

Required Documents for Hunting and Trapping

To hunt or trap a particular species, you must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting or trapping license for that species, and any stamps, permits, and tags that are required. This table will provide you with information about what is required for each species.

	Species	License Type	Stamp Approval	Permit	Other
Small Game Mammals	Snowshoe Hare	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	N/A	N/A	License exceptions for landowners, occupants, and family members exist.
	Cottontail Rabbit, Gray Squirrel, and Fox Squirrel	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	N/A	N/A	License exceptions for landowners, occupants, and family members exist.
Furbearers	Raccoon, Red Fox, Gray Fox, and Coyote	Resident: Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, Archery License, or Trapping License. Nonresident: Furbearer Hunting License or Trapping License	N/A	N/A	License exceptions for landowners, occupants, and family members exist.
	Muskrat and Mink	Conservation Patron License or Trapping License	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Fisher and Otter	Conservation Patron License or Trapping License	N/A	Species-specific permit awarded through the preference-point lottery. Permit application due Aug. 1	N/A
	Beaver	Conservation Patron License or Trapping License	N/A	N/A	License exceptions for landowners, occupants, and family members exist.
	Bobcat	Resident: Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Archery License, Crossbow License, or Trapping License. Nonresident: Furbearer Hunting License or Trapping License	N/A	Bobcat permit awarded through the preference-point lottery. Permit application due Aug 1	N/A

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Game Birds	Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Partridge, and Crow	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Sharp-tailed Grouse	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	N/A	Permits issued through the permit drawing system. Permit application due Aug. 1	N/A
	Pheasant	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	State Pheasant Stamp for all hunters (Included in Conservation Patron License)	N/A	N/A
Migratory Game Birds	Mourning Dove, Woodcock, Snipe, Sora, Coot, and Virginia Rail	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	N/A	N/A	HIP registration required
	Ducks	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp (Included in Conservation Patron License) and Federal Migratory Bird Stamp for all hunters age 16 or older.	N/A	HIP registration required
	Early Goose	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp (Included in Conservation Patron License) and Federal Migratory Bird Stamp for all hunters age 16 or older	Early Goose permit	HIP registration required
	Regular Season Goose	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Crossbow License, or Archery License	Wisconsin Waterfowl Stamp (Included in Conservation Patron License) and Federal Migratory Bird Stamp for all hunters age 16 or older	Either a Horicon Zone Permit or an Exterior Zone Permit, purchased over-the-counter	HIP registration required

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Bear	Class A Bear License or Class B Bear License if assisting a Class A Licensee	N/A	Class A Bear Permits awarded through the preference point lottery. Permit application due Dec. 10.	N/A
Unprotected Species	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Archery License, Crossbow License, or Trapping License	N/A	N/A	License exceptions for landowners, occupants, and family members exist.
Feral Hogs	Small Game License, Conservation Patron License, Sports License, Archery License, Crossbow License, or with permission from the DNR prior to harvest	N/A	N/A	Landowners do not need a license or permission if the hog is on their property.
Deer	Gun Deer License, Archery License, Crossbow License, Conservation Patron License, or Sports License	N/A	N/A	For 2015, all licenses include free antlerless tag valid in farmland zone for public or private land; buyer chooses land type at time of purchase. Antlerless tags for license buyers age 17 or younger valid statewide; tag use, in units not otherwise allowing antlerless deer harvest, can be restricted by DNR.
Wild Turkey (Spring or Fall)	Turkey license for the appropriate season (Spring or Fall) or a Conservation Patron license	State Turkey Stamp for all hunters (included with a Conservation Patron license) Note: The turkey stamp is valid for a calendar year. It is not necessary to purchase one stamp for the spring season and an additional stamp for the fall season.	Permits issued through the permit drawing system or purchased as leftover permits over-the-counter. Spring turkey permit application due Dec. 10. Fall turkey permit application due Aug. 1.	N/A
Wolf	Wolf hunting not currently allowed in WI	N/A	N/A	N/A