STATE OF WASHINGTON

2011 pamphlet edition

WILD TURKEY
Spring Season

Photo by Bob Inouye

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Washington Department of FISH and WILDLIFE

2011 Wild Turkey Season

Since 1960, three subspecies of wild turkey have been introduced in Washington: the Merriam's, Rio Grande, and eastern.

Currently, the Merriam's subspecies occupies portions of Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Stevens, Spokane, Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties. Rio Grande turkeys can be found in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties. Turkeys of the eastern subspecies can be found west of the Cascades in Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties.

2011 Spring Season

Area	Dates Open	Restrictions	Bag/Possession Limit
Statewide	April 15 - May 31, 2011 Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset during spring seasons	Gobblers and Turkeys with visible beards ONLY	A total of three (3) turkeys in the spring season with following restricitions. Only two (2) turkeys may be taken in eastern Washington and only 1 of those may be taken in Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties (combined); only (1) turkey may be taken in western Washington per year. Two (2) turkeys may be taken in Klickitat County.

Additional turkey tags may be purchased at any time. In appropriate areas, two turkeys can be harvested in one day.

Special Regulations

- Spring turkey season is open for shotgun (10 gauge or under capable of holding 3 or fewer shells or muzzleloader with shot) and bow-and-arrow hunting only. Crossbows are allowed in firearm restricted areas.
- A valid hunting license and an unaltered, unnotched turkey transport tag are required for hunting turkey.
- Immediately after killing a turkey, hunters must validate their own tag by completely removing notches for month and day of kill and securely attach tag to carcass.
- It is unlawful to use dogs, electronic calls or electronic decoys to hunt turkeys.
- Baiting game birds is illegal.
- Turkey hunters must report hunting activity (see page 4).
- Turkey hunters must use #4 shot or smaller (eg. #6 shot).
- It is illegal to possess in the field or transport game birds unless a feathered head is left attached to each carcass, except falconry-caught birds.

Youth Turkey Season

A youth spring turkey season for hunters under 16 years of age will be held on April 2-3, 2011:
The youth season is open in ALL GMUs.
Standard hunting methods (shotgun or bow and arrow only) and all other turkey hunting regulations apply to the youth season.

WAC Summary Information

This pamphlet is a summary of the hunting regulations and seasons (chapters 232-12 and 232-28 of the Washington Administrative Code) adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. This pamphlet does not contain all department regulations. Regulations specific to the hunting seasons described in this pamphlet are found in section 232-28-342 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Wild Turkey License Fees

	Resident	Non-resident	Youth*
Small game license	$38.00	$182.00	$20.00
Small game, with proof of big game package purchase	$21.20	$98.00	$11.60
Three-day small game	n/a	$62.00	n/a
Primary turkey tag	$17.30	$48.50	free
Additional turkey transport tags	$17.30	$72.50	$11.30

* Youth hunters are defined as under 16 when they buy a license.

Reward

The Washington Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will pay $250.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for illegal taking of wild turkeys.

Stop Washington Poachers! To report poaching in progress dial 911. Individuals that witness and would like to anonymously report a fish or wildlife violation can call toll free 1-877-933-9847 (1-877-WDFW-TIP). Remember this is not an information hotline. Other reporting tools can be found at http://wdfw.wa.gov/poaching/.

It could pay in more ways than one. The Department of Fish and Wildlife pays rewards for the arrest of people violating wildlife laws.

Advisory on Emergency Regulations

Caution: Emergency regulation changes may occur while the seasons described in this pamphlet are in effect and will supersede information contained herein. Area news media will be informed of changes as they occur.

Estimated Spring Turkey Harvest

PMU	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
P10	313	519	662	1098	1176	2382	3418	3333	3401	3445	3571	3660	2677	2870
P15	104	123	132	267	214	376	533	443	471	480	730	605	578	757
P20	21	11	20	21	32	78	119	176	209	215	220	258	232	228
P30	2	1	0	1	10	73	105	123	178	182	169	221	172	245
P35	118	109	125	183	134	190	300	329	301	345	362	487	370	447
P40	4	1	1	0	1	2	7	9	15	10	8	9	3	5
P50	26	36	40	46	48	47	54	52	54	53	77	62	50	65
Total	**588**	**800**	**980**	**1616**	**1615**	**3148**	**4536**	**4465**	**4629**	**4730**	**5137**	**5302**	**4082**	**4617**

Population Management Unit Description

P10 (Northeast): GMUs 101-136

P15 (Southeast): GMUs 139-186

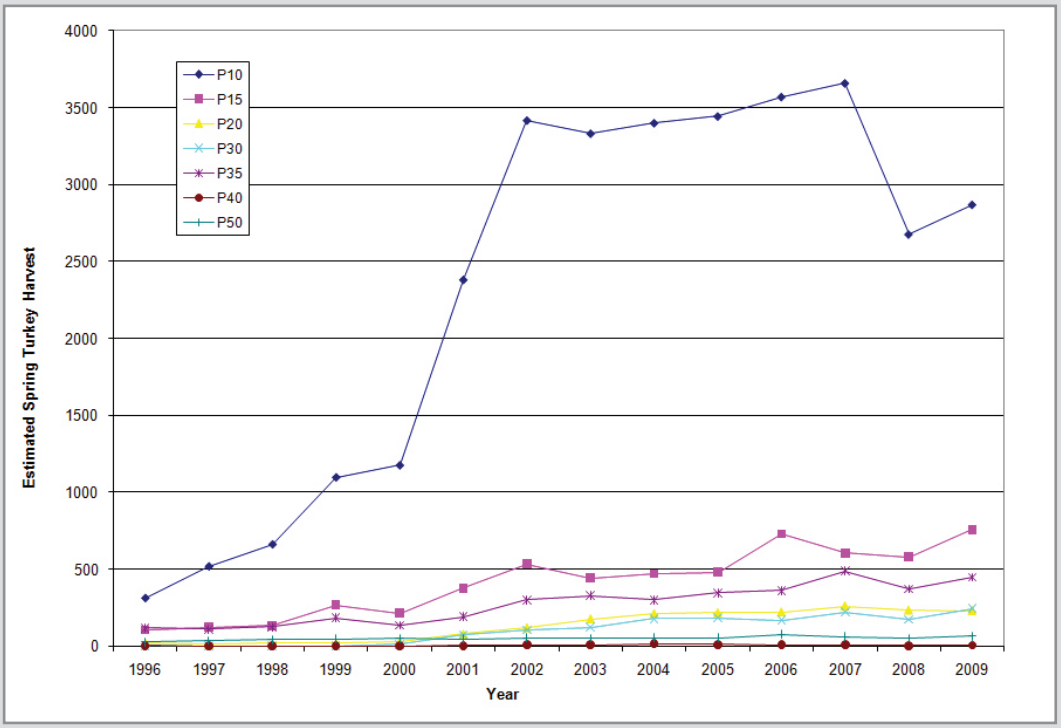
P20 (North Central): All 200 GMUs

P30 (South Central): All 300 GMUs, EXCEPT GMU 382, 388

P35 (Klickitat): GMUs 382,388,578,574,572,568

P40 (Northwest): All 400 GMUs PLUS GMUs 601-627

P50 (Southwest): All 500 GMUs EXCEPT 568,572,574,578,588 PLUS GMUs 633-681



NOTE: Turkey populations in PMU 40 and 50 have low densities and are often found on private land. Make sure you have appropriate landowner permission when hunting these units.

