



Department of  
Environmental  
Protection

# 2009 NJ Wild Turkey Hunting Season Information



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF  
Fish and Wildlife

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## Dates and Deadlines to Remember

### Spring Turkey Permit Season

- Application Period: Until February 22
- Award Notification and Permit Pickup: Begins March 9. Permits must be claimed by 11:59 p.m. on March 29.
- **All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on March 29. Unclaimed awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.**
- Over-the-counter sale of leftover permits: Tuesday, March 31 at 10 a.m. until permits sell out or the season ends, whichever is first.

### Fall Turkey Permit Season

- Application Period: August 1—September 6
- Award Notification and Permit Pickup: Begins September 21. Permits must be claimed by 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 11.
- **All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 11. Unclaimed awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.**
- Over-the-counter sale of leftover permits: Tuesday, October 13 at 10 a.m. until permits sell out or the season ends, whichever is first.

**NEW: Successful lottery applicants will only have a short window in which to claim their awarded permits. Pay close attention to the dates listed! Any permits unclaimed during that time period WILL BE redistributed and become available for purchase during the over-the-counter sales.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Apply by visiting any participating license agent or simply go online at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) and click on the link to purchase licenses and permits. You will be prompted to submit the necessary information. The site accepts most major credit cards and electronic checks as payment, using proven security technologies to ensure that your transaction is secure.

An application fee of \$2.00 for each permit applied for will be charged. You must pay the remainder of the fee (\$19 for adults; \$10 youths) when claiming the permit(s). Those who are unsuccessful in the lottery are no longer required to wait for their refund since the only payment made was the non-refundable \$2.00 application fee.

**Permits won via the lottery system and leftover permits available for over-the counter sale may be purchased at participating license agents or online. If paying via the Internet, applicants will receive their permits by mail (additional shipping charges apply).**

### 2009 Wild Turkey Season Dates

**Spring Season:** There are six segments (Hunting Periods) in the Spring Season. Hunters must decide in which period they would like to hunt. Permits are Hunting Area and Hunting Period specific (i.e., 5A, 8G, etc.).

**Youth Hunting Period (Y):** April 11 (Youth Turkey Hunting Day) to May 22, 2009. This is exclusively applicable to youth hunters aged 10–16 who can still hunt using their youth hunting license. The first permit a youth receives will be designated Period Y.

Hunting Periods	Dates
A.	Monday, April 13–Friday, April 17, 2009
B.	Monday, April 20–Friday, April 24, 2009
C.	Monday, April 27–Friday, May 1, 2009
D.	Monday, May 4–Friday, May 8, 2009
E.	Monday, May 11–Friday, May 15 and Monday, May 18–Friday, May 22, 2009
G.	Saturdays: April 18 and 25 and May 2, 9 and 16, 2009

**Fall Turkey Season:** There is one Hunting Period for the Fall Season. Permits are Hunting Area specific (i.e., 5N, 8N, etc.).

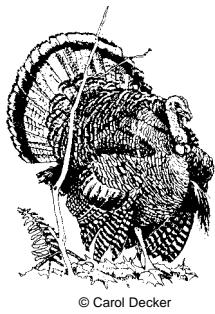
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### The special statewide Youth Turkey Hunting Day is Saturday, April 11, 2009

- All youth turkey hunters 10 to 16 years of age must possess a valid **spring turkey hunting permit** in addition to their hunting license
- Must be accompanied by a properly licensed, non-hunting adult age 21 or older who may not shoot on this youth day (See page 2)
- Considered an **extension** of the regular season permit held by the youth
- If youth hunter harvests a turkey on this youth hunting day, the “Y” Period permit is no longer valid for future hunting
- All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply

## Youth Turkey Hunting Program

A special youth turkey hunting program is designed to ensure all applicants 10 to 16 years of age will receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the Spring and Fall Turkey Seasons. Permits awarded to youth hunters will not be counted as part of the permit quota. The Fish and Game Council and the Division of Fish and Wildlife recognize that a quality hunting experience, such as turkey hunting with a properly licensed adult, will be fondly remembered for years and has a positive influence toward maintaining our hunting heritage in New Jersey.



The **first** spring turkey permit issued to a youth (designated Period **Y**) is valid to hunt all weeks A through G for the zone designated. Note that a juvenile hunter (aged 10–13) **MUST** be directly supervised by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older, not only on Youth Turkey Hunting Day, but at **ALL** times. Youth hunters (aged 14–16) need only be directly supervised by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older on Youth Turkey Hunting Day. **Additional** youth permits are valid only for the designated week.

**When licensed adult hunters are only supervising, they need *not* be in possession of a turkey permit for that hunting area and/or week. However, the supervising adult must possess a valid firearm license if the youth is hunting with a shotgun; or a valid bow and arrow license if the youth hunter is hunting with a bow and arrow.**

After taking their first spring turkey on their **first** permit, youths are then restricted to hunt only the week designated on any **additional** permit purchased.

For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the youth permittee and the adult set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit and not hunting independently for different birds. The season bag limit for the youth permit remains at one turkey. All other hunting requirements for the regular Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler Season shall apply. For Fall Season information, see Fall Turkey Season section.

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## Spring Gobbler Season

Hunters are limited to filing only one application. This application allows for up to two permits, one in the first lottery and one in the second lottery. For each permit, you will be given the option of inserting three different choices (first preference, second, etc.).

First Lottery:

- Selects applicants from the Spring Season First Lottery.
- Refer to the “2009 Wild Turkey Season Dates” section for

important information on the structure of turkey hunting segments.

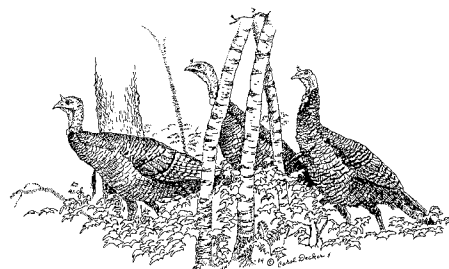
- The Youth Turkey Hunting Program is designed to ensure that all applicants aged 10 to 16 (those still eligible to hunt using their Youth License) will receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the spring season. This permit is guaranteed and will be designated with Period **Y**. These permits will not be counted as part of any permit quota.
- Those possessing a **Permit to Shoot From a Standing Vehicle** are guaranteed their first lottery permit for the Spring Season only. All additional permits are taken from the available permit quota and are not guaranteed.

Second Lottery:

- Gives each applicant an opportunity to win/receive a second permit for the Spring Season.
- Selects applicants **independently** of the first lottery.
- Assigns permits not issued (leftover) from the first lottery to applicants who applied for a permit in the second lottery.
- Youth permit requests for the second lottery will receive the same treatment as all other permit requests. Permits are **not** guaranteed and will be selected independent of the first lottery. A youth's second permit (and more) will be valid for one hunting period only: A, B, C, D, E or G.

If you request the same turkey hunting area and period in both the first and the second spring lotteries you may receive two permits for the identical area and period combination. This might happen if you list the same area and hunting period in the first and second lottery even if listed in a different order. **Permits will not be exchanged if you receive the permits requested on your application.** Consider your requests carefully!

**IMPORTANT:** If you win two permits in the lottery you must claim them both at the same time. In other words, if you won both, you are obligated to take both. You will not be able to claim only one of them.



## Fall Turkey Season

Hunters are limited to filing only one Fall Season application. It will allow applicants to apply for one Fall Season Permit.

One Lottery Only:

- The application period for the Fall Season is August 1–September 6.
- There is one six-day Fall Season hunting segment (designated Period ‘N’) in Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11, 20 and 21.
- The **Youth Turkey Hunting Program** is designed to ensure that all applicants aged 10 to 16 (those still eligible to hunt using their Youth License) will receive their permit request in the Fall Season. This permit is guaranteed. Unlike the spring permit, it need not be designated with period Y since the season is only a one-week segment). These permits will not be counted as part of the permit quota.

## Turkey Permits for Disabled Veterans

Legislation provides for the issuance of free hunting licenses, stamps and permits for New Jersey resident disabled veterans.

For the purpose of this program, legislation defines a Disabled Veteran as “. . . any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree . . .”

### Obtaining a DV Turkey Permit

If Disabled Veteran status has already been certified by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and an associated DV license has been issued, an individual may apply for free DV turkey permits at any participating license agent. You may also apply online at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) if Disabled Veteran sta-

tus has been previously certified by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and a DV license has been issued.

### Obtaining DV Status

For those individuals not already certified in the Division of Fish and Wildlife’s electronic system, documentation that one is currently receiving benefits for a service-connected disability must be presented to obtain Disabled Veteran status, **SPECIFICALLY** a copy of the DD-214 indicating honorable discharge along with some proof of service-connected disability. Only individuals with DV Status may obtain free DV licenses, stamps and permits. Once you have achieved DV status and are present in the electronic system, you do not need to be certified again.

Documentation may be presented at the Division’s Central or Southern Region offices, or the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center (see page 11 of this publication for addresses). You may also mail copies of your information to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863, Attn: Disabled Vet Licensing. Certification **CANNOT** be approved at license agents or through the Internet sales site. For more information visit [www.njfishandwildlife.com/dvinfo.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/dvinfo.htm).

### Applying for a DV Turkey Permit

- Disabled Veterans who have filed their paperwork with the Division of Fish and Wildlife are already certified in the electronic system. Individuals will **NO LONGER** be sent applications. Disabled veterans must apply for their turkey permits using the SAME instructions listed here for the general public for the spring and fall lotteries.

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## Farmer Turkey Permit Instructions

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who **resides thereon**, or the immediate members of his family, who also **reside thereon**, may be authorized for one farmer turkey hunting permit for the Spring Gobbler Season and one for the Fall Season.

- Qualified farmers will receive a permit valid for the entire Spring Season (Periods A through G) and the Fall Season providing the Hunting Area the farm is located in is open for both seasons.
- The farmer bag limit is one turkey during the Spring Season and one turkey during the Fall Season.
- A Farmer Turkey Hunting Permit can be used only by the person whose name is on it and valid only for the farm on file.
- All mandatory turkey checking requirements apply.
- Farmers may also apply for *regular* Spring and Fall Turkey Hunting Permits in addition to the Farmer Turkey Hunting Permits.

### Receiving a Farmer Turkey Permit

If you received your 2006, 2007 or 2008 Farmer Deer or Turkey Permits, then your name and information should already be contained in the system. **No additional applications are necessary.**

If you did not receive permits the past three years or are a new farmer, you must apply. Applications can be found on the Division’s Web site at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com). Click on the Hunting Section and refer to Farmer Information. At the top of this page, select the application link. Deer and turkey hunting permits are now combined in the same application. Please print out both pages. Use the instruction sheet to fill out the application.

If you do not have a computer with Internet access, applications may also be obtained at County Agriculture Extension agents and Division of Fish and Wildlife offices. In order to claim your permits on time, please return applications prior to February 22.

**Farmer permits will be available the same time regular leftover permits go on sale over-the-counter. Spring Season permits will be available beginning March 31 and Fall Permits beginning October 13. Permits may be claimed at any license agent as well as online (additional shipping fees apply).**

For problems or questions concerning farmer permits, call the Division’s Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 and you will be directed to someone for assistance.

