

IOWA LEGAL PET GUIDE



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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No known DNR/Ag laws
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BATS

Brown, Big	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Brown, Little	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Evening	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Hoary	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Indiana	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Pipistrelle, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Red	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Silver-haired	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

BEARS

All	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
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BIRDS

Anhinga	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Ani, Groove-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Avocet, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bittern, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bittern, Least	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Blackbird, Brewer's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Blackbird, Red-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Blackbird, Rusty	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bluebird, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bluebird, Mountain	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bobolink	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Booby, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Brambling	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Brant	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Bufflehead	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Bunting, Indigo	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bunting, Lazuli	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bunting, Painted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Bunting, Snow	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Canvasback	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Caracara, Crested	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Cardinal, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Catbird, Gray	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Chat, Yellow-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Chickadee, Black-capped	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Chickadee, Boreal	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Chuck-will's-widow	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Coot, American	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Cormorant, Double-crested	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Cormorant, Neotropical	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Cowbird, Brown-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crane, Sandhill	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crane, Whooping	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Creeper, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crossbill, Red	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crossbill, White-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crow, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Crow, Fish	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Cuckoo, Black-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Curlew, Eskimo	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Curlew, Long-billed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Dickcissel	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dove, Common Ground-	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dove, Eurasian Collared-	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dove, Inca	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dove, Mourning	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Dove, Rock	Yes	No	Yes			No	Game - Exempt from game breeder license
Dove, White-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dowitcher, Long-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Dowitcher, Short-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Duck, American Black	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Fulvous Whistling-	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Harlequin	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Mottled	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Ruddy	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Duck, Wood	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Dunlin	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Eagle, Bald	No		No			No	Special concern/Protected
Eagle, Golden	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Egret, Cattle	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Egret, Great	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Egret, Reddish	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Egret, Snowy	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Eider, Common	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Eider, King	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Falcon, Peregrine	No		No			No	Special concern/Protected
Falcon, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Finch, Gray-crowned Rosy-	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Finch, House	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Finch, Purple	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flicker, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Acadian	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Alder	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Fork-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Great Crested	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Least	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Vermilion	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Willow	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Frigatebird, Magnificent	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gadwall	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Gallinule, Common	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Gallinule, Purple	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Garganey	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Godwit, Bar-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Godwit, Hudsonian	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Godwit, Marbled	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goldeneye, Barrow's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goldeneye, Common	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goldfinch, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Goldfinch, Lesser	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Goose, Cackling	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goose, Canada	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goose, Greater White-fronted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goose, Ross's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goose, Snow	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goose, Taiga Bean	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Goshawk, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Grackle, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grackle, Great-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Clarke's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Eared	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Horned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Pied-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Red-necked	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grebe, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Black-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Blue	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Evening	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Grouse, Ruffed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Grouse, Sharp-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Gull, Black-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Black-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Bonaparte's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, California	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Franklin's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Glaucous	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Glaucous-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Great Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Herring	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Iceland	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Ivory	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Laughing	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Lesser Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Little	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Gull, Mew	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Gull, Ross's	No		No			No	
Gull, Sabine's	No		No			No	
Gull, Thayer's	No		No			No	
Gyrfalcon	No		No			No	
Harrier, Northern	No		No			No	
Hawk, Broad-winged	No		No			No	
Hawk, Cooper's	No		No			No	
Hawk, Ferruginous	No		No			No	
Hawk, Red-shouldered	No		No			No	
Hawk, Red-tailed	No		No			No	
Hawk, Rough-legged	No		No			No	
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	No		No			No	
Hawk, Swainson's	No		No			No	
Heron, Black-crowned Night-	No		No			No	
Heron, Great Blue	No		No			No	
Heron, Green	No		No			No	
Heron, Little Blue	No		No			No	
Heron, Tricolored	No		No			No	
Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-	No		No			No	
Hummingbird, Anna's	No		No			No	
Hummingbird, Broad-billed	No		No			No	
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	No		No			No	
Hummingbird, Rufous	No		No			No	
Ibis, Glossy	No		No			No	
Ibis, White	No		No			No	
Ibis, White-faced	No		No			No	
Jaeger, Long-tailed	No		No			No	
Jaeger, Parasitic	No		No			No	
Jaeger, Pomerine	No		No			No	
Jay, Blue	No		No			No	
Jay, Canada	No		No			No	

