

REQUIREMENTS

Turkey Permit – A turkey permit is required to hunt turkeys in Nebraska.

Habitat Stamp – A Nebraska Habitat Stamp is valid for all hunting during the calendar year as dated. It is required for all turkey hunters EXCEPT:

- residents under age 16
- holders of deployed military permits
- holders of limited landowner permits

Minimum Age – There is no minimum age to hunt turkeys in Nebraska.

Accompaniment – Hunters under the age of 12, when hunting with a shotgun permit, must be accompanied by a person age 19 or older who has a valid Nebraska hunting permit.

Hunter Education – Hunters ages 12 through 29 must have completed firearm hunter education when hunting turkeys with a firearm or crossbow. An Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate is available for those who have not completed hunter education. Hunters under the age of 12 and those using the exemption certificate must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older. Accompanying hunters, if age 19-29, must be certified in hunter education. Bowhunter education is not required for hunting turkeys.

PERMIT PRICES

All permit prices include a \$1 issuing fee except deployed military permits and Habitat Stamp.

Resident

- Spring or fall turkey \$24
- Youth spring or fall turkey \$6
- Deployed military spring or fall turkey \$5
- Limited landowner spring or fall turkey \$12.50

Nonresident

- Spring or fall turkey \$91
- Youth spring or fall turkey \$6
- Limited landowner spring or fall turkey \$46

2011 Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons

New for 2011

- Crossbows are now legal archery equipment.



SEASONS AT A GLANCE

SPRING

- Youth Archery March 25-May 31
- Archery March 25-May 31
- Youth Shotgun April 9-May 31
- Shotgun April 16-May 31

Permit Types – A spring turkey permit is valid statewide and allows the take of turkeys, from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset, with archery equipment during the archery season and with a shotgun during the shotgun season.

Permit Limit – Each hunter may have no more than three spring permits.

Bag Limit – One male or bearded female turkey per permit.

Permits for Sale – Beginning on the second Monday in January at 1 p.m. Central Time

FALL

- Archery and Shotgun Sept. 15-Dec. 31*
- Youth Archery and Shotgun Sept. 15-Dec. 31*

**Later closing dates may be considered.
Check **OutdoorNebraska.org**.*

Permit Types – A fall turkey permit is valid statewide and allows the take of turkeys, from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset, with either archery equipment or shotgun.

Permit Limit – Each hunter may have no more than two fall permits.

Bag Limit – Two turkeys per permit.

Permits for Sale – Beginning on the second Monday in August at 1 p.m. Central Time

Hunter Orange – Turkey hunters are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange on their head, chest and back when hunting during the November firearm deer season.

YOUTH PERMIT

Youth under age 16 are eligible. Youth age 16 may hunt with this permit in the spring or fall seasons provided they are 15 when they apply and under 16 on the opening day of the archery season.

PURCHASING PERMITS

Purchase permits at either **OutdoorNebraska.org**, via mailed application or at Nebraska Game and Parks Commission permitting offices.



View all guides
and buy permits at **OutdoorNebraska.org**

OTHER INFORMATION

HUNTING METHODS

Shotgun Season:

- Shells containing shot size 2 to 7½ only.
- Slugs are illegal.

Archery Season:

- All longbows, compound bows and crossbows are legal.
- Arrows must have a sharpened hunting head, with a blade of at least 7/16-inch radius, or a blunt (bludgeon) head, with a diameter of at least 9/16-inch.

LANDOWNER PERMITS

Residents:

- Nebraska residents who own or lease 80 acres or more of farm or ranch land for agricultural purposes may obtain one landowner permit per season.
- Spouse and children also are eligible, but only one permit may be issued per person. Eligible family members may hunt together on the same farm or ranch property. Siblings sharing ownership of the qualifying land also are eligible.

- The permit is restricted to the land owned/leased by them and listed on the permit.
- The maximum number of landowner permits allowed for one farm or ranch is one for each 80 acres. For instance, a farm of 240 acres could have a maximum of three permits issued, but one person may hold no more than one landowner permit.

Nonresidents:

Those who own 320 acres or more of land dedicated to agricultural production may receive a limited spring or fall permit for turkey. Only one permit may be issued per 320 acres. Spouse and children of the landowner also are eligible.

