

STATE OF WASHINGTON

2014 pamphlet edition

WILD TURKEY

Spring Season



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Washington
Department of
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WILDLIFE**

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2014 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.

2014 Spring Season

Area	Dates Open	Restrictions	Bag/Possession Limit
Statewide	April 15 - May 31, 2014 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 restrictions: Only two (2) turkeys may be taken in eastern Washington and only one (1) of those may be taken in Chelan, Kittitas, and Yakima counties (combined); only one (1) turkey may be taken in western Washington per year outside of Klickitat County. 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 – a plug may be used to meet this requirement – or muzzleloader with shot) and bow-and-arrow hunting only. Hunters with disabilities who qualify for special use permits under WAC 232-12-054 may use a crossbow.
- 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, live birds, 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 (e.g. #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

- Youth license holders may hunt during a special youth only spring turkey season on April 5 and 6, 2014.
- The youth season is open statewide.
- Standard hunting methods and all other turkey hunting regulations apply to the youth season. (The combined youth/spring season bag limit is the same as listed for spring seasons above.)

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*	Disabled***
Small game license	\$40.50	\$183.50	\$18.50	\$18.50
Small game, with combined purchase of big game license**	\$22.00	\$96.80	\$8.80	\$8.80
Three-day small game	n/a	\$68.00	n/a	n/a
Primary turkey tag	\$15.90	\$44.50	\$0.50	\$15.80
Additional turkey transport tags	\$15.90	\$66.50	\$11.50	\$15.80

- * Youth hunters are defined as under 16 when they buy a license.
- ** License needs to be purchased at the same time as any big game license.
- *** Refer to Big Game or Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Pamphlets for requirements.

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

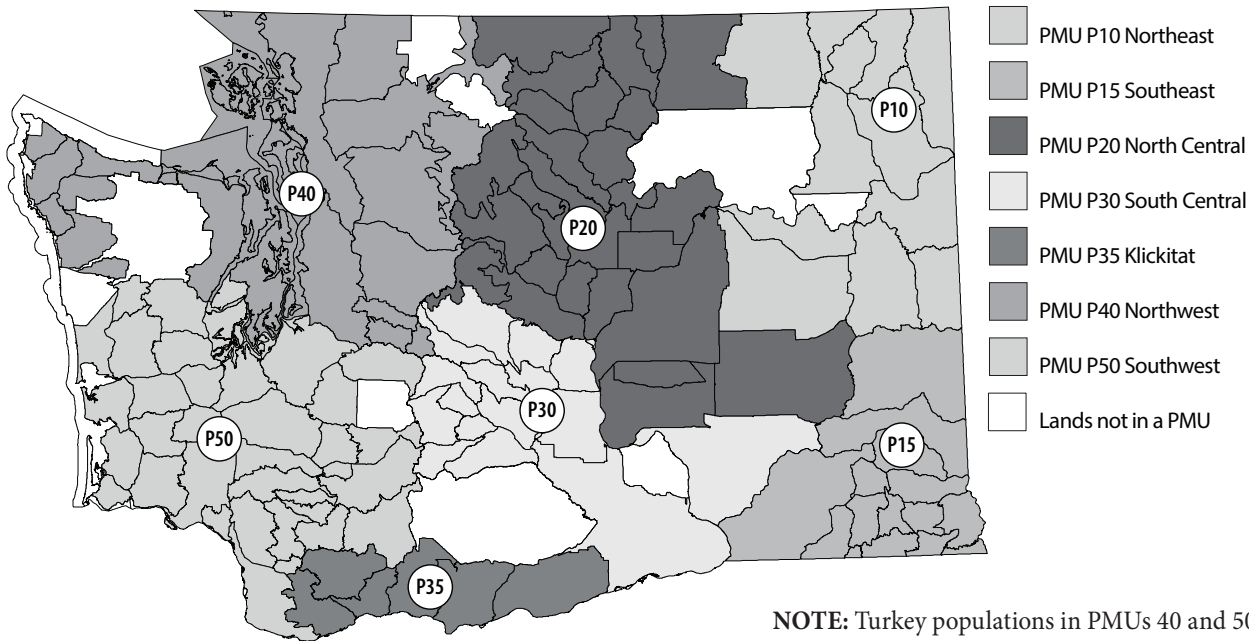
Caution: Emergency regulation changes may occur while the seasons described in this pamphlet are in effect and will supersede information contained herein. Area news media will be informed of changes as they occur.

