapon and season restrictions. For detailed information, see page 29)
- Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

### Areas closed to turkey hunting

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-15*

You may not hunt wild turkeys in any area posted closed by the Division or in any of the following areas:

- Salt Lake International Airport boundaries as posted.
- Many Utah towns, cities and incorporated municipalities have laws that restrict hunting and the discharge of firearms within city limits. Contact the city’s administrative office for specific laws and boundaries.
- All state waterfowl management areas, except Brown’s Park and Stewart Lake.

- All national wildlife refuges, unless they have been declared open by the managing authority.
- Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

### State parks

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-11 and R651-614-4*

Hunting any wildlife is prohibited within the boundaries of all state park areas, except those designated open to hunting by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Utah Admin. Rule R651-614-4.

Hunting with rifles and handguns in park areas designated open to hunting is prohibited within one mile of all park facilities, including buildings, camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps and developed beaches.

Hunting with shotguns or archery tackle is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the above areas.

### Areas with motorized vehicle restrictions

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-14*

Motorized vehicle travel on all state wildlife management areas is restricted to county roads and improved roads that are posted open to vehicles.

### Areas where you cannot discharge a firearm

*Utah Code § 76-10-508*

You may not discharge a dangerous weapon or firearm under any of the following circumstances:

- From a vehicle
- From, upon or across any highway
- At power lines or signs
- At railroad equipment or facilities, including any sign or signal
- Within Utah state park camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps or developed beaches

• Without written permission from the owner or property manager, within 600 feet of:

- A house, dwelling or any other building
- Any structure in which a domestic animal is kept or fed, including a barn, poultry yard, corral, feeding pen or stockyard

## Trespassing

*Utah Code §§ 23-20-14 and 23-20-3.5*

While taking wildlife or engaging in wildlife-related activities, you may not—without permission—enter or remain on privately owned land that is:

- Cultivated
- Properly posted
- Fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders

In addition, you may not:

- Enter or remain on private land when directed not to do so by the owner or a person acting for the owner.
- Obstruct any entrance or exit to private property.

“Cultivated land” is land that is readily identifiable as land whose soil is loosened or broken up for the raising of crops, land used for the raising of crops, or a pasture that is artificially irrigated.

“Permission” means written authorization from the owner or person in charge to enter upon private land that is cultivated or properly posted. Permission must include all of the following details:

- The signature of the owner or person in charge
- The name of the person being given permission
- The appropriate dates
- A general description of the land

“Properly posted” means that signs prohibiting trespass—or bright yellow, bright orange or fluorescent paint—are clearly displayed at all corners, on fishing streams crossing property lines, and on roads, gates and rights-of-way en-

## Report banded or collared birds

The Division, Brigham Young University and Utah State University are conducting research on chukar partridge, doves, Gambel's quail, ring-necked pheasant and sage-grouse populations. Part of the study includes placing leg bands and radio collars on these species.

You may legally harvest banded or collared birds as long as you follow the regulations. If you take a chukar, dove, pheasant, quail or sage-grouse with a leg band or a radio collar, please report it at [wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame/birdband](http://wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame/birdband). We will need to know when and where you harvested the bird (GPS coordinates preferred) as well as the number on the leg band.

The Division thanks you in advance for helping with these research projects!

tering the land. Or, they are displayed in a manner that is visible to a person in the area.

You may not post private property you do not own or legally control or land that is open to the public as provided by Utah Code § 23-21-4. In addition, it is unlawful to take protected wildlife or its parts while trespassing in violation of Utah Code § 23-20-14.

You are guilty of a class B misdemeanor if you violate any provision described in this section. Your license, tag or permit privileges may also be suspended.

## Checkpoints and officer contacts

*Utah Code §§ 23-20-25 and 77-23-104*

To help the Division fulfill its responsibility as trustee and guardian of Utah's wildlife, Division conservation officers monitor the taking and possession of wildlife, and the required licenses, permits, firearms and equipment used for hunting. You should expect to encounter

conservation officers and biologists in the field and at checkpoints.

If you're contacted by a conservation officer, you must provide the officer with the items he or she requests, including any licenses and permits required for hunting, any devices used to participate in hunting and any game that you've taken. These contacts allow the Division to collect valuable information about upland game and turkeys in Utah.

## Hunters with disabilities

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-12*

Utah provides special hunting accommodations for people with disabilities. For a complete copy of these accommodations and what's required to qualify for them, please visit [wildlife.utah.gov/rules](http://wildlife.utah.gov/rules) or call any Division office.

## Hunting methods for upland game

Several rules apply to the methods you can use to hunt upland game in Utah.

### Baiting

*50 CFR 20.11 and 20.21 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-13*

Baiting is an illegal activity that involves the spreading of shelled, shucked or unshucked grain, feed or salt to lure, attract or entice birds to an area. You may not hunt upland game by baiting. You also cannot hunt on or over any baited area if you know, or reasonably should know, that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered to be a baited area for 10 days after the bait has been removed from the area, or for 10 days after the bait in the area has been eaten.

You can take any upland game—except sandhill crane—on or over lands or areas that have not been baited, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown (for example, a farmer shredding corn in a field and letting the corn remain where it fell).

In addition, you can take any upland game—including sandhill crane—on or over the following lands or areas as long as these areas have not been baited:

- standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation (for example, a farmer working his land after the harvest is over) or normal soil stabilization practice (for example, a farmer planting a cover crop to protect the soil during the winter);
- from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed;
- or standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.

### Using dogs to hunt

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-20*

Dogs may be used to locate and retrieve upland game during open hunting seasons. Dogs are not allowed on state wildlife management or waterfowl management areas except during open hunting seasons or as posted open by the Division.

### Live decoys and electronic calls

*50 CFR 20.21 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-22*

You may not take migratory game birds (doves, pigeons or cranes) with:

- the use or aid of live birds as decoys; or
- recorded or electronically amplified migratory game bird calls or sounds, or recorded

## Hunting dog field trials and training

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-46*

Many of today's hunting dog field trialers and trainers want to use game birds (waterfowl or upland game) in their dog-related pursuits.

Because game birds in Utah are classified as protected wildlife, rules and regulations govern their use in these activities.

If you want to use live game birds in dog field trials and training, you can pick up a copy of the rules at any Division office or find them at [wildlife.utah.gov/rules](http://wildlife.utah.gov/rules).

or electronically amplified imitations of migratory game bird calls or sounds.

## Spotlighting

*Utah Code §§ 23-20-3, 76-10-504, 76-10-523 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-24*

You may not use a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light to locate any protected wildlife while having in your possession a firearm or other weapon or device that could be used to take or injure protected wildlife.

The use of a spotlight or other artificial light in any area where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife. (Prima facie evidence means that if you're spotlighting, the burden of proof falls on you to prove that you were not attempting to locate protected wildlife.)

The provisions of this section do not apply to you under the following conditions:

- You are using the headlights of a motor vehicle or other artificial light in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.
- You are licensed to carry a concealed weapon, and you're not utilizing the concealed weapon to hunt or take wildlife.

## Participate in the turkey and upland game harvest surveys

After the upland game and turkey seasons end, the Division may ask you to participate in a harvest survey.

Although these surveys are not mandatory, we encourage you to complete them, even if you didn't harvest. The surveys help the Division evaluate population trends, gauge harvest success and collect other valuable information.

Both surveys are conducted online and by telephone.

## Falconry

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-12*

If you're interested in hunting upland game with a falcon, you must obtain a hunting or combination license and a falconry certificate of registration (COR). Falconers who are interested in hunting band-tailed pigeon, sage-grouse, sandhill crane, sharp-tailed grouse or white-tailed ptarmigan must also obtain a permit for the bird(s) they wish to hunt.