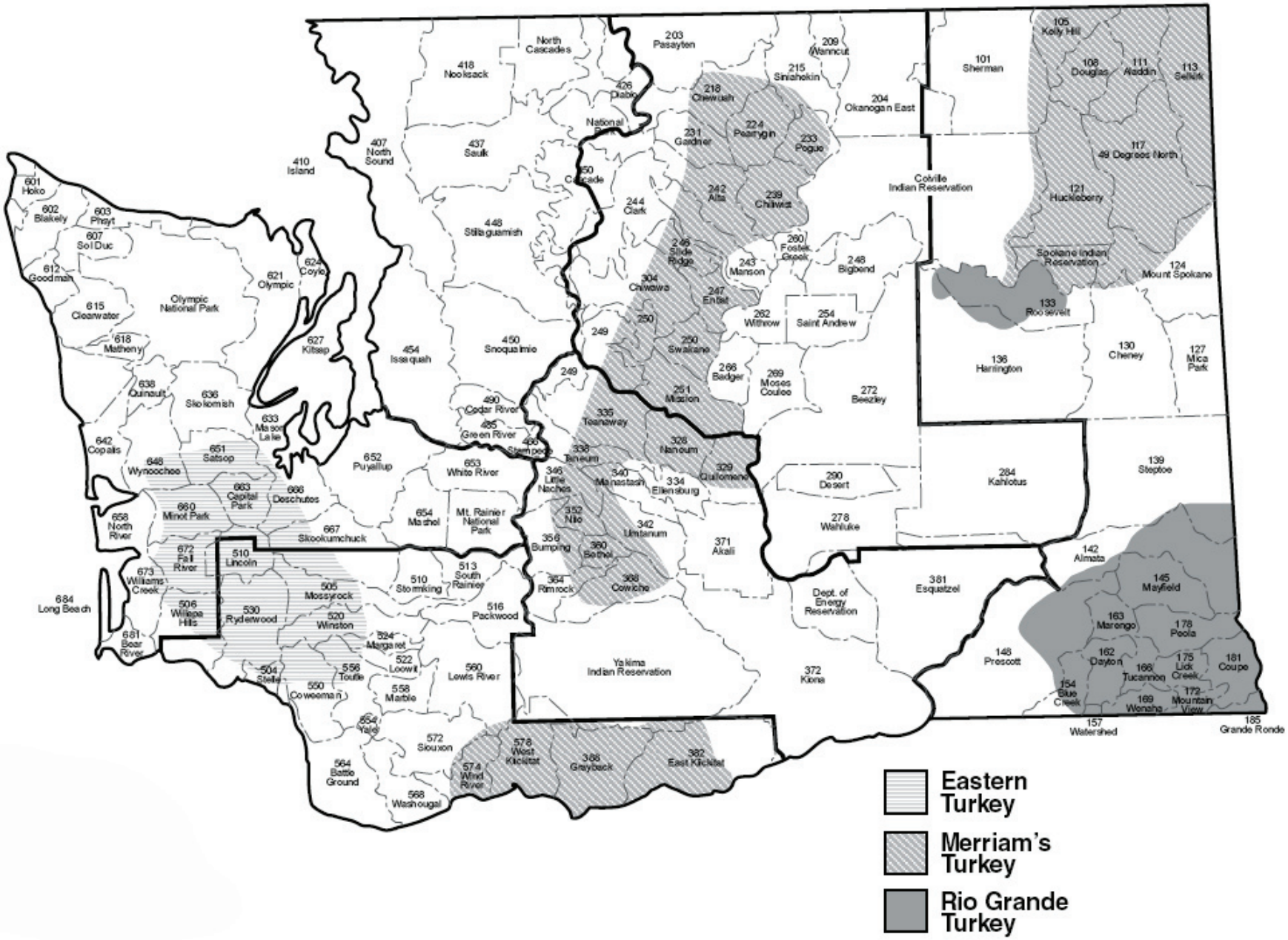
Fall Turkey Season

Fall seasons may change, so it is important to check with WDFW after the April meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission each year to see what the fall turkey season regulations will be during any particular year. Fall season information will also be made available in the big game pamphlet.

The Land and Landowners

A true sportsman respects the land and demonstrates this respect and appreciation while in the field. Remember to obtain permission from the owner before entering upon his or her land to hunt or fish. And, while in the field, conduct yourself in a way that will ensure a welcome to those who follow after you.

Primary Distribution of Wild Turkey



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

– Mandatory Reporting –

Hunters are Required to Report Last Years Hunting Activity Prior to Purchasing a New License.

Turkey hunters must report their hunting activity whether or not they harvest an animal. Hunters not reporting by January 31 will be subject to a $10 penalty which must be paid before they can purchase a license for the following year. One hunter report is required for each tag acquired.

Hunters can file reports two ways: by telephone (toll free at 1-877-945-3492) or on the internet at www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov; there are no longer paper harvest report cards. Hunters who harvest an animal should file a report within 10 days of taking the animal. Unsuccessful hunters must also report their hunting activity, including location and days hunted. The information will be used by WDFW to better monitor hunter effort, distribution, harvest, and trends.

Special note for turkey hunters: Having a spring and fall season can make hunt reporting confusing. If you do not intend to apply for a fall turkey permit or hunt in general fall season, you should report spring turkey hunting activity after May 31st. If you do intend to hunt in the fall, you should wait to report spring activity or fall activity until after the fall season.

You will need the following information to file your report for turkey hunting.

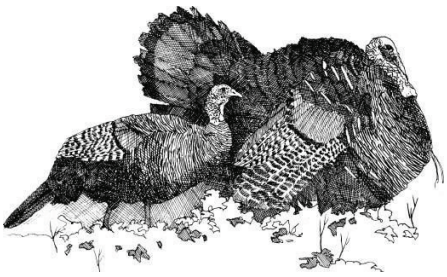
Do **NOT** mail this information to WDFW; reports can **ONLY** be accepted through the toll free number or internet.

