

# Upland Game Animals — Cottontail Rabbits and Snowshoe Hares

## Unlawful Methods of Take

No person shall take upland game animals:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With a trap, snare, net, or shotgun using shotgun shells exceeding 3 1/2 inches in length.
- From boats or other craft having a motor attached **unless** the motor is completely shut off and forward progress has ceased, or the boat is drifting naturally, or it is propelled only by paddle, oars, or pole, or it is beached, moored, or resting at anchor.
- By the use or aid of any electronic call.

**To correctly distinguish cottontail rabbits (season open) and pygmy rabbits (season closed), check for these characteristics:**

### Cottontail Rabbit

Tail: dark above and white underneath.

Size: More than one foot in length (13.5-16.6 inches)

### Pygmy Rabbit

Tail: buffy gray with no white on it.

Size: Less than one foot in length (9.7-11.3 inches)

- Contact your local regional office to determine if pygmy rabbits are found in your area of interest.

## Areas Closed to Hunting

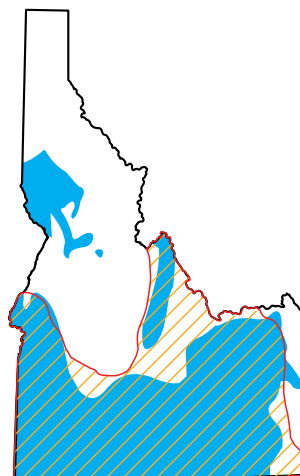
Hunting, killing, or molesting upland game animals is prohibited in the following areas:

- Craters of the Moon National Monument. See page 49 for a full description.
- Harriman State Park Wildlife Refuge in Fremont County.
- Nez Perce National Historical Park in Clearwater, Idaho and Nez Perce counties.
- That portion of Ada County within Veterans Memorial Park and the area between State Highway 21, Warm Springs Avenue and the New York Canal from the New York Canal Diversion Dam downstream to the Boise City limits.
- Yellowstone National Park in Fremont County.
- Mann’s Lake in Nez Perce County and extending 300 yards beyond the Bureau of Reclamation property that encompasses the lake.
- On any of those portions of federal refuges, State game preserves, State wildlife management areas, bird preserves, bird refuges, and bird sanctuaries for which bird hunting closures have been declared by legislative or Commission action.

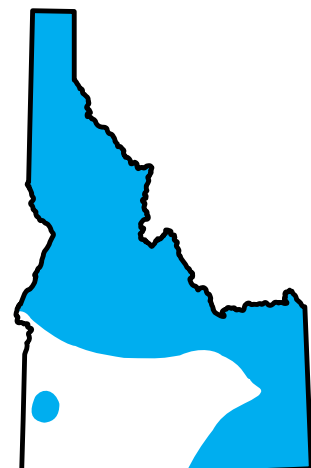
Seasons, Bags and Possession Limits - Statewide			
Species	Season	Daily Bag Limits	Possession Limits
Cottontail Rabbits	September 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011 September 1, 2011 - February 28, 2012	8	16
Pygmy Rabbits	Season Closed		
Snowshoe Hares	September 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 September 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012	8	16

**Shaded areas show general distribution of these species**

**NOTE:** All upland game hunters and upland game bird hunters are required to wear visible hunter orange (minimum size 36 square inches) above the waist during pheasant season when hunting on Wildlife Management Areas where pheasants are stocked. A hunter orange hat meets this requirement.



Cottontail Rabbits and Pygmy Rabbits (yellow stripe)



Hares