

INDIANA SPECIE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

UAPPEAL

NOTE: Any activity not specifically allowed is prohibited.

DEER

Possession/Sale:

- No provisions listed for live possession

Take:

- Only lists lethal methods

FURBEARING MAMMALS:

(Beaver, coyote, gray/red fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk, long-tailed weasel)

Possession Legal:

- game breeder license
- wild animal possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license
- hunting or trapping license during open season

Sale Legal:

- hunting or trapping license during hunting and trapping season
- game breeder license

Trappers:

- Must follow seasons and methods for each species
- Must sell, gift, barter, trade, or otherwise transfer within 24 hours or must be euthanized or released
- Must meet caging and care requirements during open season

- Must apply for game breeder license or wild animal possession permit within 5 days of close of season if still in possession

Transport:

- Must be properly handled to prevent injury

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBITS, EASTERN GRAY AND FOX SQUIRRELS:

Possession Legal:

- game breeder license
- wild animal possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale Legal:

- game breeder license

Take Legal:

- must follow seasons, limits and methods

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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SOUTHERN FLYING SQUIRRELS:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale: BANNED

Take Legal: must follow seasons, limits and methods

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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BOBCAT:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- wild animal possession permit
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale Legal:

- USDA breeder, dealer or exhibitor

Take Legal:

- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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RIVER OTTER:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale Legal:

- USDA breeder, dealer or exhibitor

Trap Legal:

- No provisions for live trapping listed

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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BADGERS:

Possession Legal:

- Wild animal possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution

- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale Legal:

- USDA breeder, dealer or exhibitor

Take Legal:

- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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EXOTIC MAMMALS (LISTED):

- EXEMPT: bobcat, red fox, gray fox, and coyote not considered exotic

Take: BANNED

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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EXOTIC MAMMALS (REST):

Take Legal:

- resident landowner or tenant if destroying or causing substantial damage to property
- family camelidae that is slaughtered
- escaped mammals that are immediate threat to public safety or health of wild animals

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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WILD PIGS:

Sale/Barter/Trade/Lease/Release Legal:

- AZA or ZAA zoo
- USDA scientific research institution
- Purdue University Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
- Organization or person holding one upon request
- Transport through state if confined and not unloaded except slaughter

Take Legal: Must be euthanized

- resident landowner or individual with permission on such land
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- scientific purposes license

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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BATS:

Possession and Take Legal:

- nuisance wild animal control permit
- scientific purposes license
- limited take permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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BLACK BEAR:

Possession Legal:

- Wild animal possession permit

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit
- USDA registered or licensed educational or scientific institution
- USDA breeder or dealer license

Sale Legal:

- USDA breeder, dealer or exhibitor

Take Legal:

- scientific purposes license
- nuisance wild animal control permit

Release: BANNED

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EXEMPTED MAMMALS:

Legal:

- Any mammal not listed is unprotected and legal for take, possession and sale

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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RAPTORS:

Possession, Breed, Sale Legal:

- Federal raptor propagation permit (exempt from state permit)

Take Legal: Must follow seasons and limits

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- falconry license
- migratory bird depredation permit

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OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS AND WATERFOWL:

Wild-Caught Possession Legal:

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- special purpose educational permit
- scientific purposes license
- falconry license

Possess, Breed, Sale Legal:

- captive-bred waterfowl under federal law

Take Legal: Must follow seasons and limits

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- migratory bird depredation permit
- during hunting season
- brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, red-winged blackbird, Brewer's blackbird, or American crow for depredation
- Canada goose causing damage or being a threat
- Public use airport

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MUTE SWANS:

Possession:

- Pinioned by 6 months of age
- Enclosure to prevent escape
- Inventory of numbers held including deaths and births and transactions

Sale:

- Pinioned by 6 months of age
- Enclosure to prevent escape
- Not released
- Inventory of numbers and name and address of buyer or person gifted and seller, number sold and date sold

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AMERICAN CROWS:

Take:

- Allows unlimited take during season through hunting

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BROWN-HEADED COWBIRDS, COMMON GRACKLES, RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS, RUSTY BLACKBIRDS, BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS, AND CROWS:

Take:

- Allows take for depredation

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NORTHERN BOBWHITE QUAIL AND RING-NECKED PHEASANTS AND EGGS:

Possession Legal:

- game breeder license
- dog training ground permit – less than 5 consecutive days
- private shooting preserve license
- scientific purposes license
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- Purchase from game breeder and released into wild within 5 days

Sale Legal:

- Game breeder license

Take: No provisions listed for live take

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RUFFED GROUSE AND WILD TURKEYS:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- special purpose salvage permit
- taxidermy license

Sale: BANNED

Take: No provisions listed for live take

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QUAIL, PHEASANT, PARTRIDGE - REST:

Possession, Sale, Take Legal:

- No permit needed for all unlisted species not endangered

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HOUSE SPARROW, EUROPEAN STARLING, ROCK PIGEON, MONK PARAKEET:

Take Legal:

- No permit needed

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TURTLES – EASTERN SNAPPING, SMOOTH SOFTSHELL, SPINY SOFTSHELL:

Possession Legal: Limit 4 per species except:

- turtle possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- wild animal possession permit

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take Legal:

- Allows 4/day total combined for these species
- July 1 and March 31
- Must have carapace of 12+”
- Allows trap, net, another mechanical device with no opening below water surface; hands; gaff; methods allowed under sport fishing

Release Legal: Captive-born BANNED

- Without permit: Those held less than 30 days not held with other reptiles and amphibians released at capture point
- Permit

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AMERICAN BULLFROGS AND GREEN FROGS:

Possession Legal:

- 25/day limit for take

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- tadpoles of these species
- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- hauler and supplier permit or aquaculture permit for American bullfrog and green frog tadpoles
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take Legal:

- Allows 25/day total combined for these species
- June 15 through April 30
- Allows gig or spear with head up to 3”, bow and arrows, club, hands, single pole or hand line with 1 hook, .22 caliber firearm, air rifle (except state park)

Release Legal: Captive-born BANNED

- Without permit: Those held less than 30 days not held with other reptiles and amphibians released at capture point
- Permit

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EASTERN BOX TURTLE:

Possession Legal: Limit 4

- turtle possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take: BANNED

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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NATIVE REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN EGGS:

Take: BANNED

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ENDANGERED REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take: BANNED

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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GRAY RATSNAKE, EASTERN FOXSNAKE, EASTERN HOG-NOSED SNAKE, PRAIRIE KINGSNAKE, EASTERN BLACK KINGSNAKE, EASTERN MILKSNAKE, BULLSNAKE, NONENDANGERED OR THREATENED ALBINISTIC, LEUCISTIC, AND XANTHIC

Possession Legal:

- wild

Sale Legal:

- reptile captive breeder license (allows sale of offspring of wild-caught)

Take:

- 4/species annually

Release Legal: Captive-born BANNED

- Without permit: Those held less than 30 days not held with other reptiles and amphibians released at capture point
- Permit

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BOREAL CHORUS FROG:

Possession/Sale: BANNED

- GRANDFATHERED: Those whose numbers were listed by 10/1/21, that used individually unique elastomer or another permanent marking, and manages it to ensure public health and safety

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NATIVE REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (REST):

Possession Legal: Limit 4 per species except:

- bullfrogs and green frogs
- turtle possession permit
- wild animal rehabilitation permit
- scientific purposes license
- wild animal possession permit

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take Legal:

- Allows 2/day and 4 total per species
- April 1 through March 31
- Turtles allowed year-round
- Turtles: allows trap, net, another mechanical device with no opening below water surface; hands; gaff; methods allowed under sport fishing
- Frogs: Allows gig or spear with head up to 3", bow and arrows, club, hands, single pole or hand line with 1 hook, .22 caliber firearm, air rifle (except state park)

Release Legal: Captive-born BANNED

- Without permit: Those held less than 30 days not held with other reptiles and amphibians released at capture point
- Permit

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EXOTIC TURTLES:

Sale: needs carapace of 4" + except

- governmental agency engaged in scientific study or research
- scientific research organization
- accredited museum or institution of higher learning
- individual in cooperation with college, university or governmental agency
- private company under contract for scientific or educational purposes

Release: BANNED

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VENOMOUS REPTILES:

Possession Legal:

- wild animal possession permit
- scientific purposes license

Sale Legal: Need PIT tag

- captive-born albinistic, leucistic or xanthic species not endangered or threatened
- USDA research institution
- to a public school or nonpublic school (can purchase only)
- transport in interstate commerce when sold out-of-state
- BANS sale of offspring of wild-caught

Take:

- Allows 2/day and 4 total per species
- April 1 through March 31

Release Legal: Captive-born BANNED

- Without permit: Those held less than 30 days not held with other reptiles and amphibians released at capture point
- Permit

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DANGEROUS REPTILES (Crocodilians 5'+ and Venomous):

Possession/Sale Legal:

- zoological park (AZA or local government agency)
- class III wild animal possession permit
- research institution with active Assurance of Compliance on file with the Office for the Protection of Risk

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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FISH UNDER FISHING LAWS

Possession/Sale/Take Legal:

- As allowed in fishing laws

EXOTIC FISH

(Exotic catfish, bighead carp, black carp, silver carp, white perch, snakehead, rudd, ruffe, tubenose goby, round goby, stone moroko, zander, wels catfish, hybrids)

Possession/Import/Release/Sale/Trade/Barter/Loan Legal: Must comply with federal law for injurious

- zoological park (AZA or local government agency)
- interstate shipment through state
- aquaculture permit
- scientific purposes license (medical, educational, scientific)

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EXEMPT FISH

Possession/Sale/Take Legal:

- Those not listed as endangered or in fishing laws

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CRAYFISH:

Sale Legal:

- bait dealer's license

Take Legal:

- sport fishing license
- scientific purposes
- owner or lessee of farmland and immediate family fishing on farmland without permit

Export Legal:

- 100 crayfish per 24 hours except commercial raising in private waters for sale
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ZEBRA MUSSEL, QUAGGA MUSSEL, ASIATIC CLAM, GOLDEN MUSSEL:

Possess:

- scientific purposes license

Import/Release: BANNED

Take: killed only

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MUSSELS (REST):

Possess Legal:

- scientific purposes license
- special purpose possession permit (shells from department for educational purposes only)

Take: BANNED

Release: Captive-born BANNED

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EXEMPT INVERTEBRATES:

Possess/Sale/Take Legal:

- Those not listed as endangered or otherwise listed above

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