1. Whether or not you hunted turkeys.
2. For each turkey tag:
   a. The number of the GMUs you hunted in (2 most hunted GMUs).
      Please refer to a Big Game pamphlet or other source for a GMU map.
   b. The number of days hunted in each GMU.
3. For each turkey you harvest:
   a. Number of the GMU where turkey was harvested.
   b. Month, day, and year of harvest.
   c. Sex of the turkey.
   d. Age of the turkey: adult, yearling, or juvenile (fall season only)

2011 Spring Turkey Season Hunting Hours

– adjusted to be ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

Date	Eastern Washington		Western Washington	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
April 2 – April 3	5:56	7:21	6:16	7:40
April 15 - April 18	5:31	7:39	5:51	7:59
April 19 - April 22	5:22	7:46	5:43	8:03
April 23 - April 26	5:14	7:52	5:36	8:10
April 27 - April 30	5:08	7:57	5:29	8:16
May 1 - May 4	5:01	8:03	5:22	8:21
May 5 - May 8	4:55	8:09	5:16	8:27
May 9 - May 12	4:49	8:14	5:10	8:32
May 13 - May 16	4:43	8:19	5:05	8:38
May 17 – May 20	4:39	8:24	5:00	8:43
May 21 – May 24	4:34	8:29	4:55	8:47
May 25 – May 28	4:30	8:33	4:51	8:52
May 29 – May 31	4:27	8:38	4:47	8:57



Vehicle Use Permits on WDFW Lands

The Department manages nearly 1 million acres of prime wildlife habitat and 700 lake and river access sites across the state for your use and enjoyment. A Vehicle Use Permit from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ($14 or FREE with a hunting or fishing license) is required. Decal sales support upkeep of these areas which are currently operating at 45% of the funding need. More information at www.dfw.wa.gov or call a Fish and Wildlife office. You can do more than hunt and fish on Department lands.

Vehicle Use Permits are required to park on all posted WDFW lands. The permits generate funding for maintenance of WDFW lands and water access sites used by hunters, anglers, boaters, bird watchers and other recreationists. The permits are issued only once annually to each license holder and are transferrable between up to two vehicles. Additional permits may be purchased for $8 each. Original permits are $14 each if purchased separately without a fishing or hunting license. The permits must be clearly displayed and visible from outside the vehicle. They can be placed on the dash, hung from the rear view mirror or placed on the front seat.

The penalty for parking on WDFW lands without a permit has been revised. The infraction for parking without a permit will be automatically reduced if the vehicle owner shows proof he or she has purchased a permit within 15 days of the violation.

Colville Wild Turkey Daze

April 15 to May 31

Youth Hunt Under 16 April 2 & 3
First Tag Free for Youth!

Wild Turkey Capital of Washington

Three Day Out-of-State Turkey License only $62

Turkey hunting location map!

Want to hunt turkeys but don't know where to go? Go to http://www.mapmet.com/Game/TractsMap.html and find a spot! The map, which you can download into Google Earth or use as a stand-alone, displays areas on public land that offer good opportunities for finding turkeys during the spring hunting season. All these areas are open to public hunting. Some of the areas border private land and the owners might or might not allow hunting. Respect private property: do not trespass on private land without the landowner's permission. The site was built in cooperation with all public land wildlife biologists in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties.

Hunters can go to www.colville.com for information on accommodations, sporting goods and supplies, restaurants, family events, current weather conditions and guide services.

For more information: Colville Chamber of Commerce
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Colville, WA 99114
509-684-5973
www.colville.com

