

Falconry

Species from the following families may be used for falconry:

- *Accipitridae* (except the bald eagle).
- *Falconidae*.
- *Strigidae* (Great horned owl only).

Hunting season: Upland game birds and upland game animals may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species and during extended falconry seasons (see table page 32). During firearm season, falconers may take firearm season bag and possession limits. During extended falconry seasons, special limits apply.

Migratory game birds may be taken by falconry during firearms seasons established for those species. However, during firearms seasons and extended falconry seasons, special bag and possession limits apply.

Falconers are now required to have state permits for raptor captive breeding, falconry, falconry capture (nonresidents only), falconry in-state transfer, and field meet (nonresidents only). A falconry training permit is required when training with released upland game birds and waterfowl. Permits can be purchased at Fish and Game Regional Offices.

There are special requirements regarding the capture, possession, transfer and use of birds of prey in Idaho. Complete rules are available from: Idaho Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Special Restrictions On Hunting With Birds Of Prey

Anytime a hunting bird of prey kills quarry that may not be taken under established rules, seasons, bag limits, or license requirements, the falconer must leave the dead quarry where it lies. Except that the bird of prey may feed upon the quarry before leaving the kill site.

All Idaho residents hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho falconry permit, a valid hunting license and all necessary validations.

All nonresidents hunting by falconry must have in their possession a valid Idaho hunting license, all necessary validations and a valid falconry permit from their state of residence.

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Extended Falconry Seasons, Bag and Possession Limit

Species	Open and Closed Areas	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit (After 1st day of season)
Pheasants (All varieties)	All counties or parts of counties which have a firearms season are open to hunting by falconry.	August 15, 2010 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of firearms season through March 15, 2011. August 15, 2011 to the opening of the firearms season and from the close of the firearms season through March 15, 2012	3 of any kind and shall not include more than 1 pheasant (male or female), 1 sage-grouse, or 1 sharp-tailed grouse except during firearm seasons when those seasons' limits apply.	6 of any kind and shall not include more than 2 pheasant (male or female). 2 sage-grouse
Gray partridge, chukar, partridge, bobwhite quail, California quail	Same as above.	Same as above.		
Forest grouse, Dusky (blue), ruffed & spruce)	Same as above.	Same as above.		
Sage-grouse	Same as above.	Same as above.		
Sharp-tailed grouse	Same as above.	Same as above.		
Crows	Open statewide.	October 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011 October 1, 2011 - January 31, 2012	No daily bag or possession limits	
Migratory game birds (ducks, coots, megansers, common snipe, mourning dove)	Open statewide.	These seasons shall coincide with the regular firearms seasons for these species.	3 of any kind	6 of any kind
Cottontail rabbits	Open statewide.	March 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010 March 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011	2 of any kind	4 of any kind
Snowshoe hares	Open statewide.	April 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010 April 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011		

American Crow

No person shall take American crows:

- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- With trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol or a shotgun using shells exceeding three and one-half (3 1/2) inches maximum 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.

Areas Closed to Hunting

Areas closed to hunting of upland game birds are also closed to hunting of American crows. See pages 49 and 50.

Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits - Statewide

Species	Season	Daily Bag and Possession Limits
American Crow	October 1, 2010 - January 31, 2011	NO LIMITS
	October 1, 2011 - January 31, 2012	

Mountain Quail Sightings Wanted!

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is surveying the state for mountain quail. This bird was once common in the western part of Idaho but now exists only in small scattered populations.

We need your help in determining the status and distribution of these birds. Please report any sighting you make as soon as possible to your nearest Fish & Game office.

What to Look For

- Long straight head plume
- Chestnut throat (not black like California quail)
- Vertical white bars on sides
- Most common on brushy mountain slopes or in brushy forest

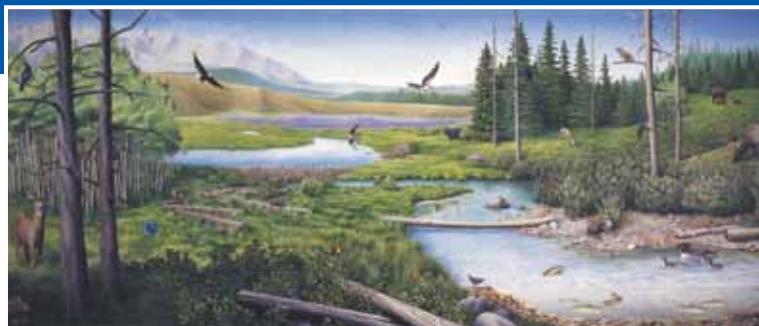
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