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State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Captive Wildlife Program LE/8
PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707

Bird Hunting Preserve License Application

Form 9400-578 (R 03/23)

Notice: Use the third page of this application to apply for a Class A or Class B Bird Hunting Preserve License. General information and requirements are provided below to help you determine which license you need and to complete the application. This is informational only and not a complete set of rules. Licenses are governed by Wisconsin Statute ch. 169 Captive Wildlife and Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. NR 16 Captive Wildlife.

Bird Hunting Preserves General Information

A bird hunting preserve may not allow the number of birds of a given species for which it is licensed to be killed or taken in a given license year to exceed the number of captive wild birds of that species that have been stocked. Birds must be stocked before they are hunted. All stocked birds shall be of high quality stock, fully feathered and not less than 12 weeks of age.

All individuals taking the carcass of any captive game bird off the licensed property shall first be issued a receipt or tag that includes the bird hunting preserve or licensee's name, address, license number, the number and species of the birds taken and the date of harvest.

A bird hunting preserve license is effective from the date of issuance through the following May 30.

The bird hunting preserve license allows the licensee to possess, propagate, purchase, sell, stock, release and hunt on the licensed premises live captive wild birds of the species indicated on the license. The holder of a bird hunting preserve license may authorize others to hunt released captive wild birds of the authorized species that have been stocked on the preserve. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may authorize any of the following species on a bird hunting preserve:

1. Pheasants (ring-necked or reeves)
2. Quail of the subfamily Odontophorinae (includes Bobwhite)
3. Gray Partridge
4. Chukar Partridge
5. Red-legged Partridge
6. Mallard ducks that are bred in captivity

Class A Bird Hunting Preserve

A class A bird hunting preserve license requires the licensee to stock at least 1,001 adult pheasants annually within the preserve.

A class A bird hunting preserve can consist of several non-contiguous blocks of land provided the blocks are in the same county or an adjacent county. Each block of land must be at least 80 acres where the discharge of firearms is legal. A single license cannot include more than 640 acres. Multiple licenses may be obtained for parcels of land that are not in adjacent counties and when licensing more than 640 acres is desired.

Class B Bird Hunting Preserve

Class B bird hunting preserves licensed for pheasants must stock a minimum of one adult pheasant per 4 acres licensed annually. A class B bird hunting preserve may not stock greater than 1,000 birds in a year but may upgrade (contact Customer Service and Licensing) to a class A license which allows and requires a minimum of 1,001 birds to be stocked annually.

Class B bird hunting preserves shall be contiguous and at least 40 acres where the discharge of firearms is legal. A single license cannot include more than 640 acres. Multiple licenses may be obtained when licensing more than 640 acres is desired.

Class B preserves may not allow the hunting or taking of hen pheasants beginning on December 15 each year and ending on the following March 31. However, if hunting on a Class B bird hunting preserve located outside of a pheasant management zone, it is permissible to hunt hen pheasants between December 15 and March 31 of the following year. See Bird Hunting Preserve regulations for map of pheasant management zones.

Leased Land

If land is leased a copy of the lease MUST accompany the application. All lease(s) must specifically authorize the right to establish a bird hunting preserve for the term of the bird hunting preserve license. The lease(s) shall be in writing and shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s) and lessee(s).
2. A legal description of the land leased along with a plat map with the exact area leased outlined or highlighted.
3. The term (length) of the lease.
4. Identify any conditions placed on the lease.
5. Signatures of both owner(s) and lessee(s).

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Plat Map(s)

A copy of a plat map MUST accompany the application form. Outline or highlight the exact area you are seeking to license. A copy of a plat map can be obtained from your local municipality, county government or your local library.

Mallard Regulations

A person possessing mallard ducks may possess only mallards that are bred in captivity and shall identify them as required under the Code of Federal Regulations, 50 CFR 21.13(b).

Mallards shall be housed in pens that are covered and maintained to prevent free-roaming wild waterfowl from being attracted to the pens with the captive mallards.

A person hunting mallards shall comply with rules governing the hunting of waterfowl established in Wisconsin Statute ch. 29 and Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. NR 10. A hunting license is not required to hunt mallards under the authority of a bird hunting preserve license. All hunting rules that apply to the hunting of waterfowl such as the established open and closed season dates, daily bag and possession limits, transportation, firearm and ammunition restrictions apply to the hunting of captive reared mallards on a bird hunting preserve. Refer to the current Wisconsin Migratory Bird Hunting regulations pamphlet for the specific rules.

Other Regulations

No bird hunting preserve license may be issued for pheasants for any land less than one-quarter mile from the exterior boundaries of a state or federal wildlife area, public hunting grounds or refuge which is managed in whole or in part for pheasants unless the bird hunting preserve existed before the management for pheasants on the property began. Pheasants may be licensed and hunted on the portion of the preserve that is more than one-quarter mile from the exterior boundaries.