The areas open and the bag and possession limits for falconry are the same as those listed in the hunt table in this guide. The only differences are as follows:

- Falconers may take pheasants of either sex.
- Falconers may obtain a two-bird sage-grouse permit at any Division office from June 17–21, 2013. Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Falconers may obtain one additional two-bird sage-grouse permit beginning Aug. 27, 2013, if any sage-grouse permits are still available on that date.
- The daily bag limit for band-tailed pigeon is two birds, and the possession limit is six birds. The daily bag limit for mourning dove and white-winged dove is three birds and the possession limit is nine birds. If more than one of these bird species is in your

daily bag limit, you may keep a maximum combined total of three birds, which must be in one of the following combinations:

- Two band-tailed pigeons and one dove
- One band-tailed pigeon and two doves

Falconry season dates for upland game are as follows:

- All upland game—except band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove and white-winged dove—may be taken by falconry from Sept. 2, 2013 through Feb. 28, 2014 except in the following areas:
  - In Box Elder County, the season is Aug. 15, 2013 through Feb. 15, 2014.
  - In Salt Lake County, the season is Sept. 2, 2013 through March 31, 2014.
- Band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove and white-winged dove may be taken by falconry from Sept. 2, 2013 through Dec. 16, 2013.

For additional information, please see the Falconry Guidebook at [wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

## Hunting methods for turkey

Several rules apply to the methods that you may use to hunt turkeys in Utah.

### Baiting

*Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-10*

Baiting is an illegal activity that involves the spreading of shelled, shucked or unshucked grain, feed or salt to lure, attract or entice turkeys to an area. You may not hunt turkeys by baiting. You also cannot hunt on or over any baited area if you know, or reasonably should know, that the area is or has been baited. An area is considered to be a baited area for 10 days after the bait has been removed from the area, or for 10 days after the bait in the area has been eaten.

You can take turkey on lands or areas that have not been baited, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely

as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown. For example, a farmer shredding corn in a field and letting the corn remain where it fell.

## Using dogs to hunt

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-14*

Dogs may be used to locate and retrieve turkeys during open hunting seasons.

Dogs are not allowed on state wildlife management or waterfowl management areas except during open hunting seasons or as posted by the Division.

## Live decoys and electronic calls

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-9*

You may not use live decoys, recordings or tapes of turkey calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of turkey calls to take turkeys.

## Sitting or roosting turkeys

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-11*

You may not take any turkey that is sitting in a tree.

## Spotlighting

*Utah Code §§ 23-20-3, 76-10-504, 76-10-523 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-17*

You may not use a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light to locate any protected wildlife while having in your possession a firearm or other weapon or device that could be used to take or injure protected wildlife.

The use of a spotlight or other artificial light in any area where protected wildlife are generally found is prima facie evidence of attempting to locate protected wildlife. (Prima facie evidence means that if you're spotlighting, the burden of proof falls on you to prove that you were not attempting to locate protected wildlife.)

The provisions of this section do not apply to you under the following conditions:

- You are using the headlights of a motor vehicle or other artificial light in a usual

manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate protected wildlife.

- You are licensed to carry a concealed weapon, and you're not utilizing the concealed weapon to hunt or take wildlife.

## Falconry

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-54-8*

A falconer may not release a raptor on turkeys.

## Possession of upland game and turkey

Once you've harvested an upland game species or a wild turkey, several rules apply to the use of the game you've taken.

## Waste of upland game or turkey

*Utah Code § 23-20-8 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-18, R657-54-16 and R657-54-19*

You may not waste any upland game or turkey, or permit it to be wasted or spoiled. Waste means to abandon the game or to allow it to spoil or be used in a manner not normally associated with its beneficial use. For example, using the meat as fertilizer or for trapping bait is not considered a beneficial use of the meat.

In addition, you may not kill or cripple any upland game or turkey without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it. Any game you've wounded must be immediately killed and included in your bag limit.

## Tagging requirements

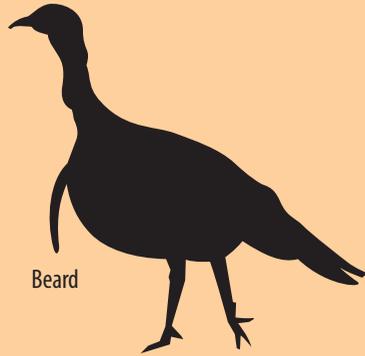
*Utah Code § 23-20-30 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-16 and R657-54-12*

You must tag the carcass of a sage-grouse, sandhill crane, sharp-tailed grouse or turkey before you leave the site of kill or move the carcass from the site of kill.

To tag a carcass, completely detach the tag from the permit and completely remove the appropriate notches to correspond with the date the bird was taken. Then attach the tag to the carcass so that the tag remains securely fastened and visible.

## What is a beard?

A cluster of hair-like feathers called a beard grows from the center of the chest on male turkeys. A small percentage of hens also grow a beard. The head and beard of a turkey must remain attached during transport to help conservation officers confirm the sex of the bird.



Your tag also includes a notch that indicates the sex of the bird. You are only required to remove this notch if you harvested a turkey.

You may not remove more than one notch indicating the date the bird was taken, or tag more than one carcass using the same tag. Also, you may not hunt or pursue sage-grouse, sandhill crane, sharp-tailed grouse or turkey after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from the permit.

## Identification of species and sex

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-17 and R657-54-13*

When you are transporting any upland game bird or migratory game bird, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird you've taken. Keeping the wing attached allows wildlife officers and biologists to determine the species and sex of each bird.

When you are transporting a turkey, the head and beard of the turkey must remain attached to the bird.

## Possession of live upland game

*50 CFR 20.38, Utah Code § 23-13-4 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-4 and R657-6-15*

A hunting license does not give you authority to possess live upland game. You must immediately kill any upland game you've wounded and include it in your bag limit.

## Donating and transporting upland game or turkey

*50 CFR 20.36, 20.37 and 20.40 and Utah Code § 23-20-9*

The following are the only places where you may donate, or give, upland game or turkey (or their parts) to another person:

- The residence of the donor
- The residence of the person receiving upland game, turkey or their parts
- A meat locker
- A storage plant
- A meat-processing facility

If you donate upland game or turkey, a written statement of donation must be kept with the upland game or turkey (or their parts). That statement must include all of the following information:

- The number and species of wildlife or parts donated
- The date of donation
- The license or permit number of the donor
- The signature of the donor

In addition to the information required above, if you're donating migratory game birds, or another person is transporting migratory game birds for you, the birds must be tagged with your address and the dates the birds were killed. You must also tag any migratory game birds that have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

## Shipping harvested migratory game birds

*50 CFR 20.53 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-23*

You may not ship migratory game birds (doves, pigeons or cranes) unless you possess a shipping permit. Shipping permits are available

from the Division offices listed on page 2. You must also write all of the following information on the outside of the package the birds are shipped in:

- Your name and address
- The name and address of the recipient
- The number and species of the birds contained in the package

## Exporting harvested upland game or turkey from Utah

*50 CFR 20.53 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-23 and R657-54-18*

You may only export harvested upland game or turkey (or their parts) from Utah if one of the following conditions applies:

- You harvested the upland game or turkey and possess a valid permit corresponding to the tag.
- If you're not the person who harvested the upland game or turkey, you must obtain a shipping permit from the Division.

## Importing harvested migratory game birds

*50 CFR 20.61–20.66*

For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds you've harvested in another state or country, consult the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66.

The following are some of the rules that apply:

- One fully feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the point of entry and your home or to a migratory bird preservation facility (i.e., a facility where birds are taken to be cleaned and prepared for the table).
- You may not import migratory game birds harvested in any foreign country, except Canada, unless the birds are dressed (except as required in CFR 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed.
- You may not import migratory game birds that belong to another person.

## Game bird breeders and hobbyists

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-4*

Many people in Utah possess live game birds (waterfowl and upland game) in captivity.

Some people raise the birds as a hobby, while others exhibit the animals or use them to train hunting dogs or falcons. Nearly all of these activities require a Certificate of Registration (COR), a document that allows you to legally possess and use game birds.

Because game birds in Utah are classified as protected wildlife, rules and regulations (R657-4) govern their possession and use. If you are interested in possessing or using live game birds—or in obtaining a COR—please review the rules carefully.

- Federal bag and possession limits apply, regardless of the number of states or provinces you may have hunted in during your trip. For example, if you hunt doves in two states, the total number of doves you take cannot exceed a single federal bag and possession limit. (For example, if the federal bag limit is 10 doves, and you take eight doves in the first state and then travel to another state and hunt the same day, you can take only two doves in the second state.)

## HUNTING RESPONSIBLY IN UTAH

Use courtesy and common sense wherever you hunt.

As a Utah hunter, you have your pick of great hunting spots.

