

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE RESIDENT WILD TURKEY LICENCE HOLDER

## WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON ~ MAY 10-22, 2021

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 &amp; 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 will need to contact the Fish & Wildlife Branch for a replacement tag and the process may take several days.

### Conservation Education Requirements

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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/naturalresources](http://www.gnb.ca/naturalresources).

### Wild Turkey Hunting

- The wild turkey hunting season will be a two-week season starting on the second Monday in May each year. **The 2021 season will run from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- Wild turkey hunting licence quotas for each WMZ will be determined on an annual basis.
- Hunting on Sunday is not allowed between January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2021 Wild Turkey Hunting Season. It is not a legal document. For additional information, please contact your nearest Natural Resources and Energy Development office.*

