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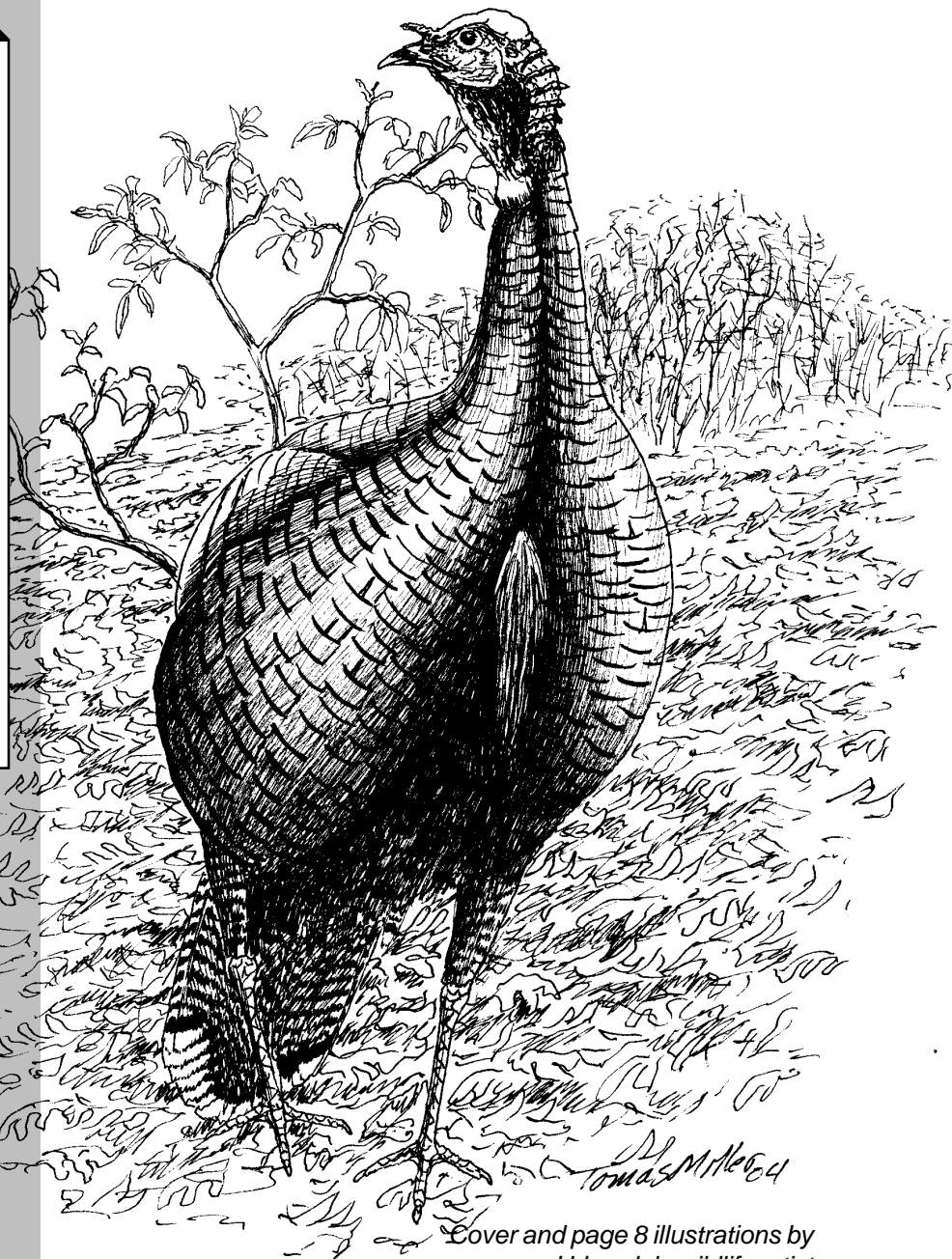
Iowa Spring Turkey Hunting Guide

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Includes Turkey Hunting
Regulations, License Options and
Purchase Instructions

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SEASON DATES

Resident and Nonresident
Combination Gun/Bow Licenses

Youth Season — April 8-10
(residents only)

Season 1 — April 11-14

Season 2 — April 15-19
(residents only)

Season 3 — April 20-26

Season 4 — April 27 - May 15

Resident Archery

Only Licenses

April 11 - May 15

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SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour [30 minutes] before sunrise to sunset (see Shooting Hours Table on page 8).

DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT

One bearded or male wild turkey per day; one bearded or male wild turkey per license.

PERMITTED WEAPONS

■ Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns 20-gauge or larger may be used with a **resident** or **nonresident** combination gun/bow license. You may only have size 4, 5, 6, 7 1/2 or 8 lead or nontoxic shot, or size 2 or 3 nontoxic shot on your person while turkey hunting.

■ Longbows, recurve bows or compound bows shooting broadhead arrows may be used with either a resident or nonresident combination gun/bow license or a resident archery-only license. Blunthead arrows with a minimum diameter of 9/16 inch may be used instead of broadheads. All arrows must be at least 18 inches long.

A physically disabled person, resident or nonresident, incapable of shooting a bow as defined above may obtain a permit from the DNR to use a crossbow to hunt turkeys. For an application, call 1-515-281-5918.

■ Only muzzleloading shotguns 20-gauge or larger may be used with a muzzleloading shotgun-only license (**available to nonresidents only**). You may only have size 4, 5, 6, 7 1/2 or 8 lead or nontoxic shot, or size 2 or 3 nontoxic shot, on your person while turkey hunting.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To hunt, possess or transport wild turkeys, or to assist another turkey hunter:

■ **Residents age 16 or older** must have in their possession a 2005 resident spring wild turkey hunting license, a 2005 resident hunting license and have paid the 2005 habitat fee (if normally required to have a regular hunting license and pay the habitat fee. See exception below).

■ **Residents age 12 through 15** must have in their possession a 2005 resident spring wild turkey hunting license and a 2005 resident hunting license if they hunt alone. Those hunting with a properly licensed adult need only a 2005 spring wild turkey hunting license.

■ **Residents under age 12** need only a resident spring wild turkey hunting license but must hunt under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult at all times.

■ **All Nonresidents** must have in their possession a 2005 nonresident wild turkey hunting license, a 2005 nonresident hunting license and have paid the 2005 habitat fee.

■ **No resident or nonresident** may carry, use or have in their possession a license or transportation tag issued to another person.

Exception: Resident landowners and tenants and their juvenile children are not required to have a hunting license or pay the habitat fee if they hunt turkeys only on land they own or rent. They need only a 2005 paid or free spring wild turkey hunting license.

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Resident hunters born after Jan. 1, 1972, and nonresident hunters born after Jan. 1, 1967, must show proof they have passed a hunter education and safety course in order to purchase a resident or nonresident hunting license.

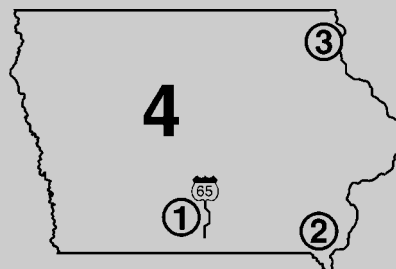
TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

A transportation tag issued through the Electronic Licensing System for Iowa (ELSI) with the date of kill properly shown must be attached to the leg of the turkey before it is moved from where it was killed. The tag must be displayed in a manner that is easily visible and which cannot be removed without being mutilated or destroyed. Transportation tags are proof of possession and must remain attached to the turkey until it is processed for consumption.

PROHIBITED DEVICES

The use of live decoys, dogs, horses, motorized vehicles, aircraft or bait, and the use or aid of recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds, are prohibited. Paraplegics and single- or double-leg amputees may hunt from any stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with the involvement of both legs, usually due to disease or injury to the spinal cord.

2005 Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Zones and Quotas



License Quotas - Gun/Bow Licenses

	<u>Zone 1</u>	<u>Zone 2</u>	<u>Zone 3</u>	<u>Zone 4</u>
Season 1	65	125	80	No Quota
Season 2	65	125	80	No Quota
Season 3	65	125	80	No Quota
Season 4	65	125	80	No Quota

Archery-Only and Youth Season Licenses - **No Quota**

ZONE 1 — All units of Stephens State Forest in Lucas and Clarke counties west of U.S. Highway 65.

ZONE 2 — All units of Shimek State Forest.

ZONE 3 — Units of Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County only.

ZONE 4 — All areas of the state excluding zones 1, 2 and 3.

TRESPASS LAW

Trespassing, which is illegal, is defined as: "entering upon or in property without the expressed permission of the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession, with the intent to commit a public offense, to use, remove therefrom, alter, damage, harass or place thereon or therein anything animate or inanimate, or to hunt, fish or trap on or in the property. This does not prohibit the **unarmed** pursuit of game or furbearing animals lawfully injured or killed which come to rest on or escape to the property of another."

GUN CASE LAW

No person, except as permitted by law, shall have or carry a gun in or on a vehicle on a public highway, unless the gun is

taken down or completely contained in a securely fastened case, and its barrels and magazines are unloaded.

HELPING OTHER HUNTERS

A **resident** hunter having a valid spring turkey hunting license for any zone or season, may accompany, call for or otherwise assist another hunter who has a valid turkey hunting license for any zone and season. **Nonresidents** may assist other hunters only in the same zone and season indicated on their license.

The hunter doing the assisting cannot shoot a turkey or carry a firearm or bow unless he or she has a valid turkey license with an unused tag for the current season and zone. No one can place their tag on a turkey shot by someone else, or shoot a turkey for another hunter.

RESIDENT LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

You must meet at least one of the criteria listed below to purchase a resident wild turkey license. ***You may not have claimed any resident privileges (hunting or otherwise) in another state or country, except for persons qualifying under C, D or E below.***

- A.** Have a legally obtained Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator's identification card AND have physically resided in Iowa at least 30 consecutive days immediately before applying for or purchasing a resident license, **OR**
- B.** Be legally registered to vote in Iowa, **OR**.
- C.** Be a full-time student at an educational institution located in Iowa and reside in Iowa while attending the educational institution, **OR**
- D.** Be a nonresident under 18 years of age whose parent is a resident of Iowa, **OR**
- E.** Be a member of the armed forces of the United States who is serving on active duty and : 1) is stationed in Iowa, or 2) is stationed outside of Iowa, claims residency in Iowa, and has filed an Iowa income tax return as a resident for the preceding tax year.

DUAL RESIDENCY NOT PERMITTED

Unless you qualify under C, D or E above, you may not purchase Iowa resident hunting licenses if you have done any of the following:

- ◆ Have a current, valid resident hunting, fishing, trapping or other recreational license issued in another state or country.
- ◆ Have a current valid driver's license issued in another state or country
- ◆ Are legally registered to vote in another state or country
- ◆ Claim a homestead or other state tax exemption in another state or country
- ◆ Are receiving public assistance in another state or country

This is not a complete list of rules governing Iowa residency. Other privileges claimed as a resident of another state or country may also be disqualifying.

FREE RESIDENT LANDOWNER AND TENANT LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

Residents of Iowa who are owners or tenants of a farm unit, or a family member of the owner or tenant who resides with the owner or tenant, are eligible for a free turkey license. Landowners and tenants who do not meet the residency requirements explained above DO NOT qualify. The qualifying landowner or tenant does not have to reside on the farm unit, but must meet the following definitions:

"**Family member**" means a resident of Iowa who is the spouse or child of the owner or tenant and resides with the owner or tenant.

"**Farm unit**" means all parcels of land, not necessarily contiguous, under the lawful control of a landowner and eligible family members, or a tenant and eligible family members, regardless of how that land is subdivided for agricultural or business purposes.

"**Owner**" means an owner of a farm unit who is a resident of Iowa and who is one of the following:

- A.** Is the sole operator of the farm unit.
- B.** Makes all farm operating decisions but contracts for custom farming or hires labor for all or part of the work on the farm unit.
- C.** Participates annually in farm operation decisions or cropping practices on specific fields of the farm unit that are rented to a tenant.
- D.** Raises specialty crops on the farm unit including, but not limited to, orchards, nurseries or trees that do not always produce annual income but require annual operating decisions about maintenance or improvement.
- E.** Has all or part of the farm unit enrolled in a long-term agricultural land retirement program of the federal government.
- F.** Rents the entire farm unit to an adult child who operates the farm.
- G.** An owner does not mean a person who owns a farm unit and who employs a farm manager or third party to operate the farm unit, or a person who owns a farm unit and who rents the entire farm unit to a tenant who is responsible for all farm operations (unless the renter is the owner's child).

"**Tenant**" means a person who is a resident of Iowa and who rents and actively farms a farm unit owned by another person. A member of the owner's family may be a tenant. Rental includes cash rent and share crop arrangements. A person who works on the farm for a wage and is not a family member does not qualify as a tenant.

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RESIDENT SPRING TURKEY LICENSES AND RESTRICTIONS

Residents may have a maximum of TWO wild turkey hunting licenses, either two Combination Gun/Bow licenses or two Archery-only licenses. **No one may obtain a Combination Gun/Bow license and an Archery-only license.**

COMBINATION GUN/BOW LICENSE

Both may be paid licenses, or one may be paid and the other free to eligible landowners and tenants (see Free Landowner and Tenant License Eligibility on page 3). Shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns and bows may be used (see Permitted Weapons on page 2).

Paid Combination Gun/Bow Licenses are valid only in the zone and season specified on the license. If two paid licenses are obtained, at least one must be for Season 4 in Zone 4.

Free Combination Gun/Bow Licenses are valid only on the farm unit of the landowner or tenant to whom they are issued and in one season. If one free and one paid gun/bow license are obtained, the paid license must be for Season 4 in Zone 4 or the free license must be for Season 4. There may be only two free licenses per farm unit — one for the landowner (or eligible family member) and one for the tenant (or eligible family member). If there is no tenant there may be only one free license per farm unit. See definitions on page 3 for more information.

RESIDENT	
LICENSE FEES	
All Paid Turkey Hunting Licenses	\$23
All Free Turkey Hunting Licenses (writing fee)	\$1
Resident Hunting License	\$17.50
Habitat Fee	\$8.50

ARCHERY-ONLY LICENSE

Both may be paid licenses, or one may be paid and the other free to eligible landowners and tenants (see Free Landowner and Tenant License Eligibility on page 3). Only bows may be used (see Permitted Weapons on page 2).

Paid Archery-only Licenses are valid in all zones April 11 - May 15.

Free Archery-only Licenses are valid only on the farm unit of the landowner or tenant to whom they are issued and are valid from April 11 - May 15.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING SEASON (RESIDENTS ONLY)

For the first time, in 2005 hunters age 12 through 15 can participate in a special Youth Hunting Season April 8, 9 and 10 - the three days before the first turkey hunting season. Youth hunters must have reached their 12th birthday but not have reached their 16th birthday on the day they purchase the license. The Youth license will be a combination gun/bow license. It will be valid statewide (including Zones 1, 2 and 3) and will cost \$23. Hunters with a Youth Season license may also purchase one license for Season 4 in Zone 4.

The youth must provide proof of having passed a hunter education and ethics course sponsored by a state wildlife agency when purchasing the license. While hunting, youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of an accompanying adult. The adult must have a valid hunting license for one of the regular spring turkey hunting seasons, a valid regular hunting license and have paid the habitat fee, if the adult is normally required to have them to hunt wild turkeys. The accompanying adult must not possess a firearm or bow and must be in the direct company of the youth at all times. There may be no more than one youth hunter with each properly licensed accompanying adult. The youth hunter and accompanying adult must comply with all turkey hunting regulations in force during the spring turkey hunting seasons.

A youth who resides with and is a member of the family of a landowner or tenant who is eligible for a free turkey hunting license may obtain a free license for the Youth Season. The free license will count as the one spring turkey hunting license the landowner or tenant family is entitled to for the spring turkey seasons.

Hunters who are eligible for the Youth Season but choose not to participate in it, and hunters under age 12, may purchase two licenses for the regular spring turkey seasons as in the past.

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If you do not meet at least one of the Resident License Eligibility requirements listed on page 3, you must purchase a nonresident turkey hunting license to hunt turkeys in Iowa. Owning land in Iowa does not confer residency. Landowners who do not meet these criteria are not eligible for free landowner-tenant licenses or other resident turkey licenses.

Nonresidents may obtain only ONE spring wild turkey hunting license. Two types of licenses will be issued:

COMBINATION GUN/BOW LICENSE

A maximum 2,148 Combination Gun/Bow licenses will be available for the 2005 season.

Licenses are issued by zone and season and are valid only in the zone and season printed on the license. Licenses are issued via a drawing from a pool of applicants for each zone and season. Shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns and bows may be used (see Permitted Weapons on page 2).

MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN-ONLY LICENSE

An additional 150 muzzleloading shotgun-only licenses (see Permitted Weapons on page 2) will also be available. Licenses are issued via a drawing from a pool of all applicants who apply for a muzzleloading shotgun-only license. There are no quotas per zone. However, applicants must choose a zone and season, and if successful in the drawing, hunt only in the zone and season indicated on the license.

NONRESIDENT

LICENSE FEES

Nonresident Turkey Hunting License	\$100.50
Nonresident Hunting License	
18 and over	\$80.50
Under 18	\$30.50
Habitat Fee	\$8.50

2005 Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Zones and Quotas

AREAS CLOSED TO NONRESIDENTS

ZONE 1 - All units of Stephens State Forest west of U.S. Highway 65 in Lucas and Clarke counties.

ZONE 2 - All units of Shimek State Forest.

ZONE 3 - All units of Yellow River State Forest in Allamakee County only.

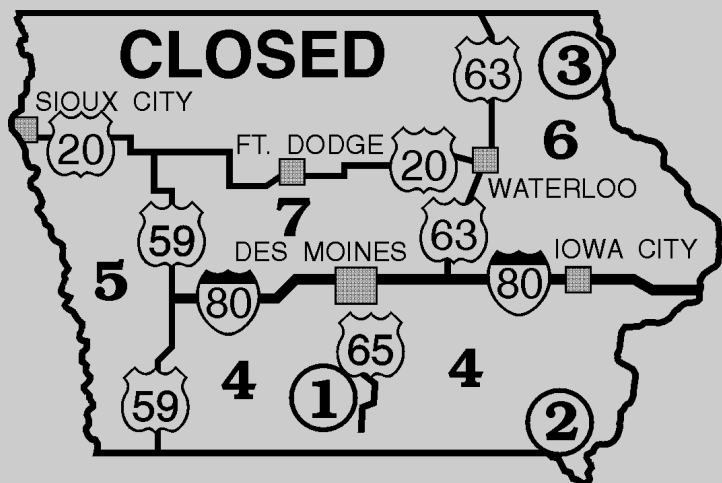
ALL ZONES IN SEASON 2.

License Quotas — Combination Gun/Bow

(Number in parenthesis is number of license applications sold in 2004)

	<u>Zone 4</u>	<u>Zone 5</u>	<u>Zone 6</u>	<u>Zone 7</u>
Season 1	350 (381)	100 (69)	220 (144)	46 (29)
Season 2	CLOSED TO NONRESIDENTS			
Season 3	350 (378)	100 (40)	220 (150)	46 (21)
Season 4	350 (394)	100 (73)	220 (212)	46 (33)

Muzzleloading Shotgun-Only Licenses - 150 (42)



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TELEPHONE/INTERNET ORDERING

Applications for nonresident turkey hunting licenses must be purchased online at www.iowadnr.com or through the ELSI telephone order system at 1-800-367-1188 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week when turkey licenses are on sale. Applications will be accepted **Dec. 15, 2004 - Jan. 24, 2005**. A nonrefundable application fee will be added to all telephone and online orders. The application and license fees may be charged to a MasterCard or Visa or paid by electronic check (the electronic check process will be explained when you apply). ATM cards are not accepted.

If applications are sold in excess of the license quota for any zone or hunting period, a drawing will be held to determine which applicants receive licenses. Licenses or license fee refunds will be mailed to applicants after the drawing is completed. License agent writing fees, department administrative fees, internet fees and telephone application fees will not be refunded.

If any license quota has not been filled, the excess licenses will be sold online or through the telephone ordering system beginning **6 a.m. Feb. 7** until the quota has been filled or the last day of the season for which the license is valid, whichever comes first. Hunters may determine their drawing status through the DNR's website at www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/. Please do not call the DNR. Your drawing status will not be provided over the phone.

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP APPLICATIONS

Hunters may apply as individuals or as a group of up to 15 applicants, with one member identified as the group leader. Members of a group must apply separately, but each member must submit the group leader's

IDNR customer identification number when applying. **If there is a drawing, all members of the group will be assigned the preference point(s) of the member with the fewest points.** All members of a group will be accepted or rejected together in the drawing. Members of a group that are rejected may purchase licenses individually if excess licenses are available.

PREFERENCE POINTS

If you are unsuccessful in the drawing you will be assigned one preference point. An additional preference point will be assigned for each additional year that you apply and are unsuccessful. Preference points will not accrue in a year in which you fail to apply, but you will retain any preference points previously earned. Once you receive a license, your preference points will be removed until you are again unsuccessful in a drawing. Preference points will apply to any zone or hunting period for which you apply. The first license drawing each year will be made from the pool of applicants with the most preference points.

TO EXPEDITE YOUR ORDER

Fill out the applicant information section below, select your zone and season and have your personal identification number (social security number or IDNR identification number from a previous ELSI license) and your credit card or blank check ready when you call. Hunters required to have hunter safety certification and who have not previously purchased a license through ELSI may be required to FAX a copy of their hunter safety card or certification letter to the telephone order center when applying. The fax number is (615) 263-4271.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

This aids in the phone order process — DO NOT MAIL

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ — _____

Hgt. _____ Wgt. _____ Eyes _____ Gender _____

Zone Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comb. Gun/Bow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Season Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muzzleloading	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Shotgun-Only	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of Birth _____

Group Leader's IDNR Customer Number (if applicable) _____

***Your Social Security or IDNR Customer Number** _____

**The Iowa DNR is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing or other recreational license under section 252J.8 of the Code of Iowa and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principal identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the Iowa Child Support Collection Unit to establish, modify and enforce child support obligations. It WILL NOT appear on your hunting license.*

Know The Difference Between A ...

The gobbler or male wild turkey is typically larger than the hen. However, the hen may be similar in size to the jake (young male). Older males (toms) have dark, almost black plumage, while hens are more brown or rusty-colored. A tom has a long beard dangling from its chest and spurs on its legs. A jake has a short, stubby beard and spurs less than a half-inch. A hen will occasionally sport a beard.

The snood, which hangs just above the beak, is more pronounced in males than in hens. The head of a male is a brilliant bluish-white and the wattle hanging from its chin is bright red. The head of a hen is blue. Only bearded or male wild turkeys are legal to harvest during the spring hunting season.

... **Gobbler** (Bearded Or Male Wild Turkey)

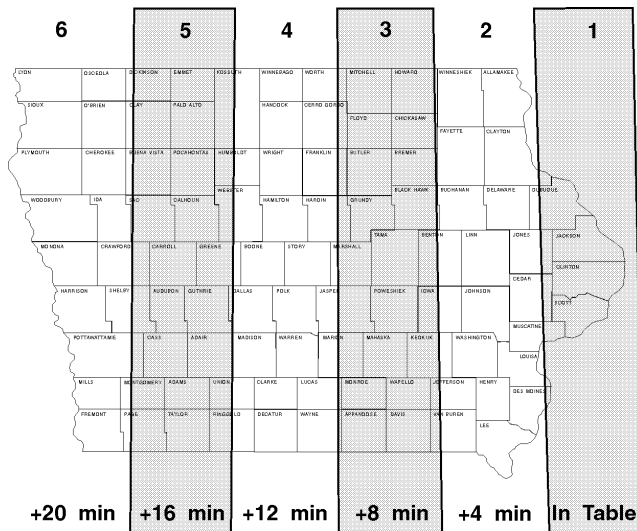


... **And A Hen**



brilