

Field Guide to the Sale and Possession of Wild Animal Skins and Parts

Note: the following information assumes the animals were legally harvested or obtained.

MUSKRAT & MINK SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - Licenses A- D; Only open season and five (5) days thereafter [s. 29.351(3)]

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession – Legal at any time with license A-D

Sale - All year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

MUSKRAT/MINK PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Legal - Open season only

Buy - Legal - Open season only

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

Footnote: Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a)) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.

Glands, gland lures and gland attractants maybe bought or sold without a license at anytime.

License Requirements

A = Trapping

B = Scientific Collectors

C = Conservation Patrons

D = Fur Dealers/Taxidermist

E = Small Game

BEAVER SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - No License required

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession – Legal at any time with license A-D

Sale - All year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

BEAVER PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession – Legal at all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

Footnote: Animals mounted in life like manner which are/were part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a)) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.

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COYOTE SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - No license required

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession - No license required all year

Sale - Allowed all year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

COYOTE PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession - Legal - At all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

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FOX/RACCOON SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - Licenses A- E; Only open season and five (5) days [s. 29.351(3)]

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession - Legal at any time with license A-E

Sale - All year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

FOX/RACCOON PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession - Legal - At all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

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BOBCAT SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - No license required. Only open season and 5 days after[s.29.351(3)]. All pelts must be tagged and registered.

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession - No license required all year however pelt and registration tag required

Sale - All year with pelt and registration tag attached

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

BOBCAT PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession - Legal - At all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

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OTTER / FISHER SKINS

RAW FUR:

Fur in Round / Green Skin

Possession - Licenses A- D; Only open season and 5 days [s. 29.351(3)]. All pelts must be tagged and registered.

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

Stretched / Dried

Possession - Legal at any time with license A-D and with appropriate pelt and registration tag

Sale - All year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

OTTER / FISHER PARTS (other than the hides)

Open Season:

Possession - Legal - At all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

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It is Lawful to Possess:

- **Animal Parts Legally Purchased or Obtained Outside of Wisconsin** (receipt or proof of origin recommended as burden of proof of how/where obtained is the responsibility of the possessor)
- **Tanned Bear Hides, Bear Teeth and Bear Claws**
- **Squirrel Hides and Tails**
- **Wild Game Bird Feathers and Parts** (w/ appropriate license)
- **Farm-raised Game Bird Feathers and Parts**
- **Skunk, Weasel, Porcupine and Opossum Parts and Skins**
- **All Deer Heads, Hides Bones and Antlers from Non-Captive Wild Deer except albino, all white deer, velvet antlers and spotted hides are illegal to possess without written authorization from the DNR.**
- **Other Game or Fur-bearing animal carcasses or parts if lawfully harvested.**

It is Lawful to Sell:

- **Raw Bear Hides** (Only complete bear hides provided the claws, head and teeth are attached)
- **Tanned Bear Hides**
- **Portions of Tanned Hides without Claws and Teeth**
- **Wisconsin Turtles may be Sold During Open Season - Snapping Turtle shells must be legal size of not less than 12 inches or greater than 16 inches in length.**
- **Squirrel Hides and Tails when severed from the rest of the carcass.**
- **Farm-raised Game Bird Feathers and Parts** (with appropriate written proof of origin/receipts)
- **Skunk, Weasel and Opossum, Starlings, English Sparrows, Coturnix Quail, Chukar Partridge and Other Unprotected Wild Animal Skins and Parts**
- **Porcupine Quills**
- **Rabbit Skins and Parts During the Open Season**
- **Deer Heads, Hides, and Antlers from Non-Captive Wild Deer, but only after severed from the carcass.** Note: Albino, all white deer, velvet antlers and spotted hides are illegal to sell at all times.
- **All other deer parts from Non-Captive Wild Deer may not be sold.**
- **Farm-raised Deer Skin and Parts (if documented as farm-raised deer)**
- **Wild Fur Farm hides** (fur dealers license needed to purchase raw or green-skins of fur-bearing animals)
- **Parts of Fur Farm animals with proper documentation** (proof of origin)
- **Skins, Heads and Antlers of Elk, Moose and Caribou taken legally from Outside Wisconsin**
- **Green skins, skulls, carcasses or other parts of wild fur-bearing animals during the open season, with appropriate hunting or trapping license** (fur dealers license needed to purchase raw or green-skins of fur-bearing animals)

Wisconsin Protected Species:

- **Lawful to possess only if lawfully taken in another state or province or with special written possession authorization receipt from the DNR.**

Pine Martin and Other Wisconsin Endangered or Threatened Species

- **The possession of these species or their parts is lawful ONLY with endangered species permit documentation or if a permanently attached tag or proof of origin from another state or province is attached or accompanies the species.**
- **The sale of the skin or parts only as authorized by the endangered species permit.**

NR 10.02 Protected wild animals.

The following wild animals are designated protected. No person may take, attempt to take, transport or possess any protected wild animal at any time unless expressly authorized by the department.

(1) Cougar, Canada lynx, badger, moose, gray wolf, wolverine and flying squirrel.

Wisconsin Protected Species:

NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals.

Includes those animals for which no closed season, bag limit, size limit or possession limit has been provided by statute or administrative rule and includes.