

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 17**

**SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS**

Section 1. Authority. These rules are promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of small game as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of small game that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-tin-iron and tungsten-polymer shot or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of small game animals that may be legally in possession. Small game animals in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

Section 4. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of small game shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required when using a shotgun to take small game on all of the lands included in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting small game on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Species, Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Hunt Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Bag Limit</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	<u>Daily Possession</u>		
Cottontail rabbit	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sept. 1	March 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) General Seasons. Small game animals may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

Section 6. Falconry Regulations.

(a) Small game animals may be taken with falcons in accordance with the open seasons in the table below.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Hunt Area</u>	<u>Date of Seasons</u>		<u>Bag Limit</u>		<u>Limitations</u>
		<u>Opens</u>	<u>Closes</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Possession</u>	
Cottontail rabbit	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sept. 1	March 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel
		March 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.

Section 8. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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