RESIDENCY

- A resident is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for 30 days or more before making application for a permit and intends to become a resident of Nebraska.
- Military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for a period exceeding 30 days are eligible to obtain a resident permit.

- New residents should be prepared to provide documentation of residency (driver's license, voter registration, etc.) to an officer when in possession of a resident permit.

NEBRASKA

GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION OFFICES

Alliance 299 Husker Road (308)763-2940
 Bassett 524 Panzer St. (402)684-2921
 Norfolk 2201 N. 13th St. (402) 370-3374
 North Platte . . . 301 E. State Farm Road . . (308) 535-8025
 Kearney 1617 First Ave (308) 865-5310
 Lincoln 2200 N. 33rd St. (402) 471-0641
 Omaha 1212 Bob Gibson Blvd (402) 595-2144

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE CRIMESTOPPERS

Call toll-free at (800) 742-7627.

Electronic calls are illegal

TURKEY HUNTING MAP and PUBLIC ACCESS OPTIONS

Pine Ridge Complex:

The Pine Ridge area has the state's best Merriam's turkey population and plenty of public access. Best access areas: Pine Ridge District of the Nebraska National Forest, Fort Robinson State Park area, Gilbert Baker, Ponderosa, Peterson, Metcalf, Bordeaux and Bighorn wildlife management areas.

North and South Platte Rivers:

Both river drainages hold good numbers of birds, and public access is available at wildlife management areas.

Southwest Reservoirs, Republican River Drainages:

40,000 acres of public access at Harlan, Medicine Creek, Swanson, Red Willow, and Enders reservoirs.

Niobrara River Drainages:

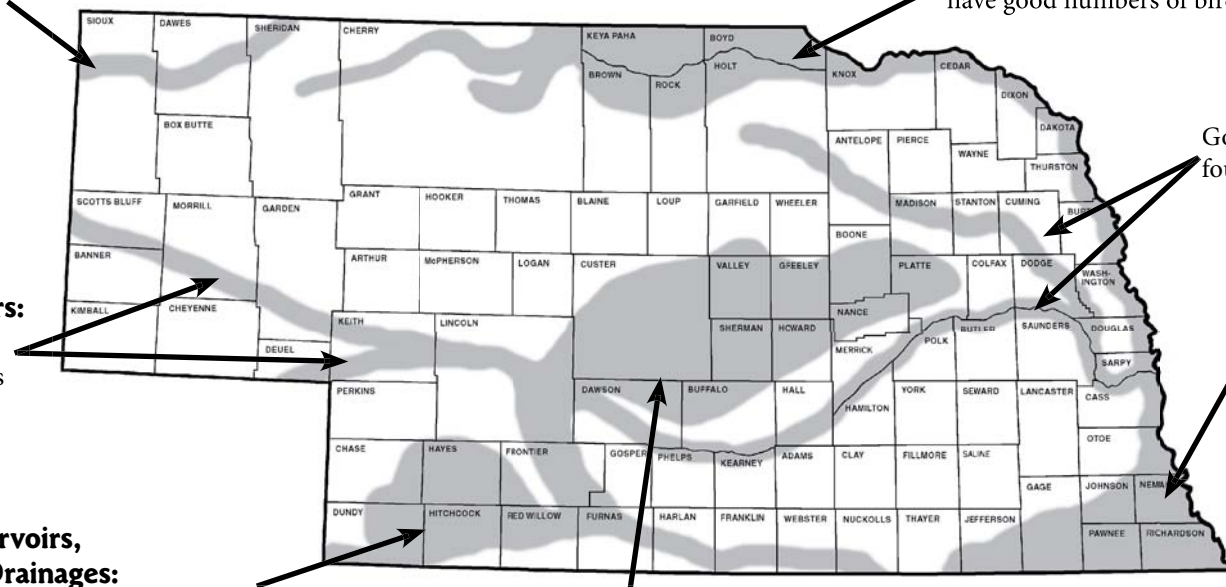
Boyd, Keya Paha and northern Rock and Brown counties have good numbers of birds and public access areas.

Platte, Elkhorn Rivers and Drainages:

Good numbers of birds can be found along both river valleys.

Southeast WMAs:

Many wildlife management areas in the southeast hold good numbers of birds and provide excellent public access.



Central Loess Hills and Loup River System

River valleys and crop fields with cedar-filled draws hold many birds.

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