You'll find vast stretches of public land and expanded access to private land—much of which is rich in wildlife. There are benefits to both types of areas, but where you hunt isn't nearly as important as how you hunt.

Whether you're on public or private property, please use common sense and basic courtesy as you travel, hunt and interact with others.

### Obey off-highway vehicle laws

Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are sometimes the best way to reach your favorite hunting areas. At the same time, you need to be considerate of other hunters and avoid disturbing wildlife and destroying wildlife habitat. You should always:

- Keep OHVs on existing, authorized roads and trails

### Utah's Walk-in Access program

The Walk-in Access (WIA) program provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to privately owned land, streams, rivers, ponds or reservoirs.

If you enjoy using the program and you are 14 years old or older, please remember that you must obtain a WIA authorization number in order to access any WIA properties.

The Division uses the numbers to track who's using WIA properties throughout the year and to assess the program's value to the public.

To obtain your free authorization number, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess](http://wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess). You can also call 1-800-221-0659 to obtain a number.

- Begin hunting only after parking your machine at a designated parking area.
- Know and follow the regulations for the property so you don't ruin another hunter's trip or anger a landowner
- Ride ethically to protect natural resources, wildlife habitat and your riding privileges
- Remember that it's illegal to carry loaded firearms on or shoot from an OHV
- Obey all of the age, helmet, out-of-state permit and registration regulations available at [stateparks.utah.gov/ohv](http://stateparks.utah.gov/ohv)

If you have general questions about riding an OHV in Utah, call 1-800-648-7433 or visit [stateparks.utah.gov/ohv](http://stateparks.utah.gov/ohv).

### Use caution near guzzlers and other water sources

Guzzlers are structures that provide water to wildlife in some of the state's driest regions. Along with other man-made and natural water sources, guzzlers play a critical role in sustaining Utah's upland game species.

If you're near a guzzler or other water source, you should:

- Avoid driving, so you protect the area's vegetation
- Watch wildlife from a distance and don't interrupt their patterns or routine use of the area
- Camp at a distance

Guzzlers and other water sources are vital resources for Utah wildlife, but animals won't visit them if you disrupt the area or destroy vegetation.

### Clean up after yourself

Pick up your spent shotgun shells and don't leave any garbage where you hunted—it's just common courtesy. This is especially important when you're hunting on private land.

Any trash, including scattered shotgun shells, candy wrappers and pop cans, can quickly change

### Safety tips for turkey hunters

To stay safe during the turkey hunt, follow the recommendations of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf):

- Select your calling spot in open timber rather than thick brush; turkeys are hesitant to walk into thick brush.
- Select a stump, tree trunk or rock—taller and wider than you are—to lean back against while calling; this will protect your back if another hunter moves in behind you.
- Eliminate the colors white, red, black and blue from your hunting outfit; these are the colors of most gobblers.

- Listen for the alarm cries of birds or squirrels; these sounds can alert you when another hunter begins moving into your area.
- When nearby songbirds or your turkey go suddenly silent, take a careful look around. There's a good chance another hunter is moving in on your bird.
- Never move, wave or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter to your location. Remain still and speak in a loud, clear voice to announce your presence.

For more information about hunting wild turkeys, visit the NWTf's website at [nwtf.org/new\\_hunting\\_tactics.html](http://nwtf.org/new_hunting_tactics.html).

a landowner's mind about allowing hunters on the property. You may even want to take a trash bag with you and spend a few minutes picking up trash that others left behind.

### Talk to landowners

Ask landowners for permission to access their land, keep up a friendly dialogue with them throughout the year and offer to help them maintain their properties. By helping a landowner with common tasks, such as hauling hay or repairing fences, you can usually obtain the access you need and often build a lasting friendship.

Except for Utah's Walk-In Access areas, you must obtain written permission to access private land in Utah.

A landowner permission card—one you can fill out and have the landowner sign—is available on the Division's website at [wildlife.utah.gov/law/permissioncard.html](http://wildlife.utah.gov/law/permissioncard.html).

### Never shoot at livestock or buildings

Always pay attention to what you're shooting at and what's behind it. Land and livestock owners have little patience for hunters who carelessly damage their property.

### Remember hunter ethics and safety

In addition to the common-sense items above, keep the following suggestions in mind:

- Wear hunter orange, especially during the opening weekends of the dove and pheasant hunts
- Don't flock shoot—pick one bird and shoot only at that bird
- Don't crowd other hunters—be respectful and give them plenty of space
- Don't shoot at birds in trees or birds that are sitting on power lines or fences

By hunting upland game responsibly, you're doing your part to keep Utah's public and private hunting properties safe, clean and accessible.

## PRAIRIE DOG HUNT CLOSURE STARTS APRIL 1

Check the calendar before making plans to hunt prairie dogs.

In Utah, prairie dog management is similar to other game management—there are “open” and “closed” seasons. This means that you cannot hunt prairie dogs during certain times of the year.

There are also two prairie dog populations that you cannot hunt under any circumstances. These populations include the white-tailed prairie dogs that live in northeastern Utah's Coyote Basin and all Utah prairie dogs (see map).

### Season closed April 1–June 16

From April 1 to June 16, prairie dog hunting is prohibited on all of Utah's public lands. This closure protects prairie dogs while they breed and raise their litters. It helps prairie dogs reproduce successfully and gives their young a better chance of survival. During this period, hunting is permitted on private lands.

After June 16, hunting is permitted only for white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dogs.

### Protected populations

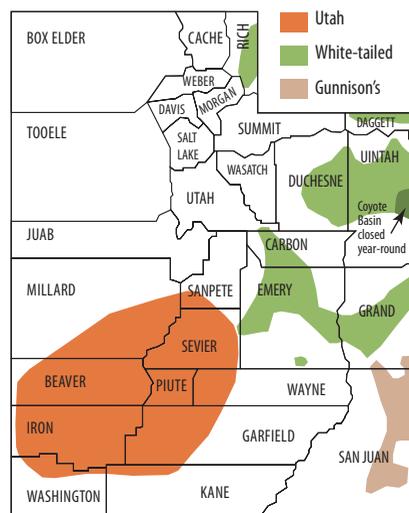
The white-tailed prairie dogs in Coyote Basin are protected and may not be hunted at any time during the year. These animals are the primary prey of black-footed ferrets, a federally protected species in the area. Similarly, the threatened Utah prairie dog is protected by the Endangered Species Act; it cannot be hunted at any time.

### Prairie dogs in Utah

Utah prairie dogs live in southwestern Utah; Gunnison's prairie dogs live east of the Colorado River; and white-tailed prairie dogs live in areas across the state.

All of these prairie dog species have suffered dramatic population declines over the past century. Some research suggests prairie dog populations have declined by as much as 98 percent since the late 1800s. Destruction and fragmentation of habitat is thought to be the greatest reason for this decline, although disease and drought have also contributed to the species' plight.

### Prairie dog ranges



## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA RULES

Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-8 and R657-6-9

Certain state wildlife and waterfowl management areas and national wildlife refuges are intensively managed for upland game and waterfowl production. As such, each area has restrictions on the use of firearms, archery tackle and ammunition. Please use the table below to help you understand the restrictions at each area you plan to hunt.

Wildlife Management Area or National Wildlife Refuge	May possess a firearm or archery tackle only during specified hunting seasons.*	May possess a firearm or archery tackle only during waterfowl hunting seasons.	May hunt upland game, only with a shotgun using nontoxic shot and only during waterfowl hunting seasons.
Bear River National Wildlife Refuge			X
Bear River Trenton Property Parcel	X		
Bicknell Bottoms		X	X
Blue Lake		X	X
Browns Park	X		X
Bud Phelps	X		
Castle Dale	X		
Clear Lake	X		X
Desert Lake	X		X
Farmington Bay		X	X
Harold S. Crane		X	X
Howard Slough		X	X
Huntington	X		
James Walter Fitzgerald	X		
Locomotive Springs	X		X
Mallard Springs	X		
Manti Meadows	X		X
Mills Meadows		X	X
Montes Creek	X		
Nephi	X		

\* Specified hunting seasons are authorized by the Utah Wildlife Board. You can find information about the hunting seasons in Utah's hunting and fishing guidebooks. These guidebooks are available from license agents and Division offices and at [wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

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Ogden Bay		X	X
Ouray National Wildlife Refuge			X
Pahvant	X		
Powell Slough		X	X
Public Shooting Grounds		X	X
Redmond Marsh	X		
Richfield	X		
Salt Creek		X	X
Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve	X		X
Stewart Lake	X		X
Timpie Springs		X	X
Vernal	X		
Willard Bay**	X		

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\*\* Weapons are restricted to only shotguns and archery tackle on the Willard Bay WMA.

