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Game Bird Hunters, We Need Your Help Again!

Last year, you submitted a game bird hunting log that provided valuable information on hunter activities and game bird population characteristics in Massachusetts. **Your continued participation is greatly appreciated and encouraged.** Please find the 2017 Game Bird Hunting Log at the link below. Please print it out and keep this log handy so you can record your hunting efforts this season. If you have any questions, please contact MassWildlife Upland Game Biologist, Dave Scarpitti, at (508) 389-6377 or David.Scarpitti@state.ma.us. *New for this year, MassWildlife is also asking bowhunters to complete daily hunting logs during the archery deer season. If you are also a bowhunter, please consider participating in this effort as well.

Hunters who complete either the game bird or archery deer hunting logs before DECEMBER 20, 2017 will be entered in a drawing to win a blaze orange MassWildlife cap or a Massachusetts Wildlife 1-year magazine subscription. 125 winners will be randomly selected to receive hats and 25 winners will be randomly selected to receive magazine subscriptions. Prizes will be mailed to the address provided by the hunter on the completed hunting log.

- **2017 Game Bird Hunting Season Log:** Game bird hunters in Massachusetts keep a daily log of their hunting activities and observations of game birds while hunting bobwhite quail, pheasant, woodcock, and grouse (Oct. 4 - Nov. 25, 2017). These observations will provide MassWildlife biologists with information on game bird populations across the state and allow them to evaluate hunter effort of various upland game bird species. MassWildlife seeks to maintain healthy game bird populations while ensuring quality hunting experiences for both wild and stocked birds across the Commonwealth.
- **2017 Archery Deer Hunting Season Log:** Bowhunters in Massachusetts keep a daily log of their hunting activities and observations of wildlife during the archery deer season (Oct. 16 - Nov. 25, 2017). Because archery hunters are usually very stealthy and camouflaged, they are uniquely suited to track valuable observations of wildlife including deer, wild turkey, black bear, and other species not commonly observed.

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40,000 pheasants will be stocked this fall.

Find out where.

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HIP Reminder for Woodcock Hunters

Woodcock hunting season begins October 4 and continues until November 18. All hunters must have a valid hunting or sporting license but also register with the USFWS Harvest Information Program (HIP). Hunters who have already purchased a waterfowl stamp have automatically registered with HIP.

[Click here for more information on migratory game bird hunting in Massachusetts.](#)

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 4 - Nov. 18:** Woodcock Hunting Season
- Oct. 5:** Public Habitat Site Walk, Birch Hill WMA, Winchendon
- Oct. 12:** Public Habitat Site Walk, Montague Plains WMA, Montague
- Oct. 12:** Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee Meeting, Westborough
- Oct. 14 - Nov. 25:** Pheasant, Ruffed Grouse, and Quail Hunting Seasons
- Oct. 16 - Nov. 25:** Archery Deer Season
- Oct. 21 - 22:** Northeast Wildlife Trackers Conference
- Oct. 23 - Nov. 4:** Fall Turkey Hunting Season
- Oct. 24:** Fisheries & Wildlife Board Meeting, Royalston

[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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