# Turkey Hunting Areas

## Turkey Hunting Area #1

That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 519 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Dingman's Ferry; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to the point of beginning at Branchville. The islands of Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are included in the Hunting Area.

## Turkey Hunting Area #2

That portion of Sussex and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and Bridge Street at Blairstown; then north on Bridge Street to the Blairstown-Millbrook Road; then northwest along the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to Millbrook Village; then northwest along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to its intersection with the Flatbrook at Flatbrookville; then south along the west bank of the Flatbrook to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the intersection with Rt. 560 at Dingman's Ferry; then east along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Blairstown.

## Turkey Hunting Area #3

That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its confluence with the Flatbrook; then north along the east bank of the Flatbrook at its intersection with the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road at Flatbrookville; then southeast along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to Millbrook Village; then south on the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to its intersection with Bridge Street; then south on Bridge Street to Rt. 94 at Blairstown; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning at Columbia. The islands of Tocks and Labar lying in the Delaware River are also included within this Hunting Area.

## Turkey Hunting Area #4

That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 94 and 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 183 at Netcong; then southeast along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Portland Bridge at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Newton.

## Turkey Hunting Area #5

That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 517 at Andover; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Newton; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to its intersection with Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to the point of origin at Andover.

## Turkey Hunting Area #6

That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 23 and Rt. 517 at Hardystonville; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then west along Rt. 23 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

## Turkey Hunting Area #7

That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 517 at Hardystonville; then east along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 202 at Wayne; then south and west along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 183 at Netcong; then east along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517; then northeast along Rt. 517 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

## Turkey Hunting Area #8

That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Flemington; then west along Rt. 12

to its intersection with the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning at Manunkachunk.

## Turkey Hunting Area #9

That portion of Hunterdon, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 46 at Butzville; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south and west along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Butzville.

## Turkey Hunting Area #10

That portion of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 80; then east along Route 80 to its intersection with Route 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 202; then north and east along Route 202 to the New York State Line; then southeast along the New York State Line to the Hudson River; then south along the west shore of the Hudson River to Upper New York Bay; then south along the shore of Upper New York Bay to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the north shore of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west across Newark Bay to its confluence with the Arthur Kill; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to its intersection with Route 440; then west along Route 440 to its intersection with Route 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

## Turkey Hunting Area #11

That portion of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 12 and the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then east along Route 12 to its intersection with Route 202; then east along Route 202 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 1; then south and west along Route 1 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning. The islands of Skyhawks, Rush, Bull, Treasure and Eagle are included in this area.

## Turkey Hunting Area #12

That portion of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 206 at Trenton; then north and east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Routes 287 and 440 to its intersection with the Arthur Kill at Perth Amboy; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to Raritan Bay, then south and east along the shore of Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook; then north along the east shore of Sandy Hook Bay to the tip of Sandy Hook; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sixteenth Avenue at Belmar; then west on Sixteenth Avenue to Route 35; then south on Route 35 to Route 138; then west along Route 138 to its intersection with Route 195; then west along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 524; then north along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

## Turkey Hunting Area #14

That portion of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and the Delaware River; then east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 206; then south along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 524; then east along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 195; then east along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 138; then east along Route 138 to Route 35; then north on Route 35 to Sixteenth Avenue; then east on Sixteenth Avenue to the Atlantic Ocean at Belmar; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Ship Bottom; then north and west along Route 72 to its intersection with Route 70; then west along Route 70 to its intersection with Route 38 at Cherry Hill; then west along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 30; then west along Route 30 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

## Turkey Hunting Area #15

That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 70 and 206 at Red Lion; then south along Route 206 to Hammonton; then south along Route 54 from Hammonton to its intersection with Route 40 at Buena; then west along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 77 at Upper Pittsgrove; then north on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 45 at Mullica Hill; then north along Route 45 to its intersection with Route 322; then west along Route 322 to its

intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38; then east along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70; then east along Route 70 to the point of beginning.

#### Turkey Hunting Area #16

That portion of Burlington and Atlantic counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 70 at Red Lion; then east along Route 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72; then southeast along Route. 72 to Ship Bottom and the Atlantic Ocean; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sea Isle Boulevard (Route 625) in Sea Isle City; then west along Sea Isle Boulevard to its intersection with Route 9; then north along Route 9 to its intersection with Route 50; then north along Route 50 to its intersection with Route 557; then north and west along Route 557 to its intersection with Route 40; then west

along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 54; then north along Route 54 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

#### Turkey Hunting Area #20

That portion of Cumberland and Salem counties beginning at the intersection of the east bank of the Delaware River and Route 322 near Bridgeport; then southeast on Route 322 to its intersection with Route 45 near Mullica Hill; then south on Route 45 to its intersection with Route 77; then south on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 40; then east along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 553; then south along Route 553 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to Bridgeton and its intersection with the Cohansy River; then south along the west bank of the Cohansy River to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

#### Turkey Hunting Area #21

That portion of Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 40 and 553; then east along Route 40 to Lincoln Ave. (Route 655) in Buena Vista; then southwest along Lincoln Ave. to its intersection with Route 55 in Vineland; then south along Route 55 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to the Maurice River; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to its confluence with Delaware Bay; then west along the Delaware Bay shore to the Cohansy River; then north along the east bank of the Cohansy River to its intersection with Route 49 at Bridgeton; then east along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 553; then north along Route 553 to the point of beginning.

#### Turkey Hunting Area #22

That portion of Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a

continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 55 and Lincoln Avenue (Route 655); then northeast along Lincoln Avenue to its intersection with Wheat Road (Route 619) at Buena; then east on Wheat Road to its intersection with Route 557; then southeast along Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then southeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Seaville; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Sea Isle Boulevard; then east along Sea Isle Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean at Sea Isle City; then south along the Atlantic Coast to the Delaware Bay shore; then north and west along the shore of Delaware Bay to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Millville; then east along Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 55; then north along Rt. 55 to its intersection with Lincoln Avenue (Route 655) the point of beginning.

