

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WILD TURKEY LICENCE HOLDER**

### **WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON ~ MAY 13-25, 2024**

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**

Resident Wild Turkey Licence (12-64 years)	\$25.00 + HST
Resident Wild Turkey Licence (65+ years)	\$15.00 + HST
Non-Resident Wild Turkey (Outfitter/Guide) Licence	\$90.00 + HST
Replacement Tag ( <i>Fish &amp; Wildlife only</i> )	\$ 5.25 + HST

A \$5.00 Conservation fee (resident) and \$10.00 Conservation fee (non-resident), collected for the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund, is included in the cost of the licences.

**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 immediately as the replacement process could take several days – 506-453-3826 or [fw\\_pfweb@gnb.ca](mailto:fw_pfweb@gnb.ca).

### **Conservation Education Requirements**

#### **Online Wild Turkey Hunting Course:**

- Residents: must complete the Department's online Wild Turkey Hunting course prior to applying to the draw.
- Non-Residents: must complete the Department's online Wild Turkey Hunting course prior to purchasing the licence.
- 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:**

- 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 before January 1, 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.

## Wild Turkey Licence

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 licences must be purchased using the special wild turkey tag provided to the hunter or Outfitter/Guide.

The Non-Resident Wild Turkey (Outfitter/Guide) Licence also requires a unique allocation code provided to the Outfitter/Guide.

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 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 successful applicants and is also available [online](#).

## Wild Turkey Hunting

The wild turkey hunting season will be a two-week season starting on the second Monday in May each year. **The 2024 season will run from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</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 and mid-October.

The 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 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 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 2024 Wild Turkey Hunting Season. It is not a legal document. For additional information, please contact your nearest Natural Resources and Energy Development office.*