

Wildlife Categories in Iowa and Permits Necessary for Lethal Control

| <i>Category</i> | <i>Species</i> | <i>State Permit¹</i> | <i>Federal Permit</i> |
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| Resident Game Birds | Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Gray Partridge Ring-necked Pheasant | Yes | No |
| Resident Non-game Birds | European Starlings House Sparrows | No | No |
| Migratory Game birds | Ducks, Mergansers, Coots, Geese, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail | No | Yes |
| Migratory Non-game Birds | All other species except resident & migratory game birds, resident non-game birds and domestic birds | No | Yes |
| Domestic Birds | Pigeons and Domestic Poultry | No ² | No |
| Federal Depredation Order ³ | Crows, Blackbirds, Cowbirds | No | No |
| Game Mammals | Deer, Rabbits, Squirrels | Yes | No |
| Non-game Mammals | All species except: game mammals, furbearers, feral domestic mammals and fully protected wildlife. | No | No |
| Furbearers | Beaver, Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel, Coyote, Groundhog, Red Fox, Gray Fox | No ⁴ | No |
| Feral Domestic Mammals | Dogs, Cats, livestock | No – Call local animal control | No |
| Fully Protected Wildlife | Threatened & Endangered Species Listed in Appendix P | | |

1. Control actions requiring a state permit should be coordinated through Wildlife Services or one of the Depredation Biologists with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources
2. Continuous open season for the taking of pigeons with firearms when within 100 yards of buildings and bridges.
3. May be taken without permits “when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance”

Source: USDA Wildlife Services

