

lic hunting areas. More than 1 million acres of private land are enrolled in the WIHA program. The regulations summary and atlas can be downloaded or picked up wherever licenses are sold.

In addition to long seasons, Kansas also offers generous bag and possession limits for pheasants and quail – four rooster pheasants per day and 16 in possession and eight quail per day and 32 in possession. Much of central and southwest Kansas provides excellent pheasant and quail combination hunting opportunities.

November is a great month to be in Kansas if you're a hunter because in addition to pheasant and quail, other seasons open include greater prairie chicken, ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, deer, and wild turkey. The only downside is that November is only 30 days long.

**MINNESOTA**

**HUNTERS ASKED TO REPORT BANDED ROOSTERS AS PART OF PHEASANT RESEARCH PROJECT**

Pheasants banded in Nobles and Redwood counties Pheasant hunters can voluntarily report roosters that were banded as part of a study being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

DNR Farmland Wildlife Populations and Research Group workers captured and banded roosters during a research project. The two study areas involved in the project are the Lambertson Wildlife Management Area complex in Redwood County and the Worthington Wells Project Area south of Worthington, located in Nobles County.

Although the study is focused on hen pheasants and their broods, roosters were also opportunistically captured in an attempt to collect survival information on males. A plain metal leg band with a unique identifying number was placed on the right leg of each rooster.

Hunters are asked to contact the Farmland Wildlife Research Group to report harvest information. The band number, date of harvest, and location information (WMA name or GPS coordinates preferred) are requested. If hunters want information on when and where the bird was initially cap-

tured, they may also provide their contact information so that researchers can return their call. GPS locations and personal data will not be made public.

Although Minnesota has a rooster-only hunting season, hunters who come across a dead radio-collared and/or banded hen are also asked to call with information so that researchers can refine their hen data.

To voluntarily report birds marked as part of this study, contact Lindsey Messinger, 507-642-8478, ext. 224. Alternatively, people may contact Lindsey by email at Lindsey.Messinger@state.mn.us.

This work is funded in part through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act.

Additional details about pheasant hunting are available at [mndnr.gov/hunting/pheasant](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/pheasant).

**MISSOURI**

**MDC INVITES WOMEN TO FREE WATERFOWL CLINIC AND HUNT DEC. 9**

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites women to a waterfowl hunting clinic 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, in Kirksville. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 9, participants will have an opportunity to put new tactics into practice with a waterfowl hunt.

This event offers women a chance to learn successful hunting techniques. The clinic on Friday evening will cover topics including identification, cover, decoys, and calling.

The clinic will take place at the MDC Northeast Regional Office, 3500 South Baltimore St., in Kirksville. Hunting locations on Saturday will vary depending on weather and bird activity, but should be near Kirksville.

Registration is free and open to all women. Participants younger than 16-years old must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must register by Dec. 4. Register for this event at [mdc.mo.gov/events](http://mdc.mo.gov/events).



For questions or more information about this event, call (660) 785-2420 or email MDC Outdoor Skills Specialist Rob Garver at [Rob.Garver@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Rob.Garver@mdc.mo.gov) (link sends e-mail).

**MONTANA**

**FWP ANNOUNCES JAN. 15 DEADLINE FOR PHEASANT RELEASE APPLICATIONS**

It's not too soon to submit your application for the 2018 pheasant release through the state Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program. Landowners interested in releasing pen-reared ring-necked pheasants have until January 15 to submit an application.

Under Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Upland Game Bird Release Program, landowners who attempt to enhance pheasant populations in suitable habitat may apply annually for up to 5 consecutive years. Projects must comprise at least 100 contiguous acres of land and contain a combination of habitat components-including cover and food that upland game birds need to survive. Lands enrolled in the pheasant release program must allow free public access to hunt upland game birds during the season the releases take place.

Application for pheasant releases must be received at FWP's Headquarters in Helena no later than Monday, January 15. Pheasants eligible to be released will take place between Aug. 1 and Sept. 15.

Hunting preserves, lands that host a commercial hunting enterprise, and lands where hunting rights are leased or paid for are not eligible. Releases may not take place in Fergus, Richland, or Roosevelt counties.

For more information, and to download an application form, visit FWP's website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)—search "Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program," or contact Debbie Hohler at 406-444-5674, or by e-mail: [dhohler@mt.gov](mailto:dhohler@mt.gov).

**NEBRASKA**

**SPECIAL YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT ANOTHER SUCCESS**

Nebraska youth got to experience an upland hunt as adult mentors took them afield for the state's special youth pheasant hunt Oct. 21-22.

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The special hunt took place on 14 wildlife management areas (WMA), where the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission released 5,445 roosters Oct. 20.

In total, 313 adult mentors accompanied 392 youth hunters on the hunt this year. Youth and their mentors harvested more than 600 roosters on the special hunt areas, including 34 wild roosters and 572 released roosters.

Pheasants were released at the following WMAs: Pressey (Custer County); Sherman Reservoir (Sherman County); Oak Valley (Madison County); Branched Oak (Lancaster County); Twin Oaks (Johnson County); Hickory Ridge (Johnson County); Wilkinson (Platte County); Peru Bottoms (Nemaha County); Yankee Hill (Lancaster County); Cornhusker (Hall County); Arrowhead (Gage County); George Syas (Platte County); Randall W. Schilling (Cass County), and Kirkpatrick Basin North, (York County). Kirkpatrick Basin North WMA was

a new addition to the list of hunting sites this year. The special hunt, which takes place annually during the statewide youth pheasant, quail and partridge season, was for youth ages 15 and younger. Youth could take two rooster pheasants per day while adult mentors were allowed to harvest one per day. Only one adult mentor per youth was allowed to hunt.

This was the seventh year of the pheasant releases during the special youth season, which is intended to increase youth participation in upland game hunting.

The statewide pheasant, quail and partridge season is Oct. 28 – Jan 31. Permits are available at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).

**NORTH DAKOTA LATE-SEASON HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES END SOON**  
North Dakota waterfowl hunters are reminded the statewide duck and white-fronted goose seasons close Dec. 3. However, duck hunting in the high plains unit reopens Dec. 9 and continues through Dec. 31.