

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR THE
RESIDENT WILD TURKEY LICENCE HOLDER



WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON ~ MAY 8-20, 2023

The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development has implemented a new *Wild Turkey Hunting Regulation* under the *Fish and Wildlife Act* to allow for a resident wild turkey hunting season.

Fees

Draw Application	\$ 6.00 + HST
Resident Wild Turkey Licence (16-64 years)	\$25.00 + HST
Resident Wild Turkey Licence (65+ years)	\$15.00 + HST
Replacement Tag (<i>Fish & Wildlife only</i>)	\$ 5.25 + HST

A \$5.00 Conservation fee, collected for the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund, is included in the cost of the licence.

Successful draw applicants will receive a special wild turkey tag that is only available through the Fish & Wildlife Branch. If the wild turkey tag is lost or damaged, the hunter needs to contact the Fish & Wildlife Branch for a replacement tag and the process may take several days.

Conservation Education Requirements

Online Wild Turkey Hunting Course:

- Prior to applying to the Resident Wild Turkey Draw, applicants must complete the Department's online Wild Turkey Hunting course.
- The online Wild Turkey Hunting course consists of information on wild turkey biology, identification, and safe hunting practices.
- The course will take approximately 20 minutes to complete after which participants must enter their Outdoors Card number to have their Fish & Wildlife Licensing profile updated to include the online Wild Turkey Hunting course.

Hunter Education Requirements:

- Resident hunters born on or after January 1, 1981 and all first-time hunters must show proof of a Firearm Safety / Hunter Education Course (gun hunters) or a stand-alone Bowhunter Education course (bow/crossbow hunters).
- Hunters born previous to 1981 may present a previous hunting licence as proof of hunting experience.
- Conservation Education certificates from other provinces, territories and states are valid in New Brunswick.

Resident Wild Turkey Licence

Resident Wild Turkey Licences can be purchased [online](#) through the Fish & Wildlife Licensing System or [in person](#) at any authorized vendor or Service New Brunswick location.

The Resident Wild Turkey licence must be purchased using the special wild turkey tag provided to the successful applicant.

The Wildlife Management Zone (WMZ) in which the licence holder is eligible to hunt wild turkey will be indicated on the licence.

All successful applicants who purchase a Resident Wild Turkey Licence must submit a mandatory Wild Turkey Harvest Report Form by June 14th of the same year. The form will be provided in the information package mailed to the successful applicants and is also available online by visiting www.gnb.ca/fishwildlife.

Wild Turkey Hunting

The wild turkey hunting season will be a two-week season starting on the second Monday in May each year. **The 2023 season will run from May 8th to May 20th.**

Wild turkey hunting licence quotas for each WMZ will be determined on an annual basis.

Hunting on Sunday is not allowed between January 1st and mid-October.

The Resident Wild Turkey Licence allows the holder to harvest one bearded (male) wild turkey in the WMZ indicated on the licence.

Wild turkeys may be hunted with:

- Shotguns – 10 to 28-gauge using shot sizes #4 to #7
- Bows with a minimum draw weight of 10 kilograms (22 pounds)
- Crossbow with a minimum draw weight of 68 kilograms (150 pounds)

Wild turkey hunters may hunt wild turkeys from a ½ hour before sunrise to a ½ hour after sunset.

No holder of a Resident Wild Turkey Licence shall, while hunting wild turkey,

- use bait
- employ the use of a dog or dogs of any breed in any manner
- engage in an organized drive of any manner
- use a trap or other device intended or designed to capture or ensnare wild turkey.

Once a wild turkey is harvested the hunter must immediately attach the harvest tag to a leg of the wild turkey as demonstrated on the back of the tag.

No person shall possess an untagged wild turkey harvested under a Resident Wild Turkey Licence.

No person shall buy, sell, offer for sale or barter, or aid someone in buying, selling or offering for sale or bartering a wild turkey killed under this regulation.

Wild turkey must be transported with the beard attached.

This sheet provides a brief summary of regulations and information for the 2023 Wild Turkey Hunting Season. It is not a legal document. For additional information, please contact your nearest Natural Resources and Energy Development office.