## Turkey Hunting Regulations

### Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon.
2. Hunter orange is **not** required for spring or fall turkey hunting.
3. One male wild turkey may be taken with each special wild turkey hunting permit, BUT only one turkey may be taken in a given day. Bearded hens may not be taken.
4. Wild turkeys may not be chased or driven in any way.
5. No electronic callers may be used during the open season.
6. The use of dogs is prohibited during the spring gobbler season.
7. Live decoys and electronically operated decoys may not be used to hunt wild turkeys.
8. No shot larger than number 4 fine shot or smaller than number 7 1/2 fine shot may be used.
9. No shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge may be used for turkey hunting.
10. When hunting wild turkey with bow, all arrows must be fitted with an edged head of the following specifications:
  - Minimum width 3/4"
  - Cutting edges must be of well-sharpened metal only
11. All bows, except compounds, must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds.
12. All turkey hunters must have a non-electronic calling device in possession while turkey hunting.
13. Turkey hunters may not stalk or attempt to take a wild turkey by sneaking up on the bird.
14. Wild turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of bait.
15. Turkey hunting groups are limited to five hunters.

### Fall Turkey Hunting Regulations

Same as for spring turkey hunting with the following exceptions:

1. The bag limit is one turkey of either-sex per permit. However, hunters may only take one turkey per day regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
2. Dogs may be used to hunt turkeys during the fall season only.
3. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
4. Driving turkeys is not permitted; however, an individual hunter may flush turkeys for the purpose of causing the flock to scatter.

## Mandatory Turkey Check Requirement

All harvested turkeys must be tagged **immediately** with a completed transportation tag. Turkeys must be taken by the person who killed it, on the day killed, to the nearest turkey check station by 3 p.m. during the spring gobbler season and by 7 p.m. during the fall season. Personnel at the check station will issue a legal possession tag. Consult this publication for a listing of official turkey check stations to locate one nearest your hunting area.



## Turkey Hunting Seminar

### NJ Fish & Wildlife

Pequest Trout Hatchery & Natural Resource Education Center  
Rt. 46, Oxford, 9 miles west of Hackettstown  
Warren County  
Saturday, March 7, 2009 1:00 p.m.  
908-637-4125

The NJ State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host a *Turkey Call Clinic* immediately after the seminar. Learn how to make the most of the call you bring, or purchase one from the federation.

# Public Turkey Hunting Land In New Jersey

## **Turkey Hunting Area 1**

Delaware Water Gap Nat'l  
Recreation Area  
Flatbrook-Roy WMA  
Hainesville WMA  
Stokes State Forest

## **Turkey Hunting Area 2**

Bear Swamp WMA  
Delaware Water Gap Nat'l  
Recreation Area  
Flatbrook-Roy WMA  
Paulinskill WMA  
Stokes State Forest  
Swartswood State Park  
Trout Brook WMA  
Walpack WMA  
White Lake WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 3**

Columbia WMA (partial)  
Delaware Water Gap Nat'l  
Recreation Area  
Worthington State Forest

## **Turkey Hunting Area 4**

Allamuchy Mountain State Park  
Beaver Brook WMA  
Columbia WMA (partial)  
Honey Run WMA  
Jenny Jump State Forest  
Stephens State Park  
Whittingham WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 5**

Kittatinny Valley State Park

## **Turkey Hunting Area 6**

Abram Hewitt State Forest  
Hamburg Mountain WMA  
Long Pond Ironworks State Park  
Norvin Green State Forest  
Ramapo Mountain State Forest  
Ringwood State Park  
Wanaque WMA  
Wawayanda State Park

## **Turkey Hunting Area 7**

Berkshire Valley WMA  
Fanny State Park  
Rockaway River WMA

Sparta Mountain WMA  
Weldon Brook WMA  
Wildcat Ridge WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 8**

Buckhorn Creek WMA  
Clinton WMA  
Musconetcong River WMA  
Pohatcong Creek WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 9**

Black River WMA  
Hacklebarney State Park  
Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA  
Musconetcong River WMA  
Pequest WMA  
Rockport WMA  
South Branch WMA  
Voorhees State Park

## **Turkey Hunting Area 10**

Black River WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 11**

Alexauken Creek WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 12**

Assunpink WMA  
Turkey Swamp WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 14**

Brendan T. Byrne State Forest  
Colliers Mills WMA  
Double Trouble State Park  
Forked River Mountain WMA  
Greenwood Forest WMA  
Manahawkin WMA  
Manasquan WMA  
Manchester WMA  
Medford WMA  
Whiting WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 15**

Cedar Lake WMA  
Elmer Lake WMA  
Glassboro WMA  
Wharton State Forest  
White Oak Branch WMA  
Winslow WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 16**

Bass River State Forest  
Cape May Wetlands WMA  
Great Egg Harbor WMA  
Hammonton Creek WMA  
Makepeace Lake WMA  
Maple Lake WMA  
Penn State Forest  
Port Republic WMA  
Stafford Forge WMA  
Swan Bay WMA  
Tuckahoe WMA  
Warren Grove Recreation Area  
Wharton State Forest

## **Turkey Hunting Area 20**

Abbotts Meadow WMA  
Cohansey River MWA  
DOD Ponds WMA  
Elmer Lake WMA  
Gum Tree Corner WMA  
Mad Horse Creek WMA  
Maskells Mill Pond WMA  
Salem River WMA  
Thundergust Pond WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 21**