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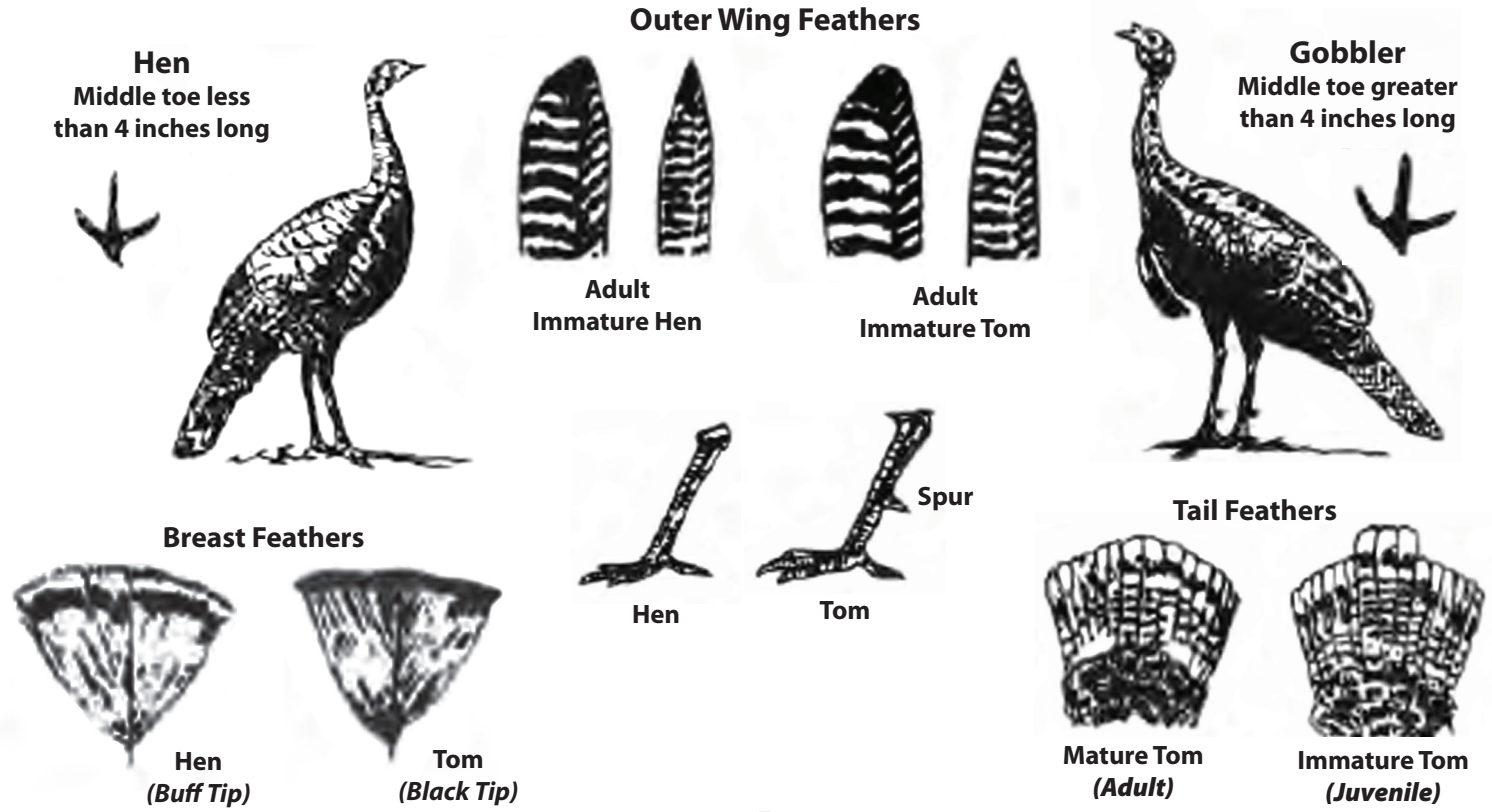
Sex and Age of Wild Turkeys



Safe and Ethical Turkey Hunting

1. **Be absolutely positive of your target.** After you pull the trigger, it's too late.
2. **ALWAYS ask permission to hunt on private land.** Most landowners are cooperative if you ask.
3. **Do not attempt to stalk a turkey.** That gobbler you're stalking may be another hunter.
4. **Unless absolutely necessary, don't use a gobbler call.** This call can be productive, but also very dangerous. Use this call when all else fails and then sparingly.
5. **Never wear any red, white, or blue clothes.** These are the colors of the gobbler's head, the primary target of the turkey hunter.
6. **Never presume what you hear is a turkey.** Many hunters are convincing callers.
7. **Select a calling site that gives at least 40 yards of vision in all directions and sit with your back to a large tree.**
8. **If another hunter is working a bird, don't spoil it by calling or spooking the bird.**
9. **Make sure that the gobbler is within sure range of the shotgun and shoot only the neck and head.**
10. Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your "line of sight") call out to the hunter in a **loud**, clear voice.

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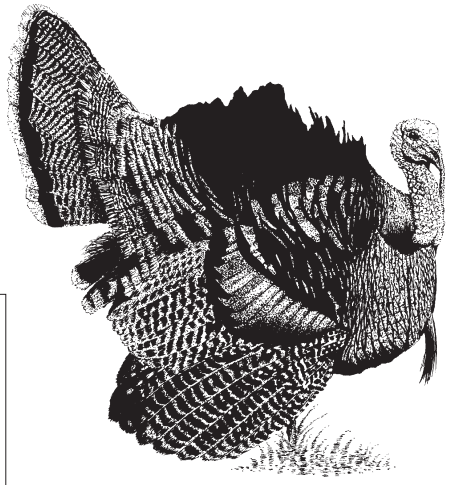

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Washington Slam

The Washington Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring brass pins in recognition of achieving the "Washington Slam."

The eastern, Merriam's, and Rio Grande subspecies of wild turkey currently inhabit Washington state. For the purposes of the "Washington Slam," subspecies are defined by county of kill. Merriam's: Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima, Spokane and Stevens; Rio Grande: all eastern Washington counties except Ferry, Klickitat, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Chelan, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima, Spokaneand Stevens; eastern: all western Washington counties except Klictitat and Skamania. The taking of 1 of each of these subspecies constitutes a "Washington Slam." This achievement will be verified by successful hunters returning their game harvest report cards to WDFW and completion of record forms available upon request from the Washington Chapter of NWTF. These forms will also be used for submission of information to establish Washington state turkey records.

For Record Information only:
Washington State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation
Rich Reathaford
(509) 279-2030

Washington Slam Award Winners

Single Season Pin
(all 3 subspecies taken in spring season)

1995
Dick Finch

1996
Dan Blatt, Sr.
Glen Richard

1997
Dick Finch
Ted Fleckner
Vincent Fulginitti
Russell Kuehn

1998
Quincy Atchley
B. Ray Bjork
Jeff Bolt
Eric Braaten
Ted Fleckner
Steve Hanson, Jr.
Russell Keuhn
Matt Mimnaugh
Brad Richard

1999
Ron Brockavich
Ted Fleckner (archery)
Russell Kuehn
George Martin
Art Meikel
Brad Richard
Mike Vaughn
Harry Williamson

2000
Quincy Atchley
Lee Atkins
Jay Brightbill
Douglas Burnett
Larry Harness
Ryan Kilbury
Gary Meade
Kathleen Neault
Mike Vaughn

2001
Jay Brightbill
Ted Fleckner
Randy Wherrett

2002
Quincy Atchley
Mike Cloke
Chase Olson
Alan Poe
Debbie Ruble-Lycan
Mike Tuthill
Zachary Wearstler

2003
B. Ray Bjork
Thomas Bostrom
Ron Brockavich
Raymond Lampers
Stephan Rose
Ronald Stoller
Zachary Wearstler

2004
Thomas Bostrom
Esteban Calderon
Andy Cloke
Andy Grunewald
Paul Hite
David Hoel
Darwin Koistinen
John McKeever
Kathleen Neault
Mark Simonson
Zachary Wearstler

2005
Esteban Calderon
Michael Crowder
David Hoel
Larry Kukes
Ray Lampers
John McKeever
Kathleen Neault

2006
Esteban Calderon
Ted Fleckner
Paul Hite
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
Matt Mimnaugh
Kathleen Neault

2007
Thomas Bostrom
Esteban Calderon
Jeff Cannon
David Hoel
John Hunter
Ray Lampers
Kathleen Neault

2008
Thomas Bostrum
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
John McKeever
Bob Shaw

2009
Thomas Bostrom
Seth Bynum
Esteban Calderon
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
Kathleen Neault
Dennis Olsen
Bob Shaw

2010
Steve Hanson
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
Brad Richard
Bob Shaw
Marc Shaw

Multiple Season Pin
(all 3 subspecies taken in 2 or more seasons)

1995
William Olson

1996
Jay Brightbill
Scott Comstock

1997
Dan Blatt, Sr.
Julie McCellan
Chris Wagemann

1998
Ron Brockavich
Charles Laier
Gary Meade

1999
Cecil Bailey, Jr.
Dan Blatt, Jr.
Vincent Fulginiti
Robert Hirst
Chris Wagemann

2000
George Martin
Lance Steele

2002
B. Ray Bjork
Larry Bowers
Ron Brockavich
Randy Hensley
Ambrose Ott
Mark Stahl

2003
Rhonda Toompas
John McKeever

2004
B. Ray Bjork
R. Scott Dixon
Jerry Prescott
Mark Stahl
Jim White

2005
Jay Brightbill

2006
Jay Brightbill

2007
B. Ray Bjork

2008
B. Ray Bjork
Joseph Lipczynski
Dennis Olsen

2009
Jay Brightbill

2010
Joseph Lipczynski
Alan Poe