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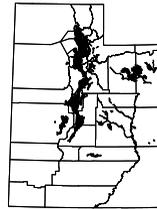
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## HUNT TABLES AND HABITAT MAPS



### Band-tailed pigeon

- **Season dates:** Sept. 2–Sept. 30, 2013
- **Falconry season dates:** Sept. 3–Dec. 16, 2013
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 2
- **Possession limit:** 6
- **Falconry bag limit:** 2
- **Falconry possession limit:** 6 (see page 22 for details)
- **Footnotes:** Requires a free permit in addition to your hunting license.

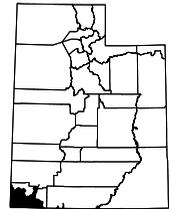


### California quail

### California and Gambel's quail

- **Season dates:** Nov. 2–Dec. 31, 2013
- **Youth hunt:** The youth hunt will occur on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. If you are a youth who will be 15 or younger on Oct. 12, you may participate in this hunt. You must be accompanied by an adult who is 21 or older. For more information, see page 11.

- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 5
- **Possession limit:** 15
- **Footnotes:** Limits singly or in combination. **No 8 a.m. restriction on opening morning.**



### Gambel's quail



### Chukar partridge

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28, 2013–Feb. 15, 2014
- **Youth hunt:** The youth hunt will occur on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013. If you are a youth who will be 15 or younger on Sept. 21, you may participate in this hunt. You must be accompanied by an adult who is 21 or older. For more information, see page 11.

- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 5
- **Possession limit:** 15
- **Footnotes:** Antelope Island is closed to upland game hunting.



### Cottontail rabbit (desert and mountain)

- **Season dates:** Sept. 2, 2013–Feb. 28, 2014
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 10
- **Possession limit:** 30

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Dusky grouse

**Dusky and ruffed grouse**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 2–Dec. 31, 2013
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 4
- **Possession limit:** 12
- **Footnotes:** Limits singly or in combination.



Ruffed grouse



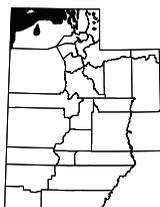
(Found statewide)

**Eurasian collared-dove**

- **Season dates:** Year round
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** No limit
- **Possession limit:** No limit
- **Footnotes:** Eurasian collared-doves may be hunted without a license, year round. Eurasian collared-doves taken during the dove season will not count as part of the combined dove bag and possession limits if they remain unplucked during transport.

**Gambel's quail**

- See "California and Gambel's quail" on page 31.

**Gray (Hungarian) partridge**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28, 2013–Feb. 15, 2014
- **Youth hunt:** The youth hunt will occur on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013. If you are a youth who will be 15 or younger on Sept. 21, you may participate in this hunt. You must be accompanied by an adult who is 21 or older. For more information, see page 11.
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 5
- **Possession limit:** 15

**Greater sage-grouse (Diamond, Blue Mountain)**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9000 Diamond, Blue Mountain—Daggett and Uintah counties—Boundary begins at US-40 and the Utah-Colorado state line; west on US-40 to Vernal and 500 West; north on 500 West to 500 North; west on 500 North to 3500 West (Dry Fork Canyon road); north on 3500 West to Dry Fork Canyon; northwest along Dry Fork Canyon to the Red Cloud Loop road; north and east along Red Cloud Loop to US-191; north on US-191 to the south shore of Flaming Gorge Reservoir; east along this shore to the Green River; southeast along the Green River to the Utah-Colorado state line; south along this state line to US-40.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.

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- **Footnotes:** Sage-grouse permit required. There are 119 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SAG** in your online application.

**Greater sage-grouse (Parker Mountain)**

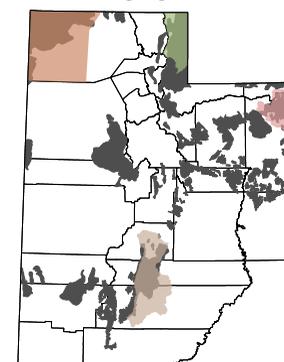
- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9001 Parker Mountain—Garfield, Piute, Sevier and Wayne counties—Boundary begins at the junction of SR-24 and I-70 near Sigurd; south on SR-24 to SR-62; south on SR-62 to SR-22; south on SR-22 to Antimony; south on John's Valley Road through Widtsoe to Bryce Junction and SR-12; east and north on SR-12 to SR-24; west on SR-24 to SR-72 at Loa; north on SR-72 to I-70; west on I-70 to SR-24.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sage-grouse permit required. There are 284 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SAG** in your online application.

**Greater sage-grouse (Rich County)**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9002 Rich County—All of Rich County.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sage-grouse permit required. There are 127 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SAG** in your online application.

**Greater sage-grouse (West Box Elder County)**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9003 West Box Elder—Box Elder County—That part of Box Elder County west of the following line: Line begins on the Utah-Idaho state line and the Locomotive Springs-Snowville-Stone, Idaho Road; south on this road to Locomotive Springs; then due south along an imaginary line (approximately 112° 50' 00" West Longitude) to the Box Elder-Tooele County line.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sage-grouse permit is required. There are 360 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SAG** in your online application.

**Greater sage-grouse**

- **Diamond, Blue Mountain**
- **Parker Mountain**
- **Rich County**
- **West Box Elder County**

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Black-tailed jackrabbit

**Jackrabbit (black-tailed and white-tailed)**

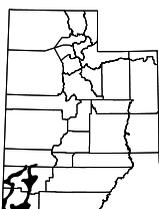
- **Season dates:** Year round
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** No limit
- **Possession limit:** No limit
- **Footnotes:** May be hunted without a license, year round.



White-tailed jackrabbit

Mourning dove  
(Found statewide)**Mourning dove and white-winged dove**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 2–Sept. 30, 2013
- **Falconry season dates:** Sept. 2–Dec. 16, 2013
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 10
- **Possession limit:** 30
- **Falconry bag limit:** 3

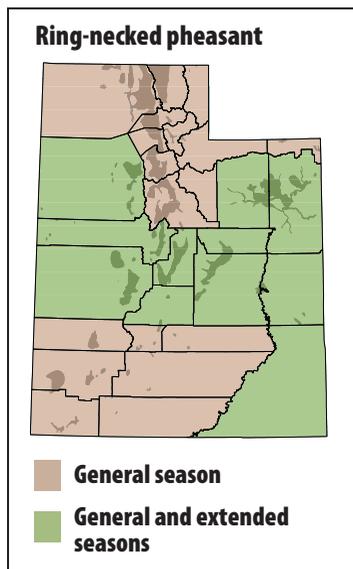


White-winged dove

- **Falconry possession limit:** 9 (see page 22 for details)
- **Footnotes:** Limits singly or in combination. Eurasian collared-doves should remain fully feathered so they can be distinguished from mourning and white-winged doves.

**Ring-necked pheasant (General season)**

- **Season dates:** Nov. 2–Nov. 17, 2013
- **Youth hunt:** The youth hunt will occur on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. If you are a youth who will be 15 or younger on Oct. 12, you may participate in this hunt. You must be accompanied by an adult who is 21 or older. For more information, see page 11.
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 2
- **Possession limit:** 6
- **Footnotes:** Only males may be harvested. **No 8 a.m. restriction on opening morning.** The Goshen Warm Springs WMA in Utah County is closed to all hunting.



