

2022/2023 SMALL GAME HUNTER SURVEY



Return by January 9, 2023, for Fall Hunting or April 10, 2023, for Winter Hunting

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DATE OF BIRTH: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

TOWN OF RESIDENCE:

STATE: ZIP: _____

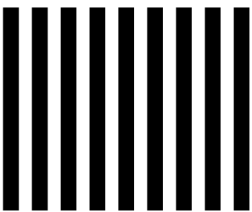
YES NO DID YOU DO MOST OF YOUR SMALL GAME HUNTING WITH A DOG?

MONTH	DAY	WMU	TOWN HUNTED	# HOURS HUNTED	# <u>WOODCOCK</u> SEEN	# <u>GROUSE</u> SEEN	# <u>GRAY SQUIRREL</u> SEEN	# <u>COTTONTAIL RABBIT</u> SEEN	# <u>SNOWSHOE HARE</u> SEEN	SPECIES PRINCIPALLY HUNTING FOR*
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PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE OBSERVATIONS WHILE PHEASANT HUNTING.

*USE UNDERLINED 2 LETTERS OF SPECIES YOU WERE PRINCIPALLY HUNTING FOR.
WO=Woodcock, GR=Grouse, SQ=Gray Squirrel, RA=Cottontail Rabbit, HA=Snowshoe Hare

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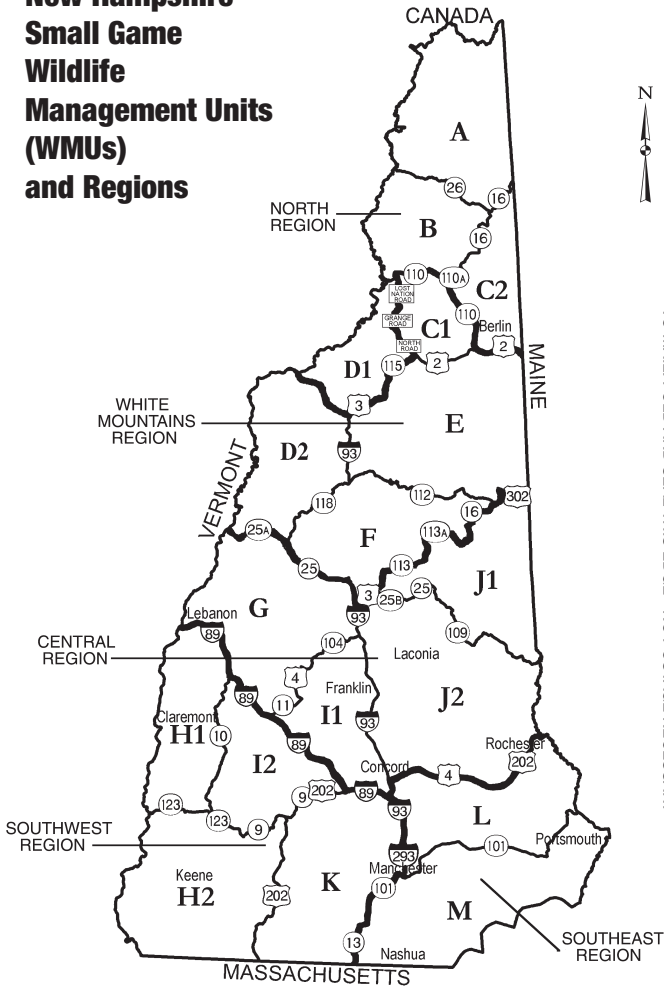
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New Hampshire Small Game Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) and Regions



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*Please use these WMU designations
when filling in your survey.*

Help Fish and Game with this important survey and YOU COULD WIN!

The Sturm Ruger Company has generously donated a Standard American Rifle, which will be awarded to one of the participants of this survey. To qualify for the drawing, your completed survey must be received by January 9, 2023, for fall hunting and April 10, 2023, for winter hunting.

Good Luck and Safe Hunting!



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Dear Small Game Hunting Enthusiast:

By way of this letter, we are asking you to participate in our small game hunter survey that spans the period of 9/1/2022-3/31/2023. Your field observations will provide our small game project with valuable management insight into American woodcock, ruffed grouse (partridge), gray squirrel, cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare. The data you collect will help us to: 1) determine small game distribution in New Hampshire; 2) compare small game abundance by region; 3) assess annual changes in abundance stemming from changes in productivity and mortality; 4) generate small game hunting season forecasts; 5) determine management needs; and 6) identify areas for possible habitat management.

THIS YEAR WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE HOLDING A DRAWING FOR A STANDARD STURM RUGER AMERICAN RIFLE FOR THOSE WHO RETURN A COMPLETED SMALL GAME SURVEY.

When filling out this survey, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Only record **YOUR 2022-2023 small game hunting** observations.
- The small game season can be divided into 2 reporting periods: September 1-December 31, and January 1 through March 31. If you hunt during both recording periods, please advise us of such and we will send a second survey.
- Enter your daily hunting observations sequentially. Your survey accommodates 14 days of hunting information. Feel free to make and submit copies of the survey if you would like to do so.
- Please return your postage-paid survey, after filling in all available days, by January 9, 2023, for fall hunting, or April 10, 2023, for winter hunting. **SURVEYS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2023, TO QUALIFY FOR THE STURM RUGER DRAWING.** Each hunter sending in a qualifying survey will be entered into the drawing only once each small game season (September 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023).
- If you don't see any small game when hunting, fill the appropriate column for that day with a zero.
- Include the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) (*see map on the reverse side of this letter and on the back of the survey card*) and the town in which you hunted. Please do not list village names. We will NOT publish town results.
- Note that the last column on the survey is intended to identify the game species you were **"PRINCIPALLY HUNTING FOR."** If your principal pursuit was woodcock, place "WO" in the blocks, if it was gray squirrel place "SQ" in the blocks, etc. Note that the 2-letter abbreviation for each species of interest is highlighted on the survey form. Please do not include observations while pheasant hunting.
- **Only fill out the survey on days you are principally hunting one of the small game species we have listed.**
- If you have a friend who would like to participate in this survey, have them call (603) 271-2461.
- A brief summary report will be distributed to all survey respondents upon its completion.

If you have any questions about this survey, please feel free to call me at (603) 744-5470. If you know someone who would like to participate in this survey, please send them our way. **WE NEED ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS!**
Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Our success depends on your response!

Respectfully,

Karen A. Bordeau
Small Game Project Leader

New Hampshire Small Game Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) and Regions