Buckshutem WMA  
Cedarville Pond WMA  
Cohansey River WMA  
Dix WMA  
Egg Island WMA  
Fortescue WMA  
Nantuxent WMA  
New Sweden WMA  
Millville WMA  
Union Lake WMA

## **Turkey Hunting Area 22**

Beaver Swamp WMA  
Belleplain State Forest  
Cape May Wetlands WMA  
Dennis Creek WMA  
Heislerville WMA  
Higbee Beach WMA  
Menantico Ponds WMA  
Peaslee WMA  
Gibson Creek WMA

# TURKEY CHECK STATIONS

\* Denotes station also open for fall season

## ATLANTIC

Main Street Hardware, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing (609) 625-4941  
Ted's Taxidermy\*, 713 Rt. 40, Buena (856) 697-8585

## BURLINGTON

Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport (609) 267-7978  
Nixon's General Store, Chatsworth and New Rd., Tabernacle  
(609) 268-9800  
Pine Barrens Stove and Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth (609) 726-1550  
Sportsman's Center\*, Rt. 130, Bordentown (609) 298-5300

## CAMDEN

Atco Sports Center, 177 Atco Ave., Atco (856) 767-9446

## CAPE MAY

Belle Plain Supply, 346 Handsville Ave., Belle Plain (609) 861-2345  
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt.47, Cape May Ct. House (609) 465-4949

## CUMBERLAND

Beaver Dam Boat Rentals\*, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport  
(856) 447-3633  
Big Daddy's Sports Haven\*, 595 Sherman Ave., Millville (856) 453-9009  
Blackwater Sports Center\*, 2228 N. Delsea Dr., Vineland (856) 691-1571

## GLOUCESTER

Sportsman's Outpost, 2517 Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown (856) 881-3244

## HUNTERDON

Boan's Marine\*, 1296 Rt. 179, Lambertville (609) 397-3311  
Carousel Deli and Bakery\*, Rt. 179 and Wertsville Rd., Ringoes  
(908) 788-5180  
The Corner Store\*, Rt. 12 and Rt. 519, Baptistown (908) 996-7648  
Ralph Anthony Automotive\*, 1173 Rt. 579, Quakertown (908) 735-7800  
Jugtown Mountain Campsites\*, 1074 Rt. 173 East, Asbury  
(908) 735-5995  
Lakeside Deli\*, 1878 Rt.31 North, Clinton (908) 638-3354  
Sportsman's Rendezvous\*, Rt. 31, Speedway Plaza, Flemington  
(908) 788-5828

## MIDDLESEX

Sayreville Sportsmen\*, 52 Washington Ave., Sayreville  
(732) 238-2060

## MONMOUTH

Bill & Ken's Taxidermy, 389 Rt. 79, Morganville (732) 303-9400  
Clarksburg Inn, 465 Stagecoach Rd., Clarksburg (609) 259-2558  
Cream Ridge Sports Shop, 445 Rt. 539, Cream Ridge (609) 758-0616

## MORRIS

Mount Hope Deli\*, 662 Mount Hope Ave., Wharton (973) 328-7259  
R&S Sports\*, 3 New Street, Budd Lake (973) 347-1944

## OCEAN

Brick Armory, 231 Chambers Bridge Rd., Brick (732) 477-0800  
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Highway, Jackson  
(732) 883-4875  
Tips Hardware, 218 Main Street, West Creek (609) 296-3192

## PASSAIC

Frank's Tackle\*, 81 Ringwood Ave., Wanaque (973) 835-2966  
Greenwood Lake Sports Center\*, 1745 Greenwood Lake Tnpk., Hewitt  
(973) 728-1000

## SALEM

Bradway's Farm Market\*, Jericho Rd. & Rt. 49, Salem (856) 935-5698  
Sam's Super Service\*, 290 Rt. 40, Elmer (856) 358-3488

## SOMERSET

Glad-Pack Sunoco\*, 1 Pottersville Rd., Peapack-Gladstone  
(908) 234-1355

## SUSSEX

Garden State Bow & Reel\*, 2760A Rt. 23 North, Stockholm (973)  
697-3727  
Hainesville General Store\*, 283 Rt. 206 South, Hainesville  
(973) 948-4280  
Sig Borstad Hunting Supply\*, 7 Old Rudetown Rd., McAfee  
(973) 827-6527  
Simon-Peter Bait and Tackle\*, Rt. 206 and Brighton Rd., Newton  
(973) 786-5313  
Swartswood Country Store\*, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Stillwater  
(973) 383-5470

## WARREN

Alpine Meats\*, Rt. 94 N., Blairstown (908) 362-8568  
Hi-Way Sport Shop\*, Box 253, Rt. 31 North, Washington (908) 689-6208  
The Owl's Nest\*, 97 Rt. 519, Warren Glen (908) 995-7903  
Smitty's Liquor and Deli\*, 89 Rt. 46, Delaware (908) 475-5933  
Straco 3 Auto Parts, Hunting and Fishing\*, 147 Mountain Ave.,  
Hackettstown (908) 852-2829

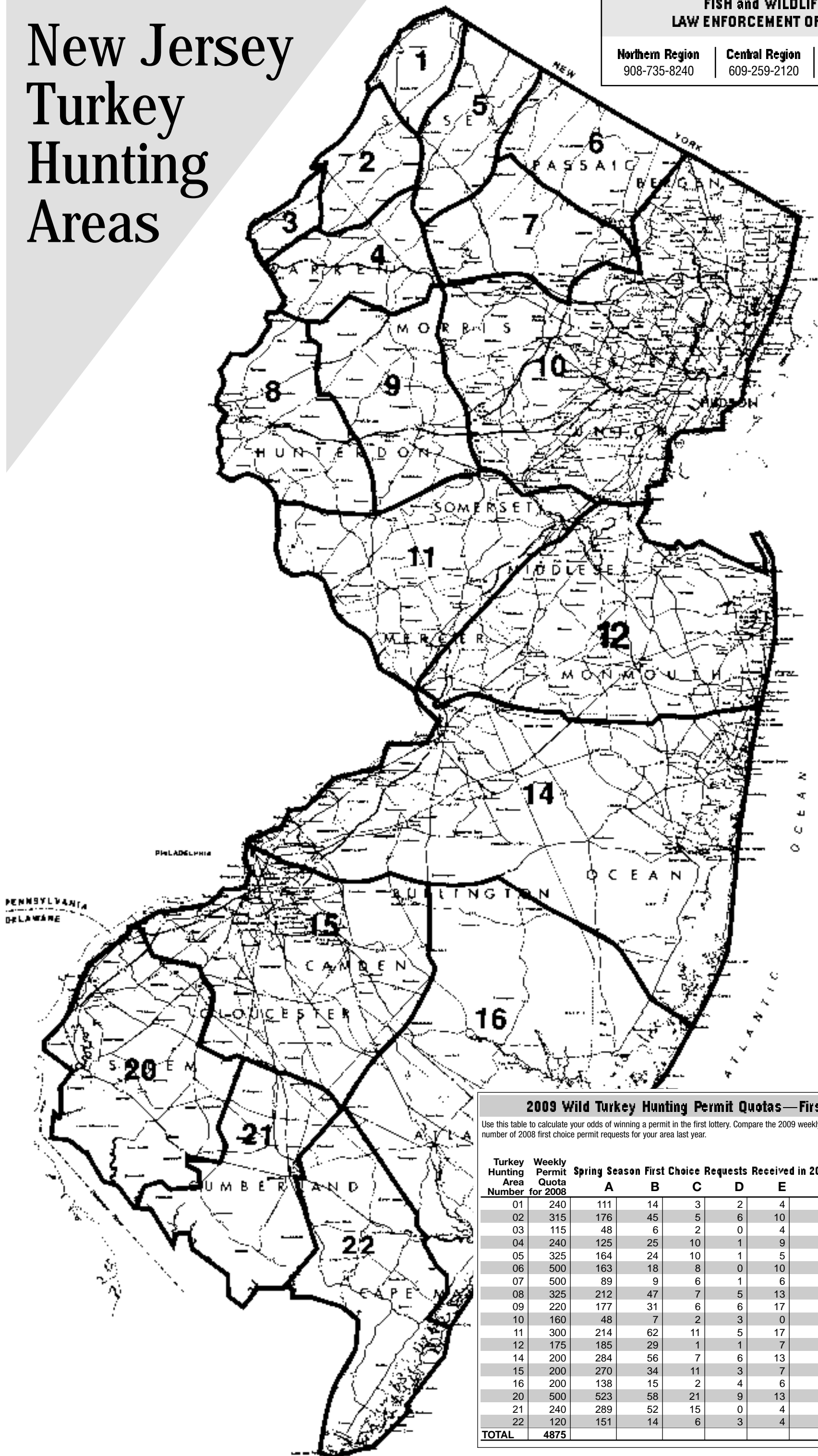
# New Jersey Turkey Hunting Areas

## FISH and WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

**Northern Region**  
908-735-8240

**Central Region**  
609-259-2120

**Southern Region**  
856-629-0555



### 2009 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit Quotas—First Lottery

Use this table to calculate your odds of winning a permit in the first lottery. Compare the 2009 weekly permit quotas with the number of 2008 first choice permit requests for your area last year.

Turkey Hunting Area Number	Weekly Permit Quota for 2008	Spring Season First Choice Requests Received in 2008						2009 Spring Season Weekly Quota	2009 Fall Quota
		A	B	C	D	E	G		
01	240	111	14	3	2	4	76	240	240
02	315	176	45	5	6	10	139	315	315
03	115	48	6	2	0	4	53	115	115
04	240	125	25	10	1	9	148	240	240
05	325	164	24	10	1	5	199	325	325
06	500	163	18	8	0	10	133	500	500
07	500	89	9	6	1	6	102	500	500
08	325	212	47	7	5	13	206	325	325
09	220	177	31	6	6	17	191	220	220
10	160	48	7	2	3	0	58	160	160
11	300	214	62	11	5	17	240	300	300
12	175	185	29	1	1	7	193	175	0
14	200	284	56	7	6	13	293	200	0
15	200	270	34	11	3	7	323	200	0
16	200	138	15	2	4	6	158	200	0
20	500	523	58	21	9	13	430	500	500
21	240	289	52	15	0	4	257	240	100
22	120	151	14	6	3	4	115	120	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4875</b>							<b>4875</b>	<b>3840</b>



## Eastern Wild Turkey Biology

*Courtesy of the National Wild Turkey Federation*

Of the five distinct subspecies of wild turkey found in the United States, the eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*) is the most widely distributed, abundant and popularly hunted. It inhabits hardwood and mixed forests from New England and southern Canada to northern Florida, and west to Texas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. It has also been successfully transplanted in states outside of its original range, including California, Oregon and Washington.

Individuals can grow to be among the largest of any of the subspecies. The adult male, called a gobbler or tom, may measure up to four feet tall at maturity and weigh more than 20 pounds. The upper tail coverts, which cover the base of the long tail feathers, are tipped in chestnut with tail tips a dark buff or chocolate brown. In contrast, the breast feathers are tipped in black. Other body feathers are characterized by rich metallic, copper/bronze iridescence.