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Jay, Pinyon	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Junco, Dark-eyed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kestrel, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Killdeer	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kingbird, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kingbird, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kingfisher, Belted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kite, Mississippi	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kite, Swallow-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kite, White-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Kittiwake, Black-legged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Knot, Red	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Lark, Horned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Longspur, Chestnut-collared	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Longspur, Lapland	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Longspur, Smith's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Loon, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Loon, Pacific	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Loon, Red-throated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Loon, Yellow-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Magpie, Black-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Mallard	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Martin, Purple	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Meadowlark, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Meadowlark, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Merganser, Common	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Merganser, Hooded	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Merlin	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Mockingbird, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Moorhen, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Murre, Thick-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Murrelet, Ancient	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Murrelet, Long-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Nighthawk, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Nutcracker, Clark's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Nuthatch, Pygmy	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Nuthatch, White-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Oriole, Baltimore	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Oriole, Bullock's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Oriole, Hooded	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Oriole, Orchard	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Oriole, Scott's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Osprey	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Ovenbird	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Owl, Barn	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Owl, Barred	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Boreal	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Burrowing	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Eastern Screech-	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Great Gray	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Great Horned	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Long-eared	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Owl, Northern Hawk	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	No		No			No	Protected
Owl, Short-eared	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Owl, Snowy	No		No			No	Protected

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Partridge, Hungarian (Gray)	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Parula, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Pelican, American White	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Pelican, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Phalarope, Red	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Phalarope, Red-necked	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Phalarope, Wilson's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Pheasant, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Phoebe, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Phoebe, Say's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Pintail, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Pipet, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Pipet, Sprague's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Plover, American Golden-	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Plover, Black-bellied	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Plover, Piping	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Plover, Semipalmated	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Plover, Snowy	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Prairie-Chicken, Greater	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Redstart, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Rail, Black	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Rail, King	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Rail, Virginia	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Rail, Yellow	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Redhead	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Redpoll, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Redpoll, Hoary	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Robin, American	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Ruff	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sanderling	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sandpiper, Baird's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Curlew	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Least	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Pectoral	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Solitary	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Spotted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Stilt	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Sandpiper, Upland	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, Western	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sandpiper, White-rumped	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sapsucker, Red-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Scaup, Greater	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Scaup, Lesser	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Scoter, Black	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Scoter, Surf	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Scoter, White-winged	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Shoveler, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Shrike, Loggerhead	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Shrike, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Siskin, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Snipe, Wilson's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Solitaire, Townsend's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sora	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Sparrow, American Tree	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Baird's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Black-throated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Chipping	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Sparrow, Clay-colored	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Eurasian Tree	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Field	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Fox	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Golden-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Harris's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Henslow's	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Sparrow, House	Yes		Yes	Yes*	√	NA	Unprotected - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Sparrow, Lark	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, LeConte's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Lincoln's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Savannah	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Song	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Swamp	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, Vesper	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, White-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Sparrow, White-throated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Spoonbill, Roseate	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Starling, European	Yes		Yes	Yes*	√	NA	Unprotected - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Stilt, Black-necked	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Stork, Wood	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Bank	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Barn	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Cave	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Cliff	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Tree	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swallow, Violet-green	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Swan, Mute	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws

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Swan, Trumpeter	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Swan, Tundra	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Swift, Chimney	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tanager, Scarlet	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tanager, Summer	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tanager, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Teal, Blue-winged	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Teal, Cinnamon	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Teal, Green-winged	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Tern, Arctic	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tern, Black	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tern, Caspian	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tern, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tern, Forster's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Tern, Least	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Tern, Royal	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrasher, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrasher, Curve-billed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrasher, Sage	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrush, Hermit	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrush, Swainson's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrush, Varied	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Thrush, Wood	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Titmouse, Tufted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Towhee, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Towhee, Green-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Towhee, Spotted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Turkey, Wild	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Turnstone, Ruddy	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Veery	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Violetear, Mexican	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Bell's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Blue-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Philadelphia	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Red-eyed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Warbling	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, White-eyed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vireo, Yellow-throated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vulture, Black	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Vulture, Turkey	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Bay-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-and-white	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Gray	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Black-throated Green	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Blackburnian	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Blackpoll	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Blue-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Canada	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Cape May	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Cerulean	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Chesnut-sided	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Connecticut	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Golden-winged	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Hooded	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Kentucky	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, MacGillivray's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Warbler, Magnolia	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Mourning	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Nashville	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Orange-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Palm	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Prothonotary	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Tennessee	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Townsend's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Wilson's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Worm-eating	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Warbler, Yellow-throated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Waterthrush, Louisiana	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Waterthrush, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Waxwing, Bohemian	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Waxwing, Cedar	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Whimbrel	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Whip-poor-will	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wigeon, American	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Wigeon, Eurasian	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Willet	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wood-Pewee, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wood-Pewee, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodcock, American	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Woodpecker, Acorn	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets

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Woodpecker, Downy	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Hairy	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Lewis's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Pileated	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Woodpecker, Red-headed	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Bewick's	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Carolina	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, House	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Marsh	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Pacific	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Rock	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Sedge	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Wren, Winter	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Yellowlegs, Greater	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Yellowlegs, Lesser	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
Yellowthroat, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - protected - No pets
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	No	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Possibly Ag permit

CANINES

Coyote	No		No			No	Game - Dangerous wild animal
Fox, Gray	No		No			No	Game - Dangerous wild animal
Fox, Red	No		No			No	Game - Dangerous wild animal
Wolf	No		No			No	Game - Dangerous wild animal
Wolf Dog	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Exempt from DWA; Import - regulated as domestic dogs
DWA Hybrid (rest)	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Unlisted	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal

ELEPHANTS

All	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
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FELINES

Bobcat	No		No		No	Game - Dangerous wild animal
Bengal (F4 or later)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA Exempt from DWA; Import - regulated as domestic cats
Savannah (F4 or later)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA Exempt from DWA; Import - regulated as domestic cats
DWA Hybrid (rest)	No		No		NA	Dangerous wild animal
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Dangerous wild animal

FISH

Amur, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Import - Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Hybrid Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Largemouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Northern Rock	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Smallmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, White (& hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bass, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bluegill (& hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bowfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Buffalo, Bigmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Buffalo, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Buffalo, Smallmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bullhead, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bullhead, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Bullhead, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Burbot	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Carp, Bighead	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
Carp, Black	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
Carp, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Carp, Grass	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Carp, Silver	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species

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Carp sucker, Highfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Carp sucker, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Catfish, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Catfish, Channel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Catfish, Flathead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Catfish, White	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Chub, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Flathead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Gravel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Hornyhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Lake	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Shoal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Chub, Sicklefin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Speckled	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chub, Sturgeon	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Chubsucker, Lake	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Extirpated Game - see fishing laws
Crappie, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Crappie, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Dace, Blacknose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Dace, Longnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Dace, Pearl	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Dace, Redside	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Dace, Southern Redbelly	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Darter, Banded	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Darter, Blackside	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Darter, Bluntnose	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Darter, Crystal	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Darter, Fantail	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Darter, Gilt	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal

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Darter, Iowa	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Darter, Johnny	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Darter, Least	No		No			No	
Darter, Mud	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Darter, Orangethroat	No		No			No	
Darter, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Darter, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Darter, Slenderhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Darter, Western Sand	No		No			No	
Drum, Freshwater	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Eel, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	
Gar, Longnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Gar, Shortnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Gar, Spotted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Goby, Round	No		No			No	
Goldeye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Goldfish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	
Herring, Skipjack	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Killifish, Banded	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	
Lamprey, American Brook	No		No			No	
Lamprey, Chestnut	No		No			No	
Lamprey, Northern Brook	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Lamprey, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Logperch, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Madtom, Freckled	No		No			No	
Madtom, Slender	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Madtom, Tadpole	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Bluntnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Brassy	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	
Minnow, Bullhead	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	

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Minnow, Fathead (& hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Minnow, Mississippi Silvery	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Ozark	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Plains	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Pugnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Suckermouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Minnow, Western Silvery	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Mooneye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Mosquitofish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Mudminnow, Central	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Muskellunge	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Muskellunge, Tiger	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Paddlefish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Perch, Pirate	No		No			No	
Perch, White	No		No			No	
Perch, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Pickrel, Grass	No		No			No	
Pike, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Pumpkinseed	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Quillback (Carp sucker)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Redhorse, Black	No		No			No	
Redhorse, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Redhorse, Greater	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Redhorse, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Redhorse, Shorthead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Redhorse, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Rudd	No		No			No	
Ruffe	No		No			No	
Sauger	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Saugeye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Sculpin, Mottled	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	