Estimated Spring Turkey Harvest

PMU	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
P10	519	662	1,098	1,176	2,382	3,418	3,333	3,401	3,445	3,571	3,660	2,677	2,845	2,861	3,734	2,512
P15	123	132	267	214	376	533	443	471	480	730	605	578	761	731	827	642
P20	11	20	21	32	78	119	176	209	215	220	258	232	228	412	194	203
P30	1	0	1	10	73	105	123	178	182	169	221	172	245	417	272	162
P35	109	125	183	134	190	300	329	301	345	362	487	370	447	863	464	514
P40	1	1	0	1	2	7	9	15	10	8	9	3	5	13	8	5
P50	36	40	46	48	47	54	52	54	53	77	62	50	65	68	52	30
Total	800	980	1,616	1,615	3,148	4,536	4,465	4,629	4,730	5,137	5,302	4,082	4,596	5,365	5,551	4,068

Population Management Unit (PMUs) Description

P10 (Northeast):	GMUs 101-136	P35 (Klickitat):	GMUs 382, 388, 578, 574, 572, 568
P15 (Southeast):	GMUs 139-186	P40 (Northwest):	All 400 GMUs PLUS GMUs 601-627
P20 (North Central):	All 200 GMUs	P50 (Southwest):	All 500 GMUs EXCEPT GMUs 568, 572, 574, 578, 588 PLUS GMUs 633-681
P30 (South Central):	All 300 GMUs, EXCEPT GMUs 382, 388		



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

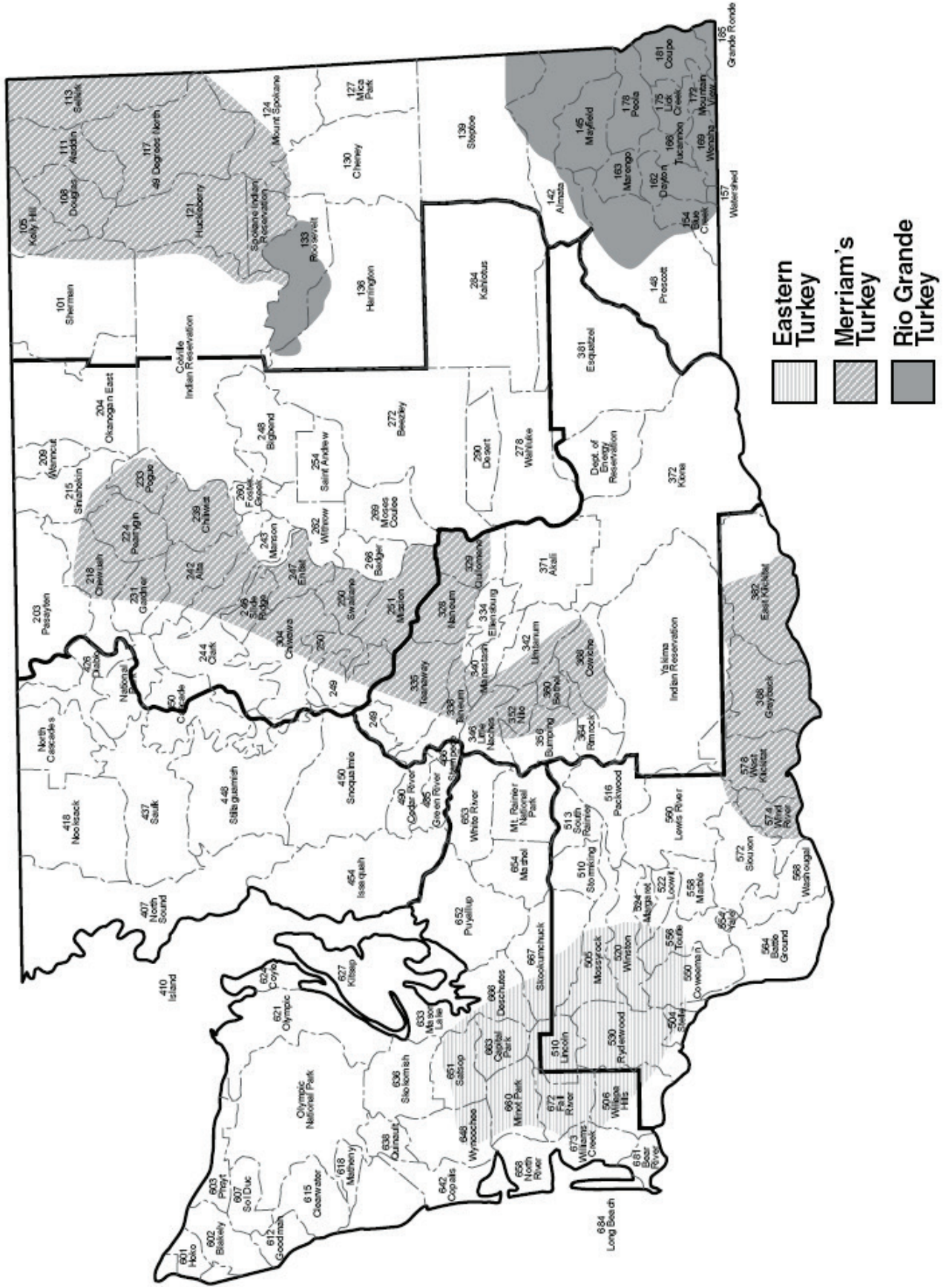
Fall Turkey Season

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 Hunting Seasons and Regulations 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



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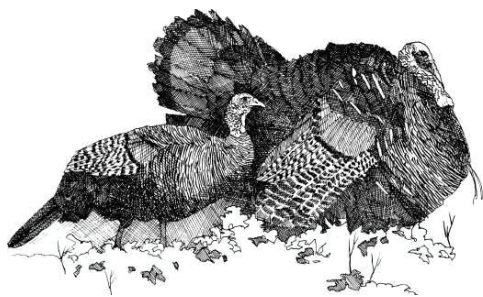
– Mandatory Reporting –

Hunters are Required to Report Hunting Activity by January 31st, 2015

Turkey hunters must report their hunting activity even if they did not hunt or harvest an animal. Hunters not reporting by January 31 will be subject to a \$10 administrative fee 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 online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. Paper harvest report cards are no longer accepted. Hunters who harvest an animal should file a report within 10 days of harvest. 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 hunter 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.



2014 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 5-6	5:49	7:26	6:12	7:48
April 15-19	5:29	7:41	5:52	8:02
April 20-26	5:16	7:51	5:39	8:11
April 27-May 3	5:04	8:01	5:27	8:21
May 4-10	4:53	8:10	5:17	8:30
May 11-17	4:43	8:19	5:07	8:39
May 18-24	4:35	8:28	4:59	8:48
May 25-31	4:28	8:36	4:53	8:55

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

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

1. Whether or not you hunted turkeys.
2. For each turkey tag:
 - a. The number of the Game Management Units 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)

COLVILLE WILD TURKEY DAZE

**APRIL 15
TO
MAY 31**

**YOUTH HUNT
UNDER 16
APRIL 5 & 6**

First Tag free for Youth

WILD TURKEY CAPITAL OF WASHINGTON

Turkey Hunting Location Map!

Want to hunt turkeys but don't know where to go?

Go to www.mapmet.com and find a spot!

The maps, 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.

Hunter 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
986 So. Main St., Ste. B
509-684-5973
www.colville.com

Access to State Recreation Lands



The Discover Pass is your ticket to nearly 3 million acres of state lands managed by WDFW, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Washington State Parks. Your purchase of a Discover Pass helps to keep recreation access open on these state lands.

You don't need a Discover Pass to hunt and fish on WDFW-managed lands. When you purchase a hunting or fishing license, you also receive a complimentary Vehicle Access Pass that gives you access to hunt and fish on WDFW-managed lands.

However, to hunt on many DNR managed lands and to fish on DNR managed lands AND state parks, you will need a Discover Pass. (Hunting is not allowed in state parks.)

Learn more about when and where you need a Discover Pass and how to purchase the pass at: discoverpass.wa.gov.

- The annual Discover Pass is just \$30 or \$35.*
- One-day pass is \$10 or \$11.50.*
- Passes can be switched between two vehicles.

*The cost with transaction and dealer fees if purchased at license dealer, by phone or online.



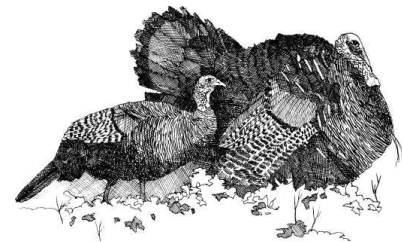
Vehicle Access Pass

You must clearly display a Vehicle Access Pass (VAP) to park a vehicle at all posted WDFW wildlife areas and water access sites. The VAP must be visible from outside the vehicle (they can be placed on the dash or hung from the rear-view mirror) and can be switched between two vehicles.

You can get a rear-view mirror hanger from your local license dealer. A VAP is free with the purchase of an annual hunting, fishing, or trapping license. It cannot be purchased separately. For a list of locations requiring the VAP, visit:

wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/

or visit a WDFW regional office.



Sex and Age of Wild Turkeys

Hen
Middle toe less than 4 inches long



Outer Wing Feathers



Adult
Immature Hen



Adult
Immature Tom

Gobbler
Middle toe greater than 4 inches long



Breast Feathers



Hen
(Buff Tip)



Tom
(Black Tip)



Hen



Tom

Spur

Tail Feathers



Mature Tom
(Adult)



Immature Tom
(Juvenile)

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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Ephrata, WA 98823-9699
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Wenatchee, WA 98801-9607
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Civil Rights Coordinator for Public Access 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: WSFR-4020, Arlington, VA 22203

Washington Slam

The Washington Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) 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, Spokane and Stevens; Eastern: all western Washington counties except Klickitat and Skamania.

Due to smaller populations, the Eastern subspecies is challenging to locate. The taking of one 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, NWTf
Rich Reathford
(509) 279-2030



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 Fulginiti
Russell Kuehn

1998

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

1999

Ron Brockavich
Ted Fleckner (A)
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 (A)
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
Eteban Calderon
Andy Cloke
Andy Grunewald
Paul Hite
David Hoel
Darwin Koistinen
John McKeever
Kathleen Neault
Mark Simonson (A)

Zachary Wearstler

2005

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

2006

Eteban Calderon
Ted Fleckner (A)
Paul Hite
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
Matt Mimnaugh
Kathleen Neault

2007

Thomas Bostrom
Eteban 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
Eteban Calderon
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
Kathleen Neault (M)
Dennis Olsen
Bob Shaw

2010

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

2011

James Allan
David Hoel

Colby Longshore

Alan Poe
Brad Richard
Glen Richard
Bob Shaw

2012

Greg Anderson
Thomas Bostrum
Seth Bynum
David Hoel (M)
Alan Poe
Bob Shaw

2013

Larry Aiello
B. Ray Bjork
Seth Bynum
David Hoel
Ray Lampers
John McKeever
Bob Shaw

(A) Archery Equipment
(M) Muzzleloader

Washington Slam Award Winners



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

2011

Gregory Anderson
Travis Arnott

2012

B. Ray Bjork
Jay Brightbill
Joseph Lipczynski
John McKeever