The primary wing feathers have white and black bars that extend from the outer edge of each to the shaft. Secondary wing feathers have prominent white bars and are edged in white, producing a light triangular area on each side of the back when the wings are folded.

A mature female, called a hen, can be nearly as tall as a male, but is usually lighter, weighing between eight and 12 pounds. Females are similar in color to males, but are more brown and the metallic reflections are less brilliant. Breast, flank and side feathers are tipped with brown rather than the black and white tips of the male.



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- Applicants must first have a Disabled Veteran License to obtain free Disabled Veteran Turkey Permits.
- Qualified individuals are entitled to two free Spring Season permits and one free Fall Season permit in the lottery. After the lottery, qualified individuals will be eligible for multiple free permits, if they are available.
- If applying online, the system will automatically offer a choice for two Free DV Spring First and Second Lottery Turkey Permits on the application.
- If applying at a license agent, you must first indicate that you are a Disabled Veteran and qualify to have your first and second lottery spring turkey permit application free.
- Using Disabled Veteran status does not guarantee a permit for the applicant, nor does it grant preference in the lottery.

### Quick Summary:

#### 1. Get Certified 2. Get a DV License 3. Get a Permit

You must first present your documentation at one of the three specified Division offices (or mail copies to Oxford) to obtain DV certification. You may then be issued a DV license provided you have the proper hunter education documentation. You only need to be certified once.

Though you may only be certified at a Division office, any participating license agent may issue a DV license provided you have the necessary hunter education documentation or a previous year's DV license.

Once you are certified and have the DV license, you are eligible for a permit.

\*Remember that all DV licenses, stamps and permits are free when you visit a participating license agent, but if you choose to obtain them via the Internet sales site, you will incur a small shipping and handling fee.

## Filing an Application and Purchasing Permits

### Lottery Applications:

Applicants may apply at license agents or via the Internet. Please make sure you have your Conservation ID number (CID#) or Social Security Number (SSN) on hand along with your date of birth (DOB). You will be charged a non-refundable \$2.00 application fee for each lottery in which you apply.

- Persons whose license privileges are revoked are not eligible to apply.
- Only one application per hunter.
- You must have a 2009 hunting license in order to apply. First time applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a wild turkey hunting permit provided they apply for a hunter education course prior to submitting an application.

- Each lottery awards only ONE permit.
- You will always be given three choices in each lottery. The second and third choices in each lottery are offered to provide you with additional chances to win the permit of your choice. **IMPORTANT: If you will only accept a permit for one area and period, leave the second and third choices blank.** You are under no obligation to fill out a second or third choice—those options appear only if you choose to take advantage of them. If your first choice is no longer available when your name is selected in the lottery, the computer will try to fulfill your second choice. If that choice is also sold out, the computer will try to honor your third choice.

**For Online Internet Transactions:**

- Know your CID# and DOB, or your SSN and DOB.
- Know what you want to apply for or purchase. That means knowing which zone and what period you would like to either apply for or purchase. **IMPORTANT:** If you hesitate too long, the transaction will time out leaving you to start all over again.
- Have payment information ready. Internet transactions can be paid for either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card.
- You will be given several chances to review the transaction prior to completion. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities and make adjustments as necessary. Once a transaction has been completed there will be **NO refunds or exchanges.** The responsibility is solely your own, so take the time and care necessary to ensure that you are purchasing what you want. Once your transaction is complete, you may want to print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

**For Transactions at License Agent Locations:**

- Know your CID# and DOB or your SSN and DOB.
- Know what you want to apply for or purchase. Note that it is **NOT** the responsibility of the store proprietor or clerk to know what area your hunting property is located in. Please review the map and zone descriptions at home **BEFORE** arriving at the store. If you are unsure of the area, study a county map and using a pen or highlighter, trace the area descriptions found on the Division’s Web site or in this booklet.
- To expedite your transaction, consider writing your information down on a piece of paper (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and handing it to the clerk.
- **NOTE:** An agent using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) has the ability to print out a receipt, but may only do so if you **REQUEST** one. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list what you applied for as well as your transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not have the ability to print a receipt for each customer. **ASK FIRST!** If they cannot print a receipt please have the clerk verbally verify your application choices and provide you with the transaction number for that application. **Write this transaction number down.** Transaction numbers can be helpful in the rare instance a problem occurs with your application.
- Each agent location is different. The owner decides which form of payment will be accepted. Find out ahead of time and have your payment ready when you arrive.

**NEW JERSEY FISH & WILDLIFE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Internet Address . . . . .www.njfishandwildlife.com  
 Commercial Preserves & Semi-Wild Preserves . . . . .609-984-1400  
**Hunting Permit Hotline . . . . .609-292-9192**  
 DEP ACTION LINE - 24 HOURS .877-WARNDEP  
 Exotic & Nongame Captivity Permits .609-292-9591  
 Falconry Permit Information . . . . .908-735-8793  
 Field Trial Permits . . . . .609-259-2132  
**General Information . . . . .609-292-2965**  
 Horseback Riding Permits . . . . .609-259-2132  
 Hunter Education . . . . .877-2HUNTJ  
 Operation Game Thief . . . . .800-222-0456  
 Outstanding Deer Program . . . . .609-633-7598  
 Pheasant & Quail Stocking Info. . . .609-984-0547  
 Trout Stocking Hotline . . . . .609-633-6765  
 Wildlife Conservation Corps Info. . . .856-629-0552  
 Wildlife Management Area Info. . . . .609-984-0547  
**Trenton Office**  
 501 E. State St., Station Plaza 5, 3rd Floor,  
 P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400  
 Endangered and Nongame Species .609-292-9400  
 Freshwater Fisheries . . . . .609-292-9450  
 Land Management . . . . .609-984-0547