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Sculpin, Slimy	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Shad, Alabama	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Extirpated Game - see fishing laws
Shad, Gizzard	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shad, Threadfin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Shiner, Bigeye	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Shiner, Bigmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Blackchin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Blacknose	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Shiner, Carmine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Shiner, Channel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Shiner, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Emerald	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Ghost	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Ironcolor	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Mimic	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Pallid	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Pugnose	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Shiner, Red	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Redfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Rosyface	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Sand	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Silverband	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Spottfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Spottail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Shiner, Topeka	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Threatened; Approved Aquaculture Species - Captive MAY be legal
Shiner, Weed	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets

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Silverside, Brook	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - DNR import permit exempt - see Ag
Smelt, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Stickleback, Brook	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - DNR import permit exempt - see Ag
Stonecat	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Stoneroller, Central	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Stoneroller, Largescale	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sturgeon, Lake	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Sturgeon, Pallid	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - DNR import permit exempt - see Ag
Sucker, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sucker, Northern Hog	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sucker, Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sucker, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sunfish, Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sunfish, Longear	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Extirpated Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species
Sunfish, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Sunfish, Orangespotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Sunfish, Redear (& hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Topminnow, Blackstripe	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Topminnow, Plains	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Topminnow, Starhead	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Trout, Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Trout, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Trout, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Trout-perch	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	No	Nongame; Approved Aquaculture Species - captive MAY be legal
Walleye (& hybrids)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
Warmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - see fishing laws; Approved Aquaculture Species - see Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
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***NOTE:** The DNR has an Approved Aquaculture Species List for aquatic species (fish, reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, gastropods). Any species not listed must be approved under a Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit for import and possession.

HERPTILES

Caecilians

Aquaculture Species	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess - Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

Crocodilians

All	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
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Frogs

Bullfrog	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - Take & possess 12; Import - see Ag laws; Approved Aquaculture Species
Chorus, Western	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Crawfish, Northern	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Cricket, Blanchard's	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Leopard, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws; Approved Aquaculture Species
Leopard, Plains	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws; Approved Aquaculture Species
Leopard, Southern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws; Approved Aquaculture Species
Pickerel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws

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Spring Peeper, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Treefrog, Gray	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	

Lizards

Beaded (all)	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Gila Monster	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Glass, Slender	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Monitor, Crocodile	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Monitor, Water	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Racerunner, Six-lined	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Skink, Five-lined	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Skink, Great Plains	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Skink, Northern Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
DWA Hybrid	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess - Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

Salamanders

Blue-spotted	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Mudpuppy	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Newt, Central	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Smallmouth	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; May need Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag

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Tiger	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal. Bait - see fishing laws; May need Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag Prohibited Import/Possess - Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	

Snakes

Anaconda	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
<i>Atractaspidae</i>	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Brown, Dekay's	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Bullsnake	No		No			No	Special concern/protected
Crayfish, Graham's	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Copperhead	No		No			No	Endangered species/Viperidae - no pets
<i>Crotalidae</i>	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Earth, Smooth	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
<i>Elapidae</i>	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Fox, Western	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Garter, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Unprotected - No DNR permits needed; Import - see Ag
Garter, Redside	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Garter, Plains	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Gopher	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Green, Rough	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Green, Smooth	No		No			No	Special concern/protected
Hognose, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Hognose, Western	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
<i>Hydrophidae</i>	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Kingsnake, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Kingsnake, Speckled	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Lined, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Milk, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Milk, Red	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected

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Python, African Rock	No		No			NA	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.	
Python, Reticulated	No		No			NA		
Racer, Blue	No		No			No		
Racer, Eastern Yellowbelly	No		No			No		
Rat, Black	No		No			No		
Rattlesnake, Massasauga	No		No			No		Endangered species/Viperidae - no pets
Rattlesnake, Prairie	No		No			No		Endangered species/Viperidae - no pets
Rattlesnake, Timber	No		No			No		Native - Viperidae - no pets
Redbelly, Northern	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
Ribbon, Western	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
Ringneck, Prairie	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
<i>Viperidae</i>	No		No			NA		Dangerous wild animal
Water, Copperbelly	No		No			No		Endangered species - no pets
Water, Diamondback	No		No			No		Threatened species - no pets
Water, Northern	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
Water, Plainbelly	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
Water, Yellowbelly	No		No			No		Nongame - Protected
Worm, Western	No		No			No		Threatened species - no pets
DWA Hybrid	No		No			NA		Dangerous wild animal
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA		Prohibited
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess - Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag	
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws	

Toads

American	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Fowler's	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Great Plains	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws

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Spadefoot, Plains	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
Woodhouse's	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait - Allows take on own land - Take 48/day & possess 96 all frogs except bullfrog; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Import/Possess - Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
Tortoises							
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
Tuataras							
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
Turtles							
Blanding's	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Box, Ornate	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Map, Common	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Map, False	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Map, Ouachita	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Mud, Yellow	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Musk, Common	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Painted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - take 1/day; possess 100# total turtles; Import - Approved Aquaculture Species - no DNR permit needed- see Ag
Slider, Red-eared	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Snapping, Alligator	No		No			No	Nongame - Protected
Snapping, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Game - take 1 softshell/day & possess 100# total turtles; Import - Approved Aquaculture Species - no DNR permit needed- see Ag

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Softshell, Smooth	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Softshell, Spiny	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Wood	No		No			No	
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	

INSECTS

Butterfly, Acadian Hairstreak	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Baltimore	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Butterfly, Beardgrass Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Broad-winged Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Byssus Skipper	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Butterfly, Columbine Duskywing	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Dakota Skipper	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Butterfly, Dreamy Duskywing	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Dusted Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Edward's Hairstreak	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Hickory Hairstreak	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Leonardus Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Mulberry Wing	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Butterfly, Olympia White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Ottoo Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Ozark Baltimore	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Pawnee Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Pipevine Swallowtail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Powesheik Skipperling	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Butterfly, Purplish Copper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Regal Fritillary	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

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Butterfly, Ringlet	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Butterfly, Salt-and-pepper Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Silvery Blue	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Butterfly, Sedge Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Sleepy Duskywing	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Striped Hairstreak	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Swamp Metalmark	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Two-spotted Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Wild Indigo Duskywing	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Zabulon Skipper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Butterfly, Zebra Swallowtail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Special concern - no known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Native (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Possession not regulated
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Possession not regulated

INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHILA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)

Mole, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mole, Star-nosed	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Shrew, Least	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Shrew, Masked	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Shrew, Pygmy	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Shrew, Short-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)

Clam							
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag

Crabs

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US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag

Crayfish

Rusty	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Native (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag

Mussels

Buckhorn	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Bullhead	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Butterfly	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Cylinder	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Ellipse	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Floater, Strange	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Heelsplitter, Creek	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Pearly, Higgin's-eye	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Pimpleback, Pimpleback	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Pigtoe, Ohio River	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Pigtoe, Ozark	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Quagga	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
Sandshell, Slough	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Sandshell, Yellow	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Slippershell	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Spectacle Case	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Zebra	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Native (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Bait - see fishing laws; Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag

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Shrimp

US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag

Snails

Ambersnail, Frigid	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Ambersnail, Iowa Pleistocene	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Ambersnail, Minnesota Pleistocene	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Mudsnail, New Zealand	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
Pleistocene , Iowa	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Vertigo, Bluff	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Vertigo, Briarton Pleistocene	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Vertigo, Iowa Pleistocene	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Vertigo, Midwest Pleistocene	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Vertigo, Occult	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Native (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

Other

Waterflea, Fishhook	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
Waterflea, Spiny	No		No			No	Aquatic invasive species
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Aquaculture Species (rest)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Non-indigenous Aquatic Organism Importation & Possession Permit - Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)

US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

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MARSUPIALS

Opossum, Virginia	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

MUSTELIDS

Badger	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Ermine	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mink	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Otter, River	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Weasel, Least	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Weasel, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

PRIMATES

All	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
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PROCYONIDS

Raccoon	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

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RODENTS

Beaver	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Chipmunk, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Dormouse	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Gopher, Plains Pocket	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Groundhog	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Lemming, Southern Bog	No		No			No	Threatened species - no pets
Mouse, Deer	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mouse, Grasshopper	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mouse, House	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mouse, Plains Pocket	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Mouse, Striped (all)	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Mouse, Western Harvest	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Mouse, White-footed	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Muskrat	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Porcupine, Brush-tailed (all)	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Prairie Dog	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Rat, Gambian Pouched	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Rat, Norway	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Squirrel, Fox	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Squirrel, Franklin's Ground	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Squirrel, Gray	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Squirrel, Red	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Squirrel, Rope (all)	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Squirrel, Southern Flying	No		No			No	Special concern - no pets
Squirrel, Thirteen-lined Ground	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets

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Squirrel, Tree (rest)	Yes*	No	No			NA	Ag bans import - Only allowed if from legal in-state source
Vole, Meadow	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Vole, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
Vole, Red-backed	No		No			No	Endangered species - no pets
Vole, Woodland	No		No			No	Nongame - no pets
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Bison	Yes	No	Yes	No	No*	NA	No known DNR laws; Ag entry permit for TB/brucellosis state
Cattle	Yes	No	Yes	No	No*	NA	No known DNR laws; Ag entry permit for TB/brucellosis state
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, White-tail	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Elk	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag entry permit

Suidae (Wild pigs)

Boar, European	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Boar, Russian	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Feral	No		No			NA	Dangerous wild animal
Pig (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	√		No DNR/Ag entry permit needed
DWA Hybrid	No		No			No	Dangerous wild animal
US Endangered/Threatened	No		No			NA	Prohibited
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag entry permit

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Others

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

Perissodactyla

Equine	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws
Rhino	No	No	No	No	NA	Dangerous wild animal	
US Endangered/Threatened	No	No	No	NA	Prohibited		
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

VIVERRIDS

US Endangered/Threatened	No	No	No	NA	Prohibited		
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)

US Endangered/Threatened	No	No	No	NA	Prohibited		
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

OTHER MAMMALS

Aardwolf	No	No	No	NA	Dangerous wild animal		
Hyena	No	No	No	NA	Dangerous wild animal		
Jackrabbit, White-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Rabbit, Eastern Cottontail	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
Skunk, Striped	No	No	No	No	Endangered species - no pets		
Skunk, Spotted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	*Game breeder license for 3+ total game/furbearers; Import - see Ag laws
DWA Hybrid	No	No	No	NA	Dangerous wild animal		
US Endangered/Threatened	No	No	No	NA	Prohibited		

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Unlisted						

No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag laws

SUMMARY: Iowa bans dangerous wild animals, US endangered/threatened species, and aquatic invasive species. All aquaculture type species must be on an approved list or have a special permit approved. Bengal and savannah cats are legal. Other exotic animals are not regulated by the DNR. Native threatened and endangered species and nongame are protected and are banned. Up to 2 native game/furbearers can be kept without a permit; rest are legal with permit. Native non-aquatic invertebrates are not regulated by the DNR.

Sources:

- 1 Dangerous Wild Animal Iowa Code 717F 1-13; Iowa Admin. Code 21-77.1 to 21-77.14
- 2 Game & Furbearers Iowa Code 483A.23, 481A.60 to 481A.62
- 3 Frogs Iowa Code 481A.84
- 4 Ag Import Iowa Admin. Code 21.65

* Native Species Lists:

- Amphibians The Salamanders and Frogs of Iowa - Iowa DNR
- Lizards/Turtles The Lizards and Turtles of Iowa - Iowa DNR
- Snakes The Snakes of Iowa - Iowa DNR
- Bats The Bats of Iowa - Iowa DNR
- Mammals Iowa Wildlife Series - Iowa Mammals - Iowa Association of Naturalists
- Fish Iowa Fish Species - Iowa DNR
- Birds Iowa Checklist - Iowa Ornithologists' Union

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species is legal to possess and import according to state laws and then any federally protected species with stricter regulations than the state. **Be sure to review all federal laws** as some ban certain species as pets or make it legal to possess a species but bans their interstate import in commerce or purchasing across state lines (you can still move with your animals across state lines).

*For states that do allow keeping wild-caught native species as pets, it is usually limited to game birds, game animals, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Such taking usually requires some type of hunting or fishing license **in addition to any required captive wildlife permits**. All laws must be followed, including daily bag and possession limits, seasons, size limits and location specific regulations.

* These guides are usually based on state fish & game laws, state agriculture and health import laws, and marine resource laws except when otherwise noted. Check laws for all requirements. Additional state laws may apply, including general animal control and care, livestock, and other health laws.

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* Species lists vary on each state page depending on each state's law. While we try to include as many native vertebrate species as possible, we cannot guarantee that all species are covered above.