



MASSWILDLIFE MONTHLY

August 2019



MassWildlife recently proposed regulations to prohibit wanton waste and ban predator hunting contests. [Read the details.](#)

Deer hunting reminders

The Instant Award Period for Antlerless Deer Permits begins 8/1. If you applied by the 7/16 deadline, you can now check to see if you won a permit. You can also apply online now to hunt the Quabbin and Wachusett Watersheds.

[See all deer hunting reminders...](#)



Shorebirds are on the move

Head to your local beaches, mudflats, and marshes to witness fall shorebird migration! The migration peaks in August when thousands of shorebirds pass through Massachusetts on their way south for the winter.

[Learn more...](#)



Give bats a boost by building a bat house! These artificial roosts can help declining bat populations. [Get the plans.](#)

Land protection helps climate

MassWildlife manages over 220,000 acres of wildlife lands. Protecting land from development not only provides habitat for wildlife, but also helps climate change mitigation by storing carbon. A recent analysis shows Wildlife Management Areas currently store 14.1 million tons of carbon statewide.



[Learn more...](#)

Public hearing on rare species

MassWildlife is holding a public hearing on August 28 to amend the list of animals and plants protected by the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA). MESA currently protects over 425 rare species.



[Get the details...](#)

If you find a fish kill this summer, [learn how to report it.](#)

Youth Pheasant Hunt

Apply by Aug. 27 to participate in the youth pheasant workshop and mentored hunt this fall. Hunter Education graduates aged 12-17 can practice firearms safety, develop shooting skills, and join in a mentored pheasant hunt.



[Learn how to apply...](#)

Find a wildlife rehabilitator

When you find a wild animal, it's almost always best to leave it alone. But if you find a sick or injured animal, you may decide to contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Use a new map to find a rehabilitator nearest you.



[Go to the rehabilitator map...](#)

Upcoming events

Aug. 10: Family Fishing Clinic, Goshen

Aug. 14: Family Fishing Clinic, West Boylston

Aug. 19: Family Fishing Clinic, Andover

Aug. 22: Family Fishing Clinic, Milton

Aug. 28: Youth Fishing Clinic, Sudbury

Aug. 28: Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Westborough

Aug. 28: Public Hearing on Changes to MA Endangered Species Act, Westborough

[See Calendar of Events...](#)

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Who we are

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is the state agency responsible for the conservation of all freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth, including endangered species. MassWildlife restores, protects, and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.

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