A person hunting anything other than the birds listed on the bird hunting preserve license is subject to all licenses, season restrictions, bag limits and other conditions or restrictions established by the DNR under Wisconsin Statutes ch. 29, and Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. 10.

Individual tagging of captive birds is not required and tags for birds are not provided. You may determine how to mark the birds if you so desire.

Signs that designate the property as a licensed bird hunting preserve are not required nor provided by the DNR. You may post your property as you deem necessary to inform others that it is a licensed bird hunting preserve.

Reporting Requirements

Records: All bird hunting preserve license holders must keep a record by date of all captive wild birds stocked or released on the property. These records shall include the date of activity, number of birds stocked or released by species and number of birds harvested or killed by species. In addition, each licensee shall keep a correct and complete record of all native captive game birds (bobwhite quail, mallards and turkey) purchased, sold obtained or transferred. These records are to be held on the preserve and made available for inspection by DNR personnel upon request and for 3 years after the license expires.

Reports: An annual report must be submitted by June 30 each year. A report form will be mailed to you with your renewal application. Reports shall include the total number of each species of bird stocked and harvested or killed. Reports shall also include the number of native birds (bobwhite quail, mallards and turkey) purchased or otherwise obtained; the number and species of native birds sold, shipped or otherwise transferred; the number and species of native birds propagated and the total number and species of native birds held on the date of the report (may estimate the number possessed at time of reporting where making an exact count is not possible due to large pens or large flocks of birds).

Forms: The DNR will provide initial forms to use for maintaining activity records by date. If you have your own system, forms or computer program for maintaining these records you may use your forms or system provided all required records are maintained and copies can be made available for inspection or submittal to the DNR upon request.

Information on Fee Structure

A person applying for 2 or more captive wildlife licenses that are necessary to engage in a single business or other operation shall pay a total fee that equals the fee for the license with the highest fee that is required, plus 50% of the fee for each additional required license.

Note: In order to fill and save this form electronically, it must be opened using Adobe Reader or Acrobat software. Save a copy of the file, open Adobe Reader, select File > Open and browse for the file you saved.

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Include the required fee with application.

Notice: Information requested on this form is required to apply for a bird hunting preserve license under ch. 169, Wis. Stats. Operation as a bird hunting preserve without a license may result in forfeitures of up to \$500.00 in addition to suspension of eligibility for future licenses. Information collected may be used for participation in surveys, eligibility for approvals and law enforcement (including child support and tax delinquency enforcement) purposes. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may also provide this information to requesters pursuant to Wisconsin's Public Records law, ss. 19.31 to 19.39, Wis. Stats.

<p>Fees: check the one the applies.</p> <p>Class A Bird Hunting Preserve (Requires stocking at least 1,001 adult pheasants annually)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> \$300 Initial license</p> <p><input type="radio"/> \$200 Annual renewal</p> <p>Class B Bird Hunting Preserve (For stocking of not more than 1,000 adult pheasants annually)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> \$200 Initial license</p> <p><input type="radio"/> \$100 Annual renewal</p> <p>+ \$20 Late fee if application filed after license expiration date.</p>
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A social security number or federal employer identification number is REQUIRED when applying for licenses according to ss. 169.34 and 169.35, Stats., but it may not be disclosed by the DNR to anyone except the Department of Workforce Development or the Department of Revenue.

Applicant Information

Last Name		First Name	MI	Current License Number if renewal		DNR Customer ID Number	
Date of Birth	Social Security Number / Federal Employer Identification Number			Email			
Business Name			Daytime Phone Number		Alternate Phone Number		
Mailing Address			City		State	ZIP Code	
If Lessee, Name of Property Owner:				I hereby Certify that I am the: <input type="radio"/> Owner <input type="radio"/> Lessee If lessee, Must include copy of lease.			

Bird Hunting Preserve Information

Indicate the actual address(es) of the bird hunting preserve below, include additional sheets if necessary and be as specific as possible. You MUST also enclose a plat map with the exact area you are seeking to license outlined or highlighted.

Property Address				Additional Property Address (if applicable)					
City		County		City		County			
Township Name	Township	Section	Range	<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	Township Name	Township	Section	Range	<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W
Total Acres	If a renewal, is this a change in acreage? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			Check here if ENTIRE parcel is located in an area where discharge of firearms is legal. Acreage not meeting this requirement cannot be licensed. <input type="checkbox"/>					

Indicate below the species of birds for which you would like to be licensed. The bird hunting preserve license allows you to possess, stock, propagate, release into the wild, sell, and purchase live wild birds of the species you request that are approved and listed on your license.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasants (ring-necked, reeves) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bobwhite Quail (including Quail of the subfamily Odontophorinae) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Chukar Partridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-legged Partridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard Ducks that are bred in captivity |

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that providing incorrect information may result in revocation of my license and possible penalties.

Signature of Applicant	Date
If Applicant Less than 18 Years of Age Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
Approval Signature (DNR Personnel)	Date

Retain the attached information sheets for your records.