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**Ring-necked pheasant (Extended season)**

- **Season dates:** Nov. 2–Dec. 1, 2013
- **Areas open:** **CAUTION: Not all counties are open for the extended season.** Only the following areas are open: All state and federal land in Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Tooele and Uintah counties (including private land leased by the Division subject to restrictions and closures imposed by administering agencies).
- **Bag limit:** 2
- **Possession limit:** 6
- **Footnotes:** Only males may be harvested. **No 8 a.m. restriction on opening morning.**

**Scaled quail**

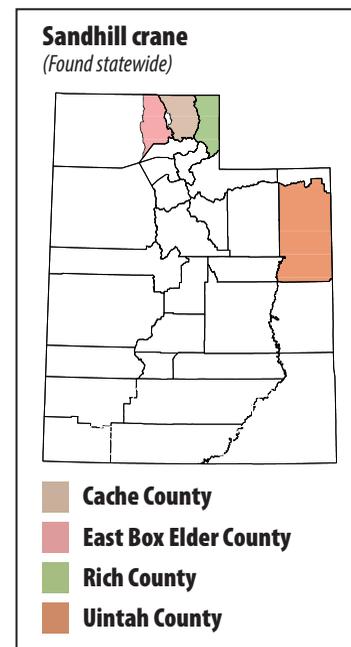
- **Season dates and bag limit:** Closed

**Sage-grouse**

- See "Greater sage-grouse" on page 33.

**Sandhill crane (East Box Elder County)**

- **Season dates:** Sept. 7–15, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9200. Beginning on the Utah-Idaho state line at the Box Elder-Cache county line; west on this state line to the Pocatello Valley county road; south on this county road to I-84; southeast on I-84 to SR-83; south on SR-83 to Lampo Junction and the Promontory Point county road; west and south on the Promontory Point county road to the tip of Promontory Point; south from Promontory Point to the Box Elder-Weber county line; east on this county line to the Box Elder-Cache county line; north on this county line to the Utah-Idaho state line.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 1 bird of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sandhill crane permit required. Harold Crane, Public Shooting Grounds and Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Areas are closed to sandhill crane hunting. Bear River National Wildlife Refuge is closed to sandhill crane hunting. There are 25 permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **CRA** in your online application.



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### Sandhill crane (Cache County)

- **Season dates:** Sept. 7–15, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9201. All of Cache County, excluding the area beginning at SR-30 and the Box Elder-Cache county line; south and east along this county line to US-91; north and east on US-91 to the Little Bear River; north along the Little Bear River to SR-30; west on SR-30 to the Box Elder-Cache county line.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 1 bird of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sandhill crane permit required. There are 25 permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **CRA** in your online application.

### Sandhill crane (Rich County)

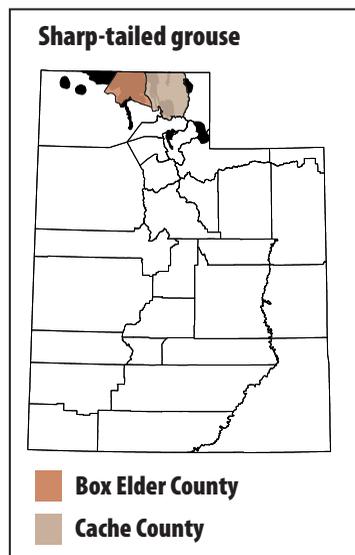
- **Season dates:** Sept. 7–15, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9202. All of Rich County.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 1 bird of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sandhill crane permit required. There are 10 permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **CRA** in your online application.

### Sandhill crane (Uintah County)

- **Season dates:** Sept. 21–29, 2013 (early), Oct. 1–9, 2013 (middle) and Oct. 12–20, 2013 (late)
- **Areas open:** Hunts #9203, #9204 and #9205. All of Uintah County.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 1 bird of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sandhill crane permit required. There are 25 permits available for each hunt. To apply for a preference point, use the code **CRA** in your online application.

### Sharp-tailed grouse (Box Elder County)

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9100 Box Elder County. Beginning at I-15 and SR-83; west on SR-83 to Lampo Junction and the Union Pacific-Central Pacific Railroad grade; west along this grade to Locomotive Springs; north on the Locomotive Springs-Snowville-Stone, Idaho road to the Utah-Idaho state line; east on this state line to I-15; south on I-15 to SR-83.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sharp-tailed grouse permit required. **This hunt is comprised of all or largely private property.** Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before obtaining a



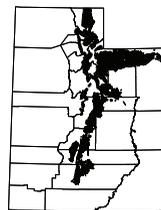
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permit for this hunt. There are 185 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SHA** in your online application.

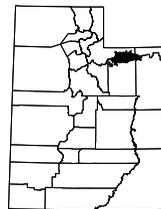
### Sharp-tailed grouse (Cache County)

- **Season dates:** Sept. 28–Oct. 20, 2013
- **Areas open:** Hunt #9101 Cache County. Beginning on the Utah-Idaho state line and I-15; south on I-15 to US-89/91 at Brigham City; northeast on US-89/91 to the Box Elder-Cache county line; south on this county line to the Cache-Weber county line; east on this county line to the Cache-Rich county line; north on this county line to the Utah-Idaho state line; west along the Utah-Idaho state line to I-15.\*
- **Possession limit:** Only 2 birds of either sex may be taken during the entire season.
- **Footnotes:** Sharp-tailed grouse permit required. **This hunt is comprised of all or largely private property.** Hunters should acquire written permission from the landowner before obtaining a permit for this hunt. There are 59 two-bird permits available. To apply for a preference point, use the code **SHA** in your online application.



### Snowshoe hare

- **Season dates:** Sept. 2, 2013–March 15, 2014
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 5
- **Possession limit:** 15



### White-tailed ptarmigan

- **Season dates:** Aug. 24–Oct. 31, 2013
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 4
- **Possession limit:** 12
- **Footnotes:** Requires a free permit in addition to a hunting license.

### White-winged dove

• See "Mourning dove and white-winged dove" on page 34.

### Wild turkey (Youth and general season hunts)

- **Season dates:** April 25–27, 2014 for youth-only hunts and April 28–May 31, 2014 for general-season hunts
- **Areas open:** Statewide.\*
- **Bag limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Possession limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Footnotes:** General-season permits may be purchased over the counter. See page 13 for more information.

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## Wild turkey (Limited-entry hunts)

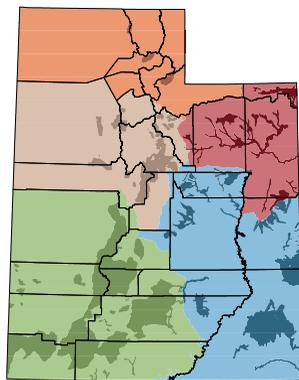
- **Season dates:** April 12–April 24, 2014
- **Areas open:** Central (#9300), Northeastern (#9301), Northern (#9302), Southeastern (#9303) and Southern (#9304) regions.\* Boundary maps are available online at [wildlife.utah.gov/maps](http://wildlife.utah.gov/maps).
- **Bag limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Possession limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Footnotes:** The limited-entry hunt requires a permit distributed through Utah's turkey drawing. See page 12 for more information. To apply for a preference point, use the code **TKY** in your online application. Permit numbers are as follows:
  - Central Region: 500 permits
  - Northeastern Region: 250 permits
  - Northern Region: 400 permits
  - Southeastern Region: 250 permits
  - Southern Region: 1,100 permits

## Wild turkey (CWMU hunts)

- **Season dates:** The CWMU operator establishes the number of hunting days within the timeframe established by the Utah Wildlife Board for turkey hunting on CWMUs, April 12–May 31, 2014.
- **Areas open:** Broadmouth (#9500), Deer Creek (#9501), Folley Ridge (#9502), Missouri Flat (#9503) and New Harmony (#9504). Visit [wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU](http://wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU) for maps and contact information.
- **Bag limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Possession limit:** 1 bearded turkey
- **Footnotes:** Permit numbers are as follows:
  - Broadmouth CWMU: 1 permit
  - Deer Creek CWMU: 4 permits
  - Folley Ridge CWMU: 5 permits
  - Missouri Flat CWMU: 10 permits
  - New Harmony CWMU: 3 permits

### Wild turkey

(Colors show limited-entry hunt boundaries)



- **Northern Region**
- **Central Region**
- **Northeastern Region**
- **Southern Region**
- **Southeastern Region**

# SHOOTING HOURS

Utah Admin. Rules R657-6-10

Shooting hours for all upland game species begin 30 minutes before official sunrise.

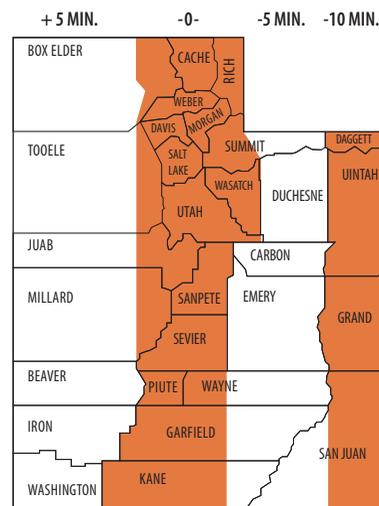
Shooting hours end at different times, depending on the species you're hunting:

- For pigeon, dove and crane, shooting hours end at official sunset.
- For turkey and for all other upland game species, shooting hours end 30 minutes after official sunset.

Official sunrise and sunset times are different, depending on the day and your location. Please consult the table at the right and the time zone map below to learn the differences. You must also follow one other shooting-hour rule:

- You may not discharge a firearm on state-owned lands adjacent to the Great Salt Lake, on state waterfowl management areas or on federal refuges after official sunset or sooner than 30 minutes before official sunrise.

## Time zone map



## Official sunrise and sunset

DATE	August 2013		September 2013	
	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.
1			6:55	7:59
2			6:56	7:57
3			6:57	7:56
4			6:58	7:54
5			6:59	7:52
6			7:00	7:51
7			7:01	7:49
8			7:02	7:47
9			7:03	7:46
10			7:04	7:44
11			7:05	7:42
12			7:06	7:41
13			7:07	7:39
14			7:08	7:37
15			7:09	7:35
16			7:10	7:34
17			7:11	7:32
18			7:12	7:30
19			7:13	7:29
20			7:14	7:27
21			7:15	7:25
22			7:16	7:24
23			7:17	7:22
24	6:47	8:11	7:18	7:20
25	6:48	8:10	7:19	7:19
26	6:49	8:08	7:20	7:17
27	6:50	8:07	7:21	7:15
28	6:51	8:05	7:22	7:14
29	6:52	8:04	7:23	7:12
30	6:53	8:02	7:24	7:10
31	6:54	8:00		

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DATE	October 2013		November 2013		December 2013		January 2014	
	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.	Sunrise A.M.	Sunset P.M.
1	7:25	7:09	7:59	6:23	7:33	5:00	7:52	5:11
2	7:26	7:07	8:00	6:22	7:34	5:00	7:52	5:12
3	7:27	7:05	7:01	5:21	7:35	5:00	7:52	5:13
4	7:28	7:04	7:02	5:20	7:36	5:00	7:52	5:13
5	7:29	7:02	7:03	5:18	7:37	5:00	7:52	5:14
6	7:30	7:00	7:04	5:17	7:38	5:00	7:52	5:15
7	7:31	6:59	7:06	5:16	7:39	5:00	7:52	5:16
8	7:32	6:57	7:07	5:15	7:39	5:00	7:52	5:17
9	7:33	6:56	7:08	5:14	7:40	5:00	7:51	5:18
10	7:34	6:54	7:09	5:13	7:41	5:00	7:51	5:19
11	7:35	6:52	7:10	5:12	7:42	5:00	7:51	5:20
12	7:36	6:51	7:12	5:11	7:43	5:00	7:51	5:22
13	7:37	6:49	7:13	5:11	7:44	5:00	7:50	5:23
14	7:38	6:48	7:14	5:10	7:44	5:01	7:50	5:24
15	7:39	6:46	7:15	5:09	7:45	5:01	7:49	5:25
16	7:40	6:45	7:16	5:08	7:46	5:01	7:49	5:26
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30	7:56	6:25	7:32	5:01	7:51	5:09	7:39	5:43
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DATE	February 2014		March 2014		April 2014		May 2014	
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## SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

### Dusky grouse

Weight: up to 3.5 pounds

Length: Male, 21 inches; Female, 18 inches

The dusky grouse, *Dendragapus obscurus*, is also known as the blue grouse, pine hen, pine grouse, and fool hen. This bird is dark gray to blackish with mottled brown on the wings.

The under parts are pale bluish-gray marked with white on the sides of the neck and flanks. The tail is dark gray with a broad, light gray terminal band. Open stands of conifer or aspen with an understory of brush are the preferred habitat. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



### Ruffed grouse

Weight: 1–1.75 pounds

Length: 16–19 inches

The ruffed grouse, *Bonasa umbellus*, is also known as the willow grouse. This bird is brown or gray in appearance and the feathers on the head may be raised to form a crest. The sub-terminal band on the tail is often black or brown. Ideal habitat for these birds includes thickets of aspen, alder, willow, maple, and other deciduous shrubs and trees interspersed with conifers. May be heard “drumming” in the spring. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



### Greater sage-grouse

Weight: Male, up to 7 pounds; Female, less than 3 pounds

Length: Male, 25–30 inches; Female, 20 inches

The greater sage-grouse, *Centrocercus urophasianus*, is also known as the sage-hen or sage-chicken. It is the largest North American grouse species. It is a grayish-brown bird with a dark belly and long, pointed tail feathers. The throat of the male is black, bordered with white at the rear. Yellow air sacs, covered with short, stiff, scale-like white feathers, are found on each side of the neck. The female has the same general appearance but lacks the air sacs and white collar and sides. These birds inhabit sagebrush plains, foothills and mountain valleys. Where there is no sagebrush, there are no sage-grouse. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates, and special permit requirements.



### Sharp-tailed grouse

Weight: 1.5–1.75 pounds

Length: 20 inches

The sharp-tailed grouse, *Tympanuchus phasianellus*, is also known as the pin-tailed grouse. Both sexes are grayish-brown with black and buff markings. White spots on the primary wing feathers and the barred pattern of the wing are distinctive features. The undersides of the wings are buff-white, whereas the belly and under parts of the tail are white. Bunchgrass areas of the foothills and benches interspersed with deciduous shrubs are the preferred habitat. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates, and special permit requirements.



### White-tailed ptarmigan

Weight: 12-15 ounces

Length: 12-15 inches

The white-tailed ptarmigan, *Lagopus leucurus*, is also known as the snow quail. This bird is pure white in the winter, and in the summer it has a mottled brown head, breast, and back with white wings, belly, and tail. This is an alpine species, a permanent resident of the high mountains above timberline, and is associated with willow drainage. This species was introduced into the Uinta Mountains in 1976. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates, and special permit requirements.



### Wild turkey

Weight: Male, up to 18 pounds; Female, less than 10 pounds

Length: Male, 48 inches; Female, 36 inches

The wild turkey, *Meleagris gallopavo*, is a large dark colored bird that is expanding its range within Utah. There are two sub-species of wild turkey in Utah, the Merriam's wild turkey and the Rio Grande wild turkey. Merriam's were first introduced to Utah in 1952 and Rio Grande in 1984. Wild turkeys inhabit high elevation ponderosa pine forests, oak tree forests, cottonwood tree bottoms, and pinyon/juniper habitats. Adult males are called Toms or gobblers, one year old males are called Jakes, adult females are called hens, and one year old females are called Jennies. Chicks are called poult. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates, and special permit requirements.



## Chukar partridge

Weight: up to 1.25 pounds

Length: 14–15 inches

The chukar partridge, *Alectoris chukar*, is also known as the chukar and the Indian chukar. Sexes are similar and have buff-gray backs and wings with gray-tinged cap, breast and rump. The bill, legs and feet are red. Chukars prefer steep, rocky, semi-arid slopes. Low shrubs and rocky outcrops provide loafing or escape cover. Rabbit-brush, sagebrush, saltbush, and cheat grass below the juniper tree belt seem to be preferred. The chukar is a native of the Middle East and Southern Asia. Efforts to establish this species in Utah began in 1951. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



## Gray (Hungarian) partridge

Weight: 12–13 ounces

Length: 12–14 inches

The gray partridge, *Perdix perdix*, is also known as the Hungarian partridge, hun or European partridge. Gray is the predominant color, with the tail feathers a reddish-brown and very conspicuous in flight. It is generally found in grassland or mixed sage and grass adjacent to cultivated lands. It occupies open rangeland in some high mountain valleys. The gray partridge is a native of eastern Europe and western Asia. Present populations in northern and western Utah probably resulted from established populations in Idaho and Nevada. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.

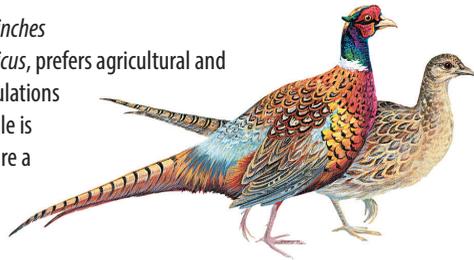


## Ring-necked pheasant

Weight: Male, up to 3 pounds

Length: Male, 25–34 inches, tail may exceed 20 inches

The ring-necked pheasant, *Phasianus colchicus*, prefers agricultural and grain-producing regions. In Utah, the best populations are found in irrigated areas. Plumage of the male is gaudy and brilliant. Prominent characteristics are a greenish-blue head, a white ring around the neck, a pale bluish rump patch, and a long, pointed tail barred with black. Coloration of the female is drab, including a mottled blend of browns with buff and dusky markings. The ring-necked pheasant is a native of eastern Asia. It was first introduced to Utah in about 1890. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.

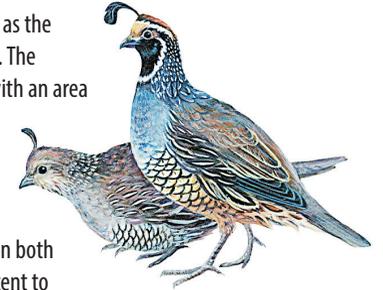


## California quail

Weight: 6–7 ounces

Length: 9–11.5 inches

The California quail, *Callipepla californica*, is also known as the valley quail. Males are olive gray with a grayish-blue breast. The buff-colored belly has a scaled appearance and is marked with an area of deep chestnut. The black throat and face are bordered with white. The most conspicuous characteristic is a short black plume that curves forward from the crown of the head. The female is more olive-brown, has a shorter brownish plume and lacks the male's distinctive markings on both the breast and face. This species inhabits brushy areas adjacent to cultivated lands, particularly along streams. They are often associated with urban areas and can be seen in backyards and neighborhoods. They were first introduced to Utah in 1869. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



## Gambel's quail

Weight: 6–7 ounces

Length: 9–11.5 inches

The Gambel's quail, *Callipepla gambelii*, is similar to the California quail in size, shape, and coloration. The two can be distinguished by the reddish-brown crown and sides of the Gambel's quail. Males have a black throat and face that are bordered with white. The most conspicuous characteristic is a short black plume that curves forward from the crown of the head. The female is more olive-brown, has a shorter brownish plume and lacks the male's distinctive markings on both the breast and face. This bird inhabits brushy thickets of the Mohave Desert areas of Southern Utah. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



## Scaled quail

Weight: 6–7 ounces

Length: 10–12 inches

The Scaled quail, *Callipepla squamata*, is only occasionally seen in south-eastern Utah, in the Four Corners area. Southern Utah is just north of this species' range. The most distinguishing feature is the scaled breast, neck and nape, and the lack of a plume on the head (as seen in other Utah quail species). The head is topped with a white-tipped crest. Sexes are similar. The quail is native to the southwest desert grasslands, primarily the Chihuahuan Desert grasslands and the southern Great Plains. This species is closed to hunting in Utah.



## Sandhill crane

Weight: up to 11 pounds

Length: 46 inches

The sandhill crane, *Grus canadensis*, is a large bird with long legs and neck. They are gray with a shade of brown. They fly with a straight neck and legs straight behind. This bird has a very distinctive voice that is a loud, wooden-sounding bugle with a rolling quality. It is often seen in agricultural fields, and it winters in marshes or farmlands. Cranes can be found in large numbers at a few habitual gathering places. This bird is sometimes confused with the great blue heron; the great blue heron flies with the neck in an S-shape, is smaller, and has a more blue-gray appearance. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates and special permit requirements.



## Cottontail rabbit (desert and mountain)

Weight: 2-3 pounds

Length: 16 inches

There are two cottontail rabbit species in Utah, the desert cottontail, *Sylvilagus audubonii*, and the mountain cottontail, *Sylvilagus nuttalli*. They are grayish or brownish on the back and sides with white bellies and the distinctive white cotton tail. These species are widely distributed across Utah, from the desert areas up to the lower slopes of the mountains. Generally, desert cottontails occupy areas below 6,000 feet in elevation and mountain cottontails above 6,000 feet. Cottontails have relatively small ears. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt these species.

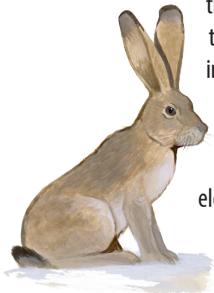


## Jackrabbit (black-tailed and white-tailed)

Weight: 7-9 pounds

Length: 24-26 inches

There are two jackrabbit species in Utah, the black-tailed jackrabbit, *Lepus californicus*, and the white-tailed jackrabbit, *Lepus townsendii*. Both species have long ears that can be up to 7 inches long. The black-tailed jackrabbit is brownish gray with black on the rump and on top of the tail; it stays that color year round. They are found in the brushlands of the foothills, lower valleys, and deserts. The white-tailed jackrabbit is light brownish gray in the summer with a completely white tail, and inhabits open areas in higher elevations. In the winter this species turns white, similar to the snowshoe hare. This species is bigger than snowshoe hares and has longer ears. Hunting for these two species is year round, statewide, and does not require any license.



## Snowshoe hare

Weight: 3-4 pounds

Length: 14 inches

The snowshoe hare, *Lepus americanus*, have large hind feet for their size. This species has short ears, 3-4 inches long. Snowshoe hares are dark brownish gray in the summer; the tail is brown on top and dusky beneath. They inhabit coniferous forests, interspersed with thickets of aspen, alder, and willow at higher mountain elevations. In the winter this species turns completely white, except the black tips on each ear. Snowshoes are smaller, have shorter ears, and relatively larger hind feet than white-tailed jackrabbits. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



## RABBIT THAT MAY NOT BE HUNTED

### Pygmy rabbit

Weight: Less than 1 pound

Length: 10 inches

Pygmy rabbits, *Brachylagus idahoensis*, are the smallest rabbits in North America — half the size of the cottontail rabbits. Pygmy rabbits have a uniformly brown tail; they lack the distinctive white tail of the cottontail rabbits. They may appear tailless. They are grayish or brownish on the back, sides and tail. They prefer sagebrush habitats with deep soils, usually taller and thicker sagebrush. Hunters are most likely to run into pygmy rabbits in the northern and western half of Utah in sagebrush.

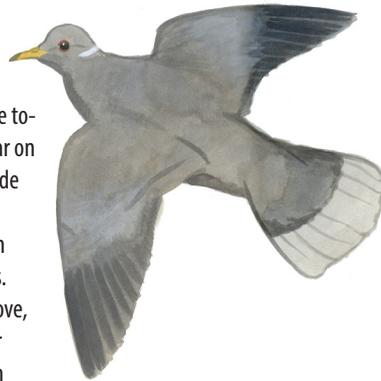


## Band-tailed pigeon

Weight: 11-12 ounces

Length: 12-16 inches

The band-tailed pigeon, *Columbia fasciata*, is also known as the white-collared pigeon. The head, neck, breast, and underparts are a purplish-gray fading to white towards the vent. A narrow white crescent forms a half collar on the nape of the neck. The upper tail is dark gray with a wide pale gray terminal band. The bill and feet are yellow. This bird is migratory and inhabits coniferous forests. The main concentration areas for Utah are the southern pine forests. They are similar in appearance to the Eurasian collared-dove, but differ in their habitats, and in their feet, bill and collar color. See guidebook hunt tables for current limits, season dates, and special permit requirements.

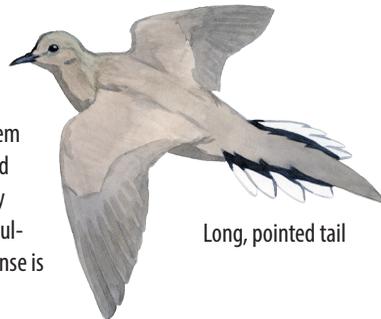


## Mourning dove

Weight: 4-5 ounces

Length: 11-13 inches

Mourning doves, *Zenaida macroura*, are slightly smaller than white-winged doves. Mourning doves may fly with white-winged doves, but you can identify them by their more rapid wing beat, more erratic flight path, and especially the pointed tail. This species eats almost entirely seeds, preferring open fields, sunflower patches, and agricultural areas near water. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



Long, pointed tail

## White-winged dove

Weight: 4-6 ounces

Length: 11-13 inches

Larger than a mourning dove, the white-winged dove, *Zenaida asiatica*, has a long, moderately rounded tail. It also has a white bar on its upper wing surface with dark primary wing feathers. This species uses similar habitats to the mourning dove, but is less common in Utah, only occurring in the southwest part of the state during the summer months and early fall. A valid hunting or combination license is required to hunt this species.



White wing patch

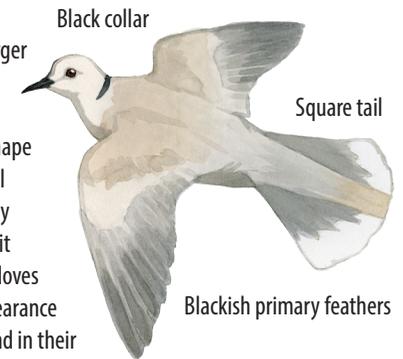
## Eurasian collared-dove

Weight: 6-8 ounces

Length: 12-14 inches

Eurasian collared-doves, *Streptopelia decaocto*, are larger than both the native white-winged and mourning doves; and are most often associated with suburban areas. A narrow black crescent forms a half collar on the nape of the neck; it has pale gray coloration, broad rounded tail with white tips, black bill, orange feet, and darker primary feathers. Introduced from Europe to Florida in the 1970s, it quickly spread across the southern states to Utah. These doves are rapidly expanding their range in Utah. Similar in appearance to the band-tailed pigeon, they differ in their habitats, and in their feet, bill and collar color.

If you harvest Eurasian collared-doves while dove hunting, leave them unplucked during transport so they can be distinguished from mourning and white-winged doves. Eurasian collared-doves will not count as part of your combined bag limit of mourning or white-winged doves as long as they are identifiable. Hunting for this species is year round, statewide, and does not require any license.



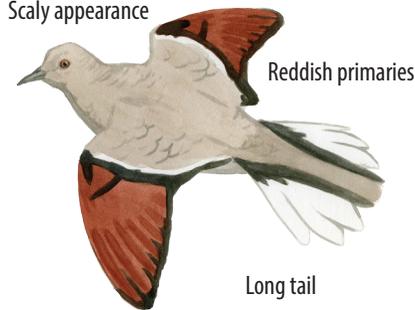
Black collar

Square tail

Blackish primary feathers

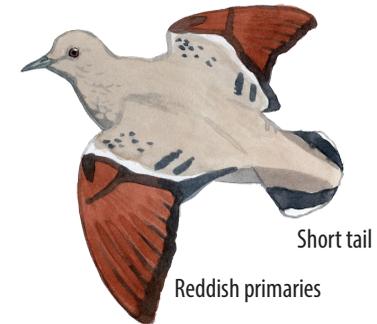
## DOVES THAT MAY NOT BE HUNTED

Scaly appearance



Reddish primaries

Long tail



Short tail

Reddish primaries

## Inca dove

Both Inca and ground doves are small birds approximately half the size of a mourning dove. Both are gray and fly close to the ground with rapid wingbeats. The Inca has a scaly appearance and a long tail with white margins. The ground dove has a short, round, dark tail. Hunters are most likely to encounter these birds in southern Utah.

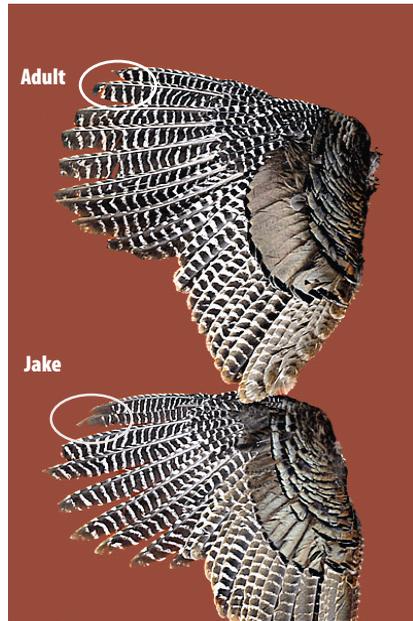
## Ground dove

## DETERMINING A SPRING TURKEY'S AGE

Juveniles, or jakes (sub-adult male turkeys less than one year old), can be distinguished from adult gobblers by the coloration (barring) on their wings, the length of their beards and spurs and the shape of their tail feathers.

### Wings

Adults have white barring to the tips of the two outermost wing feathers. These bars are absent at the tips of jakes' two outermost wing feathers. Also, the tips of the adults' two outermost feathers are more rounded than the tips of jakes' two outermost feathers.



### Tail feathers

Adults' tail feathers are all one length. The central tail feathers on a jake are longer than the rest of the tail feathers.



### Beards and spurs

Turkeys' beards (top) and spurs (bottom) become longer as turkeys age.



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## DEFINITIONS

50 CFR 20.11, Utah Code § 23-13-2 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-2

**Bag limit** means the maximum limit, in number or amount, of protected wildlife that one person may legally take during one day.

**Bait** means shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed that lures, attracts or entices birds.

**Baited area** means any area on which shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered, if that shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take birds. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed.

**Baiting** means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for birds to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

**Certificate of registration** means a document issued under the Wildlife Resources Code, or any rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board granting authority to engage in activities not covered by a license, permit, or tag.

**CFR** means the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit** means a generally contiguous area of land open for hunting small game, waterfowl or big game, which is registered in accordance with the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

**Falconry** means the sport of taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

**HIP** means Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program.

**Hunting** means to take or pursue a reptile, amphibian, bird or mammal by any means.

**Limited-entry hunt** means any hunt listed in the hunt tables of this guide.

**Limited-entry permit** means any permit obtained for a limited-entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits and sportsman permits.

**Migratory game bird** means, for purposes of this guidebook, band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove and sandhill crane.

**Nonresident** means a person who does not qualify as a resident.

**Nontoxic shot** means soft iron, steel, copper-plated steel, nickel-plated steel, zinc-plated steel, bismuth, tungsten and any other shot types approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Lead, nickel-plated lead, copper-plated lead, copper and lead/copper alloy shot have not been approved.

**Permit** means a document, including a stamp, which grants authority to engage in specified activities under the Wildlife Resources Code or a rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board.

**Possession** means actual or constructive possession.

**Possession limit** means the number of bag limits one individual may legally possess.

**Resident** means a person who:

- has a fixed permanent home and principal establishment in Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or permit, AND
- DOES NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

An individual retains Utah residency if he or she leaves Utah to serve in the armed forces of the United States, or for religious or educational purposes, and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

Members of the armed forces of the United States and dependents are residents as of the date the member reports for duty under assigned orders in Utah if:

- the member is NOT on temporary duty in Utah and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.
- the member presents a copy of his or her assignment orders to a Division office to verify the member's qualification as a resident.

A nonresident attending an institution of higher learning in Utah as a full-time student may qualify as a resident if the student has been present in Utah for 60 consecutive days immediately preceding the purchase of the license or permit and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

A Utah resident license or permit is invalid if a resident license for hunting, fishing or trapping is purchased in any other state or country. An individual DOES NOT qualify as a resident if he or she is an absentee landowner paying property tax on land in Utah.

**Tag** means a card, label or other identification device issued for attachment to the carcass of protected wildlife.

**Take** means to hunt, pursue, harass, catch, capture, possess, angle, seine, trap or kill any protected wildlife; or attempt any action referred to above.

**Transport** means to ship, carry, export, import, receive or deliver for shipment, conveyance, carriage, exportation or importation.

**Upland game** means pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, Hungarian partridge, sage-grouse, ruffed grouse, dusky grouse, sharp-tailed grouse,

cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, white-tailed ptarmigan, and the following migratory game birds: band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove and sandhill crane.

**Waste** means to abandon protected wildlife or to allow protected wildlife to spoil or to be used in a manner not normally associated with its beneficial use.

**Youth (turkey hunting)** means a person who will be 15 years of age or younger on the day when the results of the turkey drawing are posted.

**Youth (upland game hunting)** means a person who will be 15 years of age or younger on either the date of the youth hunt or the date of the hunt opener, as listed in the hunt tables that begin on page 31.