Law Enforcement . . . . .609-292-9430  
 Marine Fisheries . . . . .609-292-2083  
 Shellfisheries . . . . .609-984-5546  
 Wildlife Education . . . . .908-637-4125  
 Wildlife Management . . . . .609-292-6685  
**Lebanon Field Office**  
 PO Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833 . . .908-236-2118  
**Northern Region Office**  
 26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827  
 Wildlife Management . . . . .908-735-7040  
 Endangered and Nongame Species .908-735-8975  
 Hunter Education . . . . .877-2HUNTJ  
 Wildlife Control . . . . .908-735-8793  
 Land Management . . . . .973-383-0918  
 Law Enforcement (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties) . . . . .908-735-8240  
**Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center**  
 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863...908-637-4125  
**Central Region Office**  
 1 Eldridge Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691  
 Land Management . . . . .609-259-2132

Hunter Education . . . . .877-2HUNTJ  
 Wildlife Control . . . . .609-259-7955  
 Law Enforcement (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean counties) . . .609-259-2120  
**Southern Region Office**  
 220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081  
 Information . . . . .856-629-0090  
 Hunter Education . . . . .877-2HUNTJ  
 Land Management . . . . .856-629-5006  
 Freshwater Fisheries . . . . .856-629-4950  
 Wildlife Control . . . . .856-629-7224  
 Law Enforcement (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem counties) . . . . .856-629-0555  
**Nacote Creek Research Station**  
 P.O. Box 418, Route 9, Milepost 51  
 Port Republic, NJ 08241  
 Marine Fisheries . . . . .609-748-2020  
 Shellfisheries . . . . .609-748-2040  
 Marine Education . . . . .609-748-2031  
 Wildlife Management . . . . .609-748-2063  
 Marine Law Enforcement . . . . .609-748-2050  
**Bivalve Shellfish Office**  
 P.O. Box 432, Port Norris, NJ 08349.....856-785-0730

### **Increasing Your Chances of Winning the Permit(s) of Your Choice:**

- Certain Turkey Hunting Areas and/or Area and Period combinations are extremely popular. That means they are traditionally applied for by more hunters than there are permits available (over-subscribed). A table of permit quotas and first choice requests for each area is provided on the map page inside to assist your decision.
- When deciding on your first, second and third choices, consider where and when you plan to hunt. Choose your favorite area and week (period) as a first choice in the FIRST lottery. **Do not list popular areas or weeks as second or third choices in the first lottery and do not list popular areas or weeks for any choices in the second lottery, as they most likely will not be available.** Permits will NOT be exchanged and money will NOT be refunded for unwanted permits. Give your choices some thought, but in all cases make sure that you have a place to hunt BEFORE submitting your application.

### **Editing Lottery Applications/Changing Your Application:**

Regardless of how or where you applied for the lottery, you can look up your information using any computer with Internet access. You can check the status of the application and most importantly, make changes if there is a mistake. Simply go to the licensing Web site at [www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/start.php](http://www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/start.php) and access your profile by providing the system with your CID# and DOB. Once your profile appears, click on the appropriate button on the bottom of the page. You will ONLY be able to edit your application during the application period. Once that period closes, there is no way to change your application. License Agents and Fish and Wildlife offices DO NOT have the ability to change an application once it has been submitted.

### **Checking the Status of an Application:**

After applying, you may check your permit status at any time. Just go to the licensing Web site at [www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/start.php](http://www.wildlifelicense.com/nj/start.php) and access your profile by providing the system with your CID# and DOB. Once your profile appears, click on the appropriate button at the bottom of the page. You will be able to tell if the lottery has been completed and if you are a winner. A message of “pending” indicates that the lottery has not finished. During the application period, the system will always state “pending” next to your submission since the lottery cannot be run until the application period is over.

### **Notification on Lottery Status (Did You Win a Permit?):**

Once the lottery has been completed you should be notified of your status. During the application process you may or may not be asked if you prefer an e-mail or postcard notification of your status once the lottery has been completed. If you check e-mail and provide the system with your address, be sure to check your junk/spam filters so that your e-mail system will accept the notification. If applying at a license agent, you may or may not be asked to choose a notification mode. Depending on the type of license issuing machine used, certain agents must use the default method of mailing a postcard. If you are not notified by the time stated in this publication, follow the previous instructions to check on the status of your application.

### **Claiming Awarded Permits:**

If you win a permit in the lottery, your next step is to CLAIM it. Please remember that when you first applied, only the non-refundable \$2.00 application fee was paid; you must still PAY the actual permit fee. Permits may be claimed by visiting any license agent or online. Permit pickup times are listed on the front cover. If visiting a license agent, make sure you have the proper information (CID# and DOB) and let them know you are there for an AWARD PICKUP. If you choose to claim your permit online, please remember there is an additional convenience fee and that 7–10 business days are needed. **Remember: If you win two permits in the Spring Lottery, you must claim BOTH of them. You will NOT be able to claim just one.**

### **Purchasing Unclaimed Permits or General Over-the-Counter Permits:**

Leftover (unclaimed) permits can be purchased at license agents and/or via the Internet. Leftover Spring Turkey Permits will be available beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 10 a.m. Leftover Fall Turkey Permits will be available beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. If you decide to use the Internet, you CANNOT print the permits from home. They MUST be mailed and can take 7–10 business days. Also note, if using the Internet you will be given the opportunity to review your transaction and make corrections prior to completion. Once a transaction has been completed there will be **no refunds or exchanges. You are solely responsible for your choices.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, please have your CID# and DOB ready. You may want to write down your permit choices to reduce the risk of errors. Again, it is your responsibility to make sure the correct permits are purchased.

