

Hunters reminded to report results online

SALEM — Big game and turkey hunters should report their tags online or at a license sale agent to avoid long phone queues, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) recommends. The deadline to report most tags and avoid any penalties is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31.

Hunters need to report on every deer, elk, bear, cougar, turkey and pronghorn tag purchased or issued as part of a Sports Pac license, even if they didn't harvest an animal or go hunting.

If you have never used ODFW's online licensing system, you can set up your account at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/login> and use Verify/Look Up to find your profile which will include any tags you need to report. Enter your ODFW ID number (printed on all licenses and tags) and follow the directions to set up your account. An email address is required. Once you have set up your account, click under "Mandatory Reporting" to complete your reports.

Hunters can also visit any license sale agent (businesses that sell hunting and fishing licenses) to report. License agents will not charge hunters a fee for this service. See a list of agents at <https://myodfw.com/articles/where-find-odfw-license-agents/vendors>

"We don't want to see any customers kept on hold, especially when reporting can easily be completed online," said Justin Dion, ODFW assistant wildlife biologist. "If you can't set up an online account, visit any vendor that sells hunting and fishing licenses to report your hunt."

Hunters who fail to report a deer or elk tag by the deadline will be charged a \$25 penalty. They will have to pay this fine to purchase a 2022 or future hunting license. (The deadline to report is Jan. 31, 2021 for any hunt that ends by Dec. 31, 2020, with a deadline of April 15, 2021, for 2020 hunts that extend into the new year.)

The information reported by all hunters helps ODFW determine harvest and hunting pressure for each hunt, and is used to help set tag numbers.

Wildlife art contest planned

SALEM — Artists in Oregon and throughout the world are invited to compete in one or all three of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2022 stamp art competitions.

The winning artist in each contest receives a \$2,000 award and the winning artwork is used to produce collector stamps and other promotional items with sale proceeds benefitting Oregon's fish, wildlife and habitats.

For more information on contest rules and to order art prints, visit: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/index.asp

Stamp art contests

- **Habitat Conservation Stamp**
Art entries must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat. Species include birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, plants and algae.
- **Waterfowl Stamp Contest**
Art entries must feature the Northern Shoveler in its natural habitat setting.
- **Upland Game Bird Stamp**
All entries must feature the chukar partridge in its natural habitat setting. Entries will be accepted between Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 2021 by 5 p.m., at ODFW headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E., Salem, OR 97302.

Artwork can be mailed or hand delivered. Packaging tips can be found on the final page of the contest rules.



Guy Crittenden's depiction of cinnamon teal was the 2021 waterfowl stamp art contest winner.

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UPLAND GAME BIRDS
January represents the last opportunities for upland game bird hunters to hit the field. While rooster pheasant season has concluded, the remainder of upland bird seasons are open through the end of the month, including chukars, Hungarian partridges and quail.

WALLOWA RIVER
The Wallowa River will continue to be good for trout and whitefish throughout the winter as long as it's ice-free. Smaller flies and lures will be best as smaller food is what's available during winter months. Mayflies and midges will make up a large portion of a trout diet. Recent reports indicate rainbow trout up to 18 inches have been normal. Steelhead season is open and a few anglers have reported catching fish. The bag for steelhead is 2 hatchery fish per day through the end of the season to ensure enough fish arrive at hatchery facilities to meet production goals.

PHILLIPS RESERVOIR
Phillips Reservoir is fishing well through the ice for rainbow to 17 inches. Some anglers are also reporting good catch rates for yellow perch. Recent reports indicate the ice is 8-10 inches thick. When ice fishing use the "buddy system," wear a PFD in case of thin ice and carry a throw rope.

BIRDS

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Salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria along with viruses, parasites and fungal diseases can be passed by congregating birds at feeders that don't get cleaned regularly.

Pine siskins, nuthatches, chickadees and other seed-eating backyard birds are some of the most common species affected by these diseases, according to ODFW. The birds get infected at the feeders and pass the infection on when they come into contact with feeder surfaces, perches or visit multiple feeders.

"If you enjoy seeing birds and feeding them in winter, please provide a clean and healthy environment for them," said Dr. Colin Gillin, ODFW's state wildlife veterinarian. "When you feed birds, be sure to start with clean feeders and to disinfect feeders periodically."

Avoid problems at bird feeders by:

- Taking down feeders and stopping feeding for several weeks to a month if there are bird deaths at your feeder.
- Providing fresh seed purchased recently.
- Using feeders made from nonporous material like plastic, ceramic, and metal. These are less likely than wood to harbor bacteria and other diseases.
- Cleaning feeders, water containers and bird baths monthly by rinsing with soapy water and then dunking the feeder in a solution of one third cup of chlorine bleach per one gallon of water.
- Cleaning up old seed hulls and waste below the feeders by raking, shoveling, or sweeping material and discarding in the trash.
- Spreading your feeding over several areas or feeders as not to congregate birds in one place.
- Cleaning feeders more often (weekly) if you have large numbers of birds at your feeders.
- Contacting ODFW at 1-866-968-2600 or email Wildlife.Health@state.or.us if you see sick birds.



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