

IOWA NONRESIDENT TURKEY GUIDE

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This is intended as a user guide that can be easily downloaded for reference. For more complete information, please see the 2012 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and/or contact a conservation officer in the area you intend to hunt.

Conservation officers will be verifying that deer and turkeys harvested are reported to the DNR using the harvest reporting system. This information is vital for managing deer and turkey numbers.

To obtain a nonresident turkey license in Iowa you must be selected from a random drawing or purchase an excess tag if quotas allow. Preference points can be purchased for \$50 dollars in lieu of applying to increase your chance of being drawn in future years. Below is information regarding what is needed to obtain a license and how to apply.

STEPS TO OBTAIN A TURKEY LICENSE	LICENSE FEE REQUIREMENTS†
<p>1. SET UP IDNR ACCOUNT (First time hunters only) Please call 1-800-367-1188</p> <p>2. APPLICATION CHOICE (See below) A. Individual Application B. Group Application</p> <p>3. LICENSE CHOICE (Choose 1) A. Combination Gun/Bow License B. Muzzleloading Shotgun-only License</p> <p>4. SEASON CHOICE (Choose 1) A. Season 1: April 16 - 19, 2012 B. Season 2: April 20 - 24, 2012 C. Season 3: April 25 - May 1, 2012 D. Season 4: May 2 - 20, 2012</p> <p>5. ZONE CHOICE (Choose 1) A. Zone 4 B. Zone 5 C. Zone 6 D. Zone 7 E. Zone 8</p>	<p>(All 3 required to hunt turkey)</p> <p>1. Habitat Fee: \$13‡ 2. Nonresident Hunting License‡ A. Over age 18: \$112 B. Under age 18: \$32 3. Nonresident Turkey License A. Combination Gun/Bow License: \$102 B. Muzzleloading Shotgun-only License: \$102</p> <p>APPLICATION DATES Application Period : Jan. 1 – 23, 2012 Leftover Limited Quota Nonresident Licenses: Feb 5 until the quota is filled or Last Day**</p> <p>† Purchases subject to an application fee based on percentage of total license cost, provided at the time of application. ‡ Hunting License and habitat fees for nonresidents for 2012 go on sale Jan. 1, 2012. The 2011 license are on sale until Dec. 31, 2011 and expire on Jan 10, 2012. Once purchased you are able to hunt small game, but you must apply for a turkey license and be drawn in order to hunt turkey or purchase an excess tag if quotas allow. **Quotas based on season and zone. See page 2 for quota information.</p>

APPLYING FOR A LICENSE

Applications for nonresident Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Licenses must be purchased online at www.iowadnr.gov or through the ELSI telephone ordering system at 1-800-367-1188. Applications may be purchased 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from **Jan. 1 to 23, 2012**. A nonrefundable application fee will be added to all telephone and online orders. The application and license fees may be charged to a MasterCard, Visa, Discover or paid by electronic check (the electronic check process will be explained when you apply). ATM cards are not accepted.

TO EXPEDITE YOUR ORDER

Fill out the applicant information section on page 4, select your zone and season, and have social security number or IDNR customer number and your credit card or blank check ready when you call. Hunters required to have Hunter Education Certification, and who have not previously bought a license through ELSI, may be

required to FAX a copy of their hunter education certification card or a letter from a state agency stating that you are certified, the date of certification, and certification number to the telephone order center before applying. The FAX number is 615-263-4271.

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP APPLICATIONS

Hunters may apply individually or as a group of up to 15 applicants, with one member identified as the group leader. Members of a group must apply separately. The group leader must apply first and state that he/she is the group leader to obtain a DNR customer identification number (ID#). Each member of the group must submit the group leader's ID# when applying. **If there is a drawing, all members of the group will be assigned the preference point(s) of the member with the fewest points.** All members of a group will be accepted or rejected together in the drawing. Members of a group that are rejected may purchase excess licenses individually if any are available.

COMBINATION GUN/BOW LICENCES

Combination gun/bow licenses are issued by zone and season and are valid only in the zone and season selected by the hunter at the time of purchase. A maximum of 2,148 licenses are available for 2012. Licenses are issued by a random drawing from a pool of applicants for each zone and season. Shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, and bows may be used.

LEGAL METHOD OF TAKE

- Nonresident Gun/Bow License (Spring Only):**
 Archery equipment: Longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows are permitted. Arrows must be at least 18 inches long; 10-, 12-, 16-, and 20-gauge shotguns or muzzleloading shotguns shooting number 4, 5, 6, 7 ½ or 8 lead or nontoxic shot may be used. Number 2 or 3 nontoxic shot may also be used. Hunters may not have shot sizes other than those listed above on their person while hunting turkeys. **Muzzleloading rifles may not be used to hunt turkeys.**

MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN-ONLY LICENSES

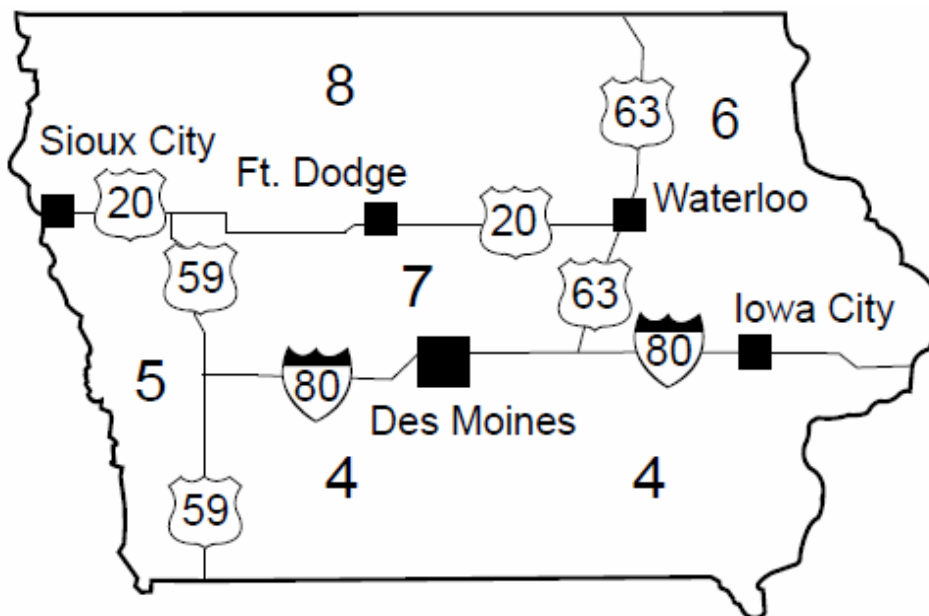
Muzzleloading shotgun-only licenses are issued by zone and season from a statewide pool of 150 licenses. Hunters may select any zone and season, but must hunt only in that zone and season. Only muzzleloading shotguns may be used.

LEGAL METHOD OF TAKE

- Nonresident Muzzleloading Shotgun-only License (Spring Only):**
 Muzzleloading shotguns shooting number 4, 5, 6, 7 ½ or 8 lead or nontoxic shot. Number 2 or 3 nontoxic shot may also be used. Hunters may not have shot sizes other than those listed above on their person while hunting turkeys. **Muzzleloading rifles may not be used to hunt turkeys.**

Iowa hunting and fishing information is available at www.iowadnr.gov/. For news and updates including deadlines about Iowa deer and turkey hunting, follow the Iowa DNR at twitter.com/iowadnr, facebook.com/iowadnr, or subscribe to our email list serve.

LICENSE QUOTAS AND ZONES



License Quotas: Combination Gun/Bow

(Number in parenthesis is number of applications received in 2010)

	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8
Season 1	262 (174)	55 (36)	165 (89)	35 (10)	20 (13)
Season 2	262 (191)	55 (36)	165 (61)	35 (7)	20 (11)
Season 3	262 (288)	55 (45)	165 (94)	35 (15)	20 (11)
Season 4	262 (319)	55 (56)	165 (149)	35 (24)	20 (24)

Muzzleloading Shotgun-only licenses: 150 statewide (34)

DAILY BAG AND SEASON POSSESSION LIMIT

One bearded or male wild turkey per license and unfilled transportation tag issued to the hunter.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

The leg that bears the tag must be attached to the carcass of any wild turkey being transported within the state during any wild turkey hunting season.

HARVEST REPORTING

All hunters that shoot a turkey must report their harvest using the unique 9-digit harvest registration number that is printed on the tag that has been attached to the turkey. This number appears under the heading "Step 2:" on the **Harvest Report Tag**.

- a) Determine the spur length of the turkey (i.e., less than 1/2 inch, 1/2 to 3/4 inches, greater than 3/4 inches).
- b) Where the bird was harvested (i.e., public land or private land)
- c) The Iowa county where the turkey was harvested.

Choose your Method of Registration:

Hunters can report their turkey online, by telephone, or by visiting their local hunting license agent. The Iowa DNR recommends online reporting because it is a quick, easy, and reliable form of reporting your harvest. Many hunters who have tried internet reporting have indicated a strong preference for this reporting method. Telephone reporting is also easy and convenient, but some hunters may have problems with the telephone system understanding their voiced responses.

- **Report Online at hunting.iowadnr.gov.** The Online Harvest Reporting System is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the turkey season.
- **Report by Phone using the DNR Harvest Reporting System (HRS): 1-800-771-4692.** The toll-free call is available from 6 am to midnight during the turkey seasons. Hunters will report by voice response to questions that are asked by the system or by touching the telephone keypad. As a last resort, a live operator will be available for assistance. The telephone number is printed on your turkey transportation tag.
- **Hunters may report at any license agent in the state through the ELSI terminal.** To complete the report a coded confirmation number will be given to the hunter.

For all reporting methods hunters will receive a confirmation number that must be written on the turkey tag before the report is considered complete.

LANDOWNERS

Iowa residents who are owners of agricultural land or tenants that farm agricultural land, or are a spouse or child of the owner or tenant that reside with the owner or tenant, are eligible for reduced-fee wild turkey hunting licenses, commonly called landowner-tenant licenses. Owning land in Iowa does not confer residency. **Nonresident landowners and tenants are not eligible for these licenses.**

LEFTOVER LIMITED QUOTA

If applications are sold in excess of the license quota for any zone and season, a drawing will be held to determine which applicants receive licenses. Licenses or license fee refunds will be mailed to unsuccessful applicants 6 to 8 weeks after the drawing is complete. License agent writing fees, department administrative fees, and Internet and telephone application fees will not be refunded. If any license quota has not been filled, the excess licenses will be sold online or through the telephone ordering system beginning **6 a.m. Feb. 5, 2012**, until the quotas are filled or the last day of the respective season, whichever comes first. Hunters may determine their drawing status through the DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/wildlife. Please do not call the DNR. **Your drawing status will not be provided over the phone.** Purchases are subject to an application fee which is based on a percentage of the total license cost and will be provided at the time of application.

PREFERENCE POINTS

If you are unsuccessful in the drawing, you will be assigned one preference point at a cost of \$50. An

additional preference point will be assigned each year you apply but are denied a license. Preference points will not accrue in a year in which you fail to apply, but you will retain all preference points earned in previous years. Once you receive a Spring Turkey Hunting License, either through the drawing or by purchasing an excess license, your preference points will be removed. Preference points may be used in any zone or season. The first license drawing each year will be made from the pool of applicants with the most preference points and continue to pools with successively fewer points.

PROHIBITED DEVICES AND ACTIVITIES

You may not use live decoys, dogs, horses, radios, motorized vehicles, aircraft, bait, recorded or electronically amplified turkey calls or electronically amplified imitations of turkey calls or sounds when hunting turkeys. Paraplegics and single- or double-leg amputees may hunt from any stationary motor-driven conveyance.

"Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

"Bait" means grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hay, salt, mineral blocks, or any other natural food materials, commercial products containing natural food materials, or by-products of such materials transported to or placed in an area for the purpose of attracting wildlife. Bait does not include food placed during normal agricultural activities.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

This aids in the phone order process- DO NOT MAIL

Zone Number _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comb Gun/Bow
Season Number _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloading Shotgun-Only

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Hgt _____ Wgt _____ Eyes _____ Gender _____

Date of Birth _____

Group Leader's IDNR _____

Customer Number (if applicable) _____

Your Social Security or IDNR Customer Number _____