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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

Scorpion, Common Striped	No		No		No	Native endangered
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA Possess - No known DNR permit; Not regulated by Ag

BATS

Big-eared, Rafinesque's	No		No		No	Native endangered
Brown, Big	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Brown, Little	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Evening	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Fruit	No		No		NA	Injurious species - no pets
Gray	No		No		No	Native endangered
Hoary	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Indiana	No		No		No	Native endangered
Long-eared, Northern	No		No		No	Native threatened
Red, Eastern	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Silver-haired	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Small-footed, Eastern	No		No		No	Native threatened
Southeastern	No		No		No	Native endangered
Tri-colored	No		No		No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

BEARS

Black, American	No		No		No	Dangerous animal - no pets/other native mammal
Unlisted	No		No		No	Dangerous animal - no pets

BIRDS

Amazon	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Anhinga	No		No		No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Ani, Groove-billed	No		No		No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Avocet, American	No		No		No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bittern, American	No		No		No	Native endangered
Bittern, Least	No		No		No	Native threatened

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Blackbird, Brewer's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Blackbird, Red-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Blackbird, Rusty	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	No		No			No	Native endangered
Bluebird, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bluebird, Mountain	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bluebonnet	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Bobolink	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Brant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Budgeriger	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Bufflehead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Bul-bul, Red-whiskered	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Bunting, Indigo	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bunting, Lazuli	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bunting, Lark	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bunting, Painted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Bushcrow (Corvidae)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Canvasback	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Cardinal, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Cassowary	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Catbird, Gray	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Chat, Yellow-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Chickadee, Black-capped	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Chickadee, Boreal	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Chickadee, Carolina	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Chicken (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Chuck-will's-widow	No		No			No	Native threatened
Cockatoo	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit

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Condor, Andean	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Condor, California	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Coot, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Cormorant, Double-crested	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Cormorant, Neotropic	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Cowbird, Brown-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Crane, Sandhill	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Crane, Whooping	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Creepers, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Crossbill, Red	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Crossbill, White-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Crow, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Crow, Fish	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Cuckoo, Black-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Curlew, Long-billed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dickcissel	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Dioch	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Dove, Common Ground-	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Dove, Eurasian Collared-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dove, Inca	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Dove, Mourning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dove, Ringed Turtle-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dove, White-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dovekie	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Dowitcher, Long-billed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Dowitcher, Short-billed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, American Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Fulvous Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Harlequin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Mottled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Muscovy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Ruddy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Tufted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck, Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Duck (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Dunlin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Eagle, Bald	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Eagle, Golden	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Egret, Cattle	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Egret, Great	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Egret, Snowy	No		No			No	Native endangered
Eider, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Eider, King	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Elaenia, Small-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Elaenia, White-crested	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Emu	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Falcon, Peregrine	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Falcon, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Finch, Gray-crowned Rosy-	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Finch, House	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Finch, Purple	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flicker, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Acadian	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Alder	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Cordilleran	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Fork-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Great Crested	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Least	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Pacific-slope	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Vermilion	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Willow	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Frigatebird, Magnificent	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gadwall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Gallinule, Common	No		No			No	Native endangered

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Gallinule, Purple	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Gannet, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Garganey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Godwit, Hudsonian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Godwit, Marbled	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goldeneye, Barrow's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goldeneye, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goldfinch, American	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Goose, Cackling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goose, Canada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goose, Greater White-fronted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goose, Ross's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goose, Snow	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Goose (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Goshawk, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grackle, Common	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grackle, Great-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grebe, Clark's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grebe, Eared	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grebe, Horned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Grebe, Pied-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grebe, Red-necked	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grebe, Western	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grosbeak, Black-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grosbeak, Blue	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grosbeak, Evening	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grosbeak, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Grouse, Ruffed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders; Import - Ag permit
Grouse, Sharp-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders; Import - Ag permit
Gull, Black-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Black-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Bonaparte's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, California	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Franklin's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Glaucous	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Glaucous-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Great Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Herring	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Iceland	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Ivory	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Laughing	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Lesser Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Little	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Mew	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Ring-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Ross's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Sabine's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gull, Slaty-backed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Gyrfalcon	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Harrier, Northern	No		No			No	Native endangered
Hawk, Broad-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Cooper's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Ferruginous	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Red-shouldered	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Red-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Rough-legged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hawk, Swainson's	No		No			No	Native endangered
Heron, Black-crowned Night-	No		No			No	Native endangered
Heron, Great Blue	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Heron, Green	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Heron, Little Blue	No		No			No	Native endangered
Heron, Tricolored	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-	No		No			No	Native endangered
Hummingbird, Allen's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hummingbird, Anna's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hummingbird, Broad-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Hummingbird, Rufous	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Ibis, Glossy	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Ibis, White	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Ibis, White-faced	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Jaeger, Long-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Jaeger, Parasitic	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Jaeger, Pomerine	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Jay, Blue	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Jay, California Scrub-							Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Jay, Woodhouse's Scrub-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Junco, Dark-eyed	No		No			No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit Nongame Bird - Protected

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Kestrel, American	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Killdeer	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kingbird, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kingbird, Tropical	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kingbird, Western	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kingfisher, Belted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kite, Mississippi	No		No			No	Native threatened
Kite, Swallow-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kite, White-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kittiwake, Black-legged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Kiwi	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Knot, Rufa Red	No		No			No	Native threatened
Lark, Horned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Longspur, Chestnut-collared	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Longspur, Lapland	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Longspur, Smith's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Loon, Common	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Loon, Pacific	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Loon, Red-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Loon, Yellow-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Lorikeet	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Lory	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Lovebird	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Macaw	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Magpie, Black-billed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Mallard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Martin, Purple	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Meadowlark, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Meadowlark, Western	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Merganser, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Merganser, Hooded	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Merlin	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Mockingbird, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Murrelet, Ancient	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Nighthawk, Common	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Nutcracker, Clark's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Nuthatch, Brown-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Nuthatch, White-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Oriole, Baltimore	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Oriole, Bullock's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Oriole, Orchard	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Oriole, Scott's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Osprey	No		No			No	Native endangered
Ostrich	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Ovenbird	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Barn	No		No			No	Native threatened
Owl, Barred	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Boreal	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Burrowing	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Eastern Screech-	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Great Horned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Long-eared	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Northern Hawk	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Owl, Short-eared	No		No			No	Native endangered
Owl, Snowy	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Parakeet	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Parrot	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Parrotlet	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Partridge, Chukar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Partridge, Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Parula, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Pelican, American White	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Pelican, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Phalarope, Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Phalarope, Red-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Phalarope, Wilson's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Pheasant, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Phoebe, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Phoebe, Say's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Pigeon, Band-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Pigeon, Rock	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Pintail, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Pipit, American	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Pipit, Sprague's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, American Golden-	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, Black-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, Common Ringed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Plover, Mountain	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, Piping	No		No			No	Native endangered
Plover, Semipalmated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, Snowy	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Plover, Wilson's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Prairie Chicken, Greater	No		No			No	Native endangered
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders; Import - Ag permit
Racquet-tail	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Rail, Black	No		No			No	Native endangered
Rail, King	No		No			No	Native endangered
Rail, Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Rail, Yellow	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Raven, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Redhead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Redpoll, Common	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Redpoll, Hoary	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Redstart, American	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Rhea	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Robin, American	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Rosella	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Psittacine - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Ruff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sanderling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Baird's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit

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Sandpiper, Curlew	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Least	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Pectoral	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Purple	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Semipalmated	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Sharp-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Solitary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Spotted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Stilt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Upland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, Western	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sandpiper, White-rumped	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sapsucker, Red-naped	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sapsucker, Williamson's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Scaup, Greater	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Scaup, Lesser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit

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Scoter, Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Scoter, Surf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Scoter, White-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Shoveler, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Shrike, Loggerhead	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shrike, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Siskin, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Skimmer, Black	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Snipe, Wilson's	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Solitaire, Townsend's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sora	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Sparrow, American Tree	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Bachman's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Black-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Brewer's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Cassin's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Chipping	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Clay-colored	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Eurasian Tree	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Field	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Fox	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Golden-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Harris's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Henslow's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, House	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit

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Sparrow, Java	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Sparrow, Lark	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, LeConte's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Lincoln's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Nelson's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Savannah	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Song	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Swamp	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, Vesper	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, White-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Sparrow, White-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Spoonbill, Roseate	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Starling, European	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Starling, Pink	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Stilt, Black-necked	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Stork, Wood	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Bank	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Barn	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Cave	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Cliff	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Tree	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swallow, Violet-green	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Swamphen, Purple	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Swan, Tundra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Swan, Trumpeter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Swift, Chimney	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tanager, Hepatic	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tanager, Scarlet	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Tanager, Summer	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tanager, Western	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tattler, Wandering	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Teal, Blue-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Teal, Cinnamon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Teal, Green-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Tern, Arctic	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Black	No		No			No	Native endangered
Tern, Caspian	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Common	No		No			No	Native endangered
Tern, Forster's	No		No			No	Native endangered
Tern, Gull-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Large-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Least	No		No			No	Native endangered
Tern, Royal	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Sandwich	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Tern, Sooty	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrasher, Brown	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrasher, Curve-billed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrasher, Sage	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrush, Hermit	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrush, Swainson's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrush, Varied	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Thrush, Wood	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Titmouse, Tufted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Towhee, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Towhee, Green-tailed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Towhee, Spotted	No		No			No	
Turkey, Wild	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders; Import - Ag permit
Turkey (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Turnstone, Ruddy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Veery	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Violetear, Mexican	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Bell's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Blue-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Cassin's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Philadelphia	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Plumbeous	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Red-eyed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Warbling	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, White-eyed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vireo, Yellow-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, Black	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, Greater Yellow-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, King	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, Lesser Yellow-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, Old World	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Vulture, Turkey	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Bay-breasted	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Black-and-white	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Black-throated Blue	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Black-throated Gray	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Black-throated Green	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Blackburnian	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Blackpoll	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Blue-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Warbler, Canada	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Cape May	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Cerulean	No		No			No	Native threatened
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Connecticut	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Golden-winged	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Grace's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Hermit	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Hooded	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Kentucky	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Kirtland's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, MacGillivray's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Magnolia	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Mourning	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Nashville	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Orange-crowned	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Palm	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Pine	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Prairie	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Prothonotary	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Swainson's	No		No			No	Native endangered
Warbler, Tennessee	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Townsend's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Wilson's	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Worm-eating	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Yellow	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Warbler, Yellow-throated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Waterthrush, Louisiana	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Waterthrush, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Waxwing, Bohemian	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Waxwing, Cedar	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected

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Wheatear, Northern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Whimbrel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Willet	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Whip-poor-will, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wigeon, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Wigeon, Eurasian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Wood-Pewee, Eastern	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodcock, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Woodpecker, Black-backed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Downy	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Hairy	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Pileated	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Red-cockaded	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Woodpecker, Red-headed	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, Bewick's	No		No			No	Native endangered
Wren, Carolina	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, House	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, Marsh	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, Rock	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, Sedge	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Wren, Winter	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Yellowlegs, Greater	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Yellowlegs, Lesser	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Migratory Game Bird - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial bird breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Yellowthroat, Common	No		No			No	Nongame Bird - Protected
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

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CANINES

Coyote	No		No			No	Dangerous animal/furbearer - no pets
Dhole	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Dog, Raccoon	No		No			NA	Bans possess
Fox, Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Fox, Red	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Wolf, Gray	No		No			No	Dangerous animal/Other native mammal/threatened - no pets
Wolf	No		No			No	Dangerous animal - no pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

ELEPHANTS

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit
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FELINES

Bobcat	No		No			No	Dangerous animal - no pets/furbearer
Cheetah	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Cougar	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Jaguar	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Jaguarundi	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Leopard	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Lion	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Lynx	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Margay	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Mountain Lion	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Ocelot	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Serval	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes	NA	Bans in-state sale - Only allowed if legally imported; Import - Ag permit
Tiger	No		No			NA	Dangerous animal - no pets
Domestic Hybrid	Yes	No	Yes	No		NA	Considered domestic cats by Ag; Import - No requirements for pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

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Alewife	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Bass, Largemouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Rock	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Smallmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Striped Hybrid	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bass, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bloater	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bluegill	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bowfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Buffalo, Bigmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Buffalo, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Buffalo, Smallmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bullhead, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bullhead, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Bullhead, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Burbot	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Carp, Bighead	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Carp, Black	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Carp, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Carp, Silver	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Carp sucker, Highfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Carp sucker, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Catfish, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Catfish, Channel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Catfish, Flathead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Catfish, Walking	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Catfish, Wels	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Catfish, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Cavefish, Spring	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission

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Chub, Bigeye	No		No			No	Native endangered
Chub, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Chub, Gravel	No		No			No	Native threatened
Chub, Hornyhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Chub, Lake	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Chub, River	No		No			No	Native endangered
Chub, Shoal	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Chub, Sicklefin	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Chub, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Chub, Sturgeon	No		No			No	Native endangered
Chubsucker, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Chubsucker, Lake	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Cisco	No		No			No	Native threatened
Crappie, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Crappie, Hybrid	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Crappie, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Dace, Blacknose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Dace, Longnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Dace, Southern Redbelly	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Blackside	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Bluebreast	No		No			No	Native endangered
Darter, Bluntnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Crystal	No		No			No	Native threatened
Darter, Cypress	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Darter, Dusky	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Darter, Eastern Sand	No		No			No	Native threatened
Darter, Fantail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Fringed	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Darter, Greenside	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Harlequin	No		No			No	Native endangered
Darter, Iowa	No		No			No	Native threatened

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Darter, Johnny	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Least	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Mud	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Orangethroat	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Slenderhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Slough	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Spottail	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Darter, Stripetail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Darter, Western Sand	No		No			No	Native endangered
Drum, Freshwater	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Eel, American	Yes*		Yes*			No	Native threatened - Approved Species Import/Sale
Flier	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Sunfish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Gar, Longnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Gar, Shortnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Gar, Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Goby, Round	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Goby, Tubenose	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Goldeye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Goldfish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Herring, Skipjack	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Bait Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale
Killifish, Banded	No		No			No	Native threatened
Lamprey, American Brook	Yes*		Yes*			No	Native threatened - Approved Species Import/Sale
Lamprey, Chestnut	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Lamprey, Least Brook	No		No			No	Native threatened
Lamprey, Northern Brook	No		No			No	Native endangered
Lamprey, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Logperch	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Madtom, Brindled	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Madtom, Freckled	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Madtom, Mountain	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing

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Madtom, Northern	No		No			No	Native endangered
Madtom, Slender	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Madtom, Tadpole	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Minnow, Bluntnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Minnow, Brassy	No		No			No	Native threatened
Minnow, Bullhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Minnow, Cypress	No		No			No	Native endangered
Minnow, Fathead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Minnow, Ozark	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Minnow, Pugnose	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Minnow, Silverjaw	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Minnow, Silvery	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Minnow, Suckermouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Mooneye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Moroko, Stone	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Mosquitofish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Mudminnow, Central	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Muskellunge	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Muskellunge, Tiger	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Paddlefish	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Perch, Pirate	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Perch, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Pickerel, Grass	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Pike, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Pumpkinseed	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Quillback	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Redhorse, Black	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Redhorse, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Redhorse, Greater	No		No			No	Native endangered
Redhorse, Pealip	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Redhorse, River	No		No			No	Native threatened
Redhorse, Shorthead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws

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Redhorse, Silver	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Redhorse, Smallmouth	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Rudd	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Ruffe	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Ruffe, River	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Salmon, Chinook	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Salmon, Coho	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Salmon, Pink	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Game Fish/Introduced - NOT on approved list - special permission required
Sauger	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Saugeye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sculpin, Banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Sculpin, Deepwater	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Sculpin, Mottled	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Sculpin, Slimy	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Shad, Alabama	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Shad, Gizzard	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shad, Threadfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Shiner, Bigeye	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shiner, Bigmouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Blackchin	No		No			No	Native threatened
Shiner, Blacknose	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shiner, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Emerald	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Ghost	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Golden	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Ironcolor	No		No			No	Native threatened
Shiner, Mimic	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Pallid	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shiner, Pugnose	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shiner, Red	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Redfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws

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Shiner, Ribbon	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, River	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Rosyface	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Sand	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Silverband	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Spottfin	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Spottail	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Steelcolor	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Shiner, Taillight	No		No			No	Native endangered
Shiner, Weed	No		No			No	Native endangered
Silverside, Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Smelt, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Snakehead	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Stickleback, Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Stickleback, Ninespine	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Stonecat	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Stoneroller, Central	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Stoneroller, Largescale	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Studfish, Northern	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Sturgeon, Lake	No		No			No	Native endangered
Sturgeon, Pallid	No		No			No	Native endangered
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sucker, Blue	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sucker, Longnose	No		No			No	Native threatened
Sucker, Northern Hog	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sucker, Spotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sucker, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sunfish, Banded Pygmy	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Native - Not on approved list - need special permission
Sunfish, Bantam	No		No			No	Native threatened
Sunfish, Green	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sunfish, Hybrid	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws

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Sunfish, Longear	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Sunfish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sunfish, Orangespotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Sunfish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sunfish, Redear	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Sunfish, Redspotted	No		No			No	Native endangered
Topminnow	No		No			No	Native threatened
Topminnow, Blackspotted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Topminnow, Blackstriped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Topminnow, Starhead	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Minnow - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Trout, Brook	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Trout, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Trout, Lake	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Trout, Rainbow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Trout-Perch	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Walleye	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Wormouth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Game Fish - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take - see fishing laws
Whitefish, Round	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes*	Native - Approved Species Import/Sale; Take see fishing
Zander	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Not regulated by Ag

***NOTE:** Fish, crustaceans, mollusks and gastropods on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List are legal to possess, transport, import and sell in the state. It is unclear whether wild-caught ones are legal to keep in aquariums. According to a 2015 forum post, DNR informed someone that legally caught fish may be kept. However, UAPPEAL has not received official confirmation of this from DNR.

HERPTILES

***NOTE:** Herp may only be collected on private lands.

Caecilians

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit
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Crocodilians

All	No		No			NA	Bans buy, sell, possess
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Frogs

Bullfrog, American	Yes	Yes	No			Yes	Native - take 8/day & 16 possess; Bans import
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*Chorus, Boreal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Chorus, Strecker's	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Chorus, Upland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Chorus, Western	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Crawfish	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Cricket, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Dart, Poison	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Exempt from permit; Import - Ag permit
*Green	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Leopard, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Leopard, Plains	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Leopard, Southern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Peeper, Spring	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Pickerel	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Treefrog, Bird-voiced	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Treefrog, Cope's gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Treefrog, Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Treefrog, Green	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Poisonous (Medically Significant)	No		No			No	Poisonous amphibian
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Lizards

Beaded (medically significant)	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Gila Monster	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Komodo Dragon	No		No			NA	Bans buy, sell, possess
Monitor, Crocodile	No		No			NA	Bans buy, sell, possess
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Salamanders

*Blue-spotted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Cave	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit

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Dusky, Spotted	No		No			No	Native endangered
Four-toed	No		No			No	Native threatened
Hellbender	No		No			No	Native endangered
Jefferson	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Marbled	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Mole	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Mudpuppy	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Newt, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Red-backed, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Silvery	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Siren, Lesser	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Slimy, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Small-mouthed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Spotted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Tiger, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Two-lined, Southern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Zigzag, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Poisonous (Medically Significant)	No		No			No	Poisonous amphibian
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Snakes

Anaconda (all)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Must be properly maintained; Import - Ag permit
<i>Atractaspidae</i> (medically significant)	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Boa (all)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Must be properly maintained; Import - Ag permit
Beaded (<i>Rhamphiophis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Boigas/Mangrove (<i>Boiga</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Boomslang	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile

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*Brownsnake, DeKay's	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Coachwhip	No		No			No	Native endangered
Cobra, False Water (<i>Hydrodynastes</i>) -medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Collared	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Copperhead	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Cottonmouth	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Crayfish, Graham's <i>Crotalinae</i> (medically significant)	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Earthsake, Smooth <i>Elapidae</i> (medically significant)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
False Fer-de-lance (<i>Xenodon</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Flat-headed	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Foxsnake, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Gartersnake, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Gartersnake, Plains	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Gopher	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Green (<i>Philodryas</i>) -medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Greensnake, Rough	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Greensnake, Smooth	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Hog-nosed, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Hog-nosed, Plains <i>Hydrophiidae</i> (medically significant)	No		No			No	Native threatened Venomous reptile
	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Keelback (<i>Rhabdophis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile

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Keelback, Varied/ Hooded (<i>Macropisthodon</i>) -medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Kingsnake, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Kingsnake, Prairie	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Kirtland's	No		No			No	Native threatened
Kukri (<i>Oligodon</i>) -medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Lined	No		No			No	Native threatened
Massasauga, Eastern	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Milksnake	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Montpelier	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Mudsnake, Red-bellied	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Pampas (<i>Tomodon</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Python (all)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Must be properly maintained; Import - Ag permit
*Queensnake	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Racer, North American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Racer, Sand (<i>Psammophis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Racers, West Indian (<i>Alsophis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Rat Snake, Great Plains	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Ratsnake, Midland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Rattlesnake, Timber	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Red-bellied	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Ribbonsnake, Eastern	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Ribbonsnake, Western	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Road Guardians (<i>Conopsis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Scarletsnake	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit

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Tree, Black (<i>Thrasops</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Tree, Brown	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile/injurious species
Twig (<i>Thelotornis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
<i>Viperidae</i> (medically significant)	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
Wagler's (<i>Waglerophis</i>) - medically significant	No		No			NA	Venomous reptile
*Watersnake, Diamondback	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Watersnake, Mississippi Green	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Watersnake, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Watersnake, Plain-bellied	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Watersnake, Southern	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Wormsnake, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Wormsnake, Western	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Toads

*American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Cane	No		No			No	Poisonous amphibian
Colorado River	No		No			No	Poisonous amphibian
*Fowler's	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Narrow-mouthed, Eastern	No		No			No	Native threatened
*Spadefoot, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Poisonous (Medically Significant)	No		No			No	Poisonous amphibian
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Tortoises

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit
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Tuataras

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Turtles

Blanding's	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Box, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Box, Ornate	No		No			No	Native threatened
Cooter, Eastern River	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Map, False	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Map, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Map, Ouachita	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Mud, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Mud, Yellow	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Musk, Eastern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Painted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
*Slider, Pond	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Snapping, Alligator	No		No			No	Native endangered
Snapping, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - take 2/day & 4 possess; Import - Ag permit
Softshell, Smooth	No		No			No	Native endangered
*Softshell, Spiny	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Native - limit 4 & 8 total * species (wild/captive); Import - Ag permit
Spotted	No		No			No	Native endangered
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

INSECTS

Borer, Eryngium Stem	No		No			No	Native threatened
Butterfly, Karner Blue	No		No			No	Native endangered
Dragonfly, Hine's Emerald	No		No			No	Native endangered
Elfin, Hoary	No		No			No	Native endangered
Forestfly, Central	No		No			No	Native endangered
Fritillary, Regal	No		No			No	Native threatened
Leafhopper	No		No			No	Native endangered
Leafhopper, Redveined Prairie	No		No			No	Native threatened

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Metalmark, Swamp	No		No			No	Native endangered
Skimmer, Elfin	No		No			No	Native threatened
Skipper, Cobweb	No		No			No	Native endangered
Skipper, Ottoe	No		No			No	Native endangered
Springfly, Robust	No		No			No	Native endangered
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

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

Mole, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Shrew, American Pygmy	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Shrew, Masked	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Shrew, North American Least	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Shrew, Southeastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Not regulated by Ag

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)

Clam

Fingernail, Long	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Fingernail, Striated	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

Crabs

Mitton	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

Crayfish

Bigclaw	No		No			No	Native endangered
Devil	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Bait - Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Indiana	No		No			No	Native endangered

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Kentucky	No		No			No	Native endangered
Northern Papershell	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Bait - Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Rusty Shrimp	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
White River Yabby	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Bait - Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

Lobsters

All	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag
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Mussels

Buckhorn	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Butterfly	No		No			No	Native threatened
Clubshell	No		No			No	Native endangered
Deertoe	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Ebonyshell	No		No			No	Native endangered
Elephant-ear	No		No			No	Native endangered
Elktoe	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Eye, Higgins	No		No			No	Native endangered
Fanshell	No		No			No	Native endangered
Fawnsfoot	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Floater, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Floater, Flat	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Fluted Shell	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Golden	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Heelsplitter, Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Heelsplitter, Pink	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Heelsplitter, White	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Hickorynut	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take

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Kidneyshell	No		No			No	Native endangered
Lampmussel, Wavy-rayed	No		No			No	Native endangered
Lilliput, Purple	No		No			No	Native endangered
Lilliput (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Mapleleaf	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Monkeyface	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Mucket	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Mucket, Fat	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Mucket, Pink	No		No			No	Native endangered
Papershell, Cylindrical	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Papershell, Fragile	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Papershell, Pink	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pigtoe, Ohio	No		No			No	Native endangered
Pigtoe, Wabash	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pimpleback, Orangefoot	No		No			No	Native endangered
Pimpleback (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pocketbook, Fat	No		No			No	Native endangered
Pocketbook, Plain	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pocketbook, Rock	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pondhorn	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pondmussel, Common	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Pondshell, Paper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Rabbitsfoot	No		No			No	Native endangered
Rainbow	No		No			No	Native endangered
Riffleshell, Northern	No		No			No	Native endangered
Salamander	No		No			No	Native endangered
Sandshell, Black	No		No			No	Native threatened
Sandshell, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Scaleshell	No		No			No	Native endangered
Sheepnose	No		No			No	Native endangered
Slippershell	No		No			No	Native threatened
Snuffbox	No		No			No	Native endangered

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Spectaclecase, Little	No		No			No	Native threatened
Spectaclecase	No		No			No	Native endangered
Spike	No		No			No	Native threatened
Squawfoot	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Three-ridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Wartyback, Purple	No		No			No	Native threatened
Wartyback, Three-horned	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Wartyback (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Washboard	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; No take
Zebra	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

Shrimp

Fairy	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Native - Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Freshwater	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Native - Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Glass	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Killer	No		No			No	Injurious species - no pets
Prawn, Giant Malaysian	Yes	No	Yes			NA	Approved Species Import/Possess
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

Snails

Cave, Hydrobiid	No		No			No	Native endangered
Pleistocene, Iowa	No		No			No	Native endangered
Rocksnail, Onyx	No		No			No	Native endangered
Rocksnail, Shawnee	No		No			No	Native endangered
Native (various)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Approved Species Import/Possess
Native Aquatic (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Nonnative Aquatic	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag
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Other

Amphipod, Anomalous Spring	No		No			No	Native endangered
Amphipod, Illinois Cave	No		No			No	Native endangered
Amphipod, Iowa	No		No			No	Native endangered
Amphipod, Packard's Cave	No		No			No	Native endangered
Amphipod (various)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Isopod	No		No			No	Native endangered
Isopod (various)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Approved Species Import/Possess; Take - see fishing laws
Springtail, Madonna Cave	No		No			No	Native endangered
Native (rest)	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	NA	Not on approved species list - Need special permission
Unlisted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	No	NA	Not on approved list - need special permission; Not regulated by Ag

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

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit
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MARSUPIALS

Opossum, Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

MUSTELIDS

Badger, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Ferret	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Class A noncommercial ferret permit
Fisher	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Extirpated - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Marten, American	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Extirpated - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Mink, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Otter, North American River	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Weasel, Least	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Weasel, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

PRIMATES

All	No		No			No	Bans as pets - grandfathers before 1/1/11 if registered
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PROCYONIDS

Raccoon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

RODENTS

Beaver, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Chipmunk, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Gopher, Plains Pocket	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Lemming, Southern Bog	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, Cotton	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, Deer	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, Golden	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Mouse, House	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, Multimammate	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mouse, Western Harvest	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Mouse, White-footed	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Muskrat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import/Possess: Furbearing mammal breeder permit; Import-Ag permit
Porcupine, North American	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Extirpated - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Rat, Brown	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Rat, Marsh Rice	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Rat, Multimammate	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Squirrel, Eastern Fox	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Squirrel, Eastern Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Squirrel, Franklin's Ground	No		No			No	Threatened
Squirrel, Red	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Squirrel, Southern Flying	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets
Squirrel, Thirteen-lined Ground	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Squirrel, White	No		No			No	Other native mammal - Protected - No pets

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Vole, Meadow	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Vole, Prairie	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Vole, Woodland	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Woodchuck	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Woodrat, Eastern	No		No			No	Endangered
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Bison, American	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Extirpated - No DNR permit needed; Import - Ag permit
Cattle (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Goat (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Sheep (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Cervid (Deer family)

Deer, White-tailed							Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit & Request for Permit to Import Cervidae
Elk	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Extirpated - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit & Request for Permit to Import Cervidae
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit & Request for Permit to Import Cervidae

Suidae (Wild pigs)

Domestic	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Others

Alpaca	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
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Llama	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

Perissodactyla

Ass	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Donkey	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Horse	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Zebra	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Not regulated by DNR; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

VIVERRIDS

Civet	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes	NA	Bans in-state sale - Only allowed if legally imported
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)

Armadillo, Nine-banded	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unprotected - Legal; Import - Ag permit
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

OTHER MAMMALS

Hyena	No		No			No	Dangerous animal - no pets
Meerkat	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Banded	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Common Dwarf	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Ethiopian Dwarf	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Gambian	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose (<i>Herpestes</i>)	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Marsh	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, White-tailed	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Mongoose, Yellow	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Rabbit, Eastern Cottontail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit

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Rabbit, European (Oryctolagus) wild	No		No			NA	Injurious species - no pets
Rabbit, San Juan	No		No			NA	Bans possess
Rabbit, Swamp							Game mammal - Import/Possess - Class A Noncommercial game breeders permit; Import - Ag permit
Rabbit (domestic)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Possession/import not regulated
Skunk, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	NA	Furbearing mammal - bans possess
Unlisted	No	No	No	No	Yes	NA	Possess - No known DNR permit; Import - Ag permit

SUMMARY: Illinois bans dangerous animals, nonhuman primates, injurious species, venomous reptiles and poisonous amphibians, and nongame birds along with protected native species. Many migratory game birds can be kept under a noncommercial game bird permit, game mammals under a noncommercial game breeders permit, and many furbearers under a furbearing animal breeder permit. Native herp that are not threatened/endangered/poisonous can be kept. Fish, crustaceans, mollusks and gastropods on the approved list are legal. Exotic animals not covered are legal.

Sources:

- 1 Dangerous animals/primate: 720 Illinois Revised Statutes 585
 - 2 Herptiles 510 ILCS 68
 - 3 Native 520 Illinois Revised Statutes 5 Sec. 2.1 to 2.4, 3.23, 3.25
 - 4 Endangered
 - 5 Approved Aquatic Species Aquatic Life Approved Species List (2014)
- * Native Species Lists
- Mammals Wild Mammals of Illinois - DNR
 - Birds The Birds of Illinois - Illinois Ornithological Society
 - Fish Common Freshwater Fish of Illinois - DNR

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species to 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).

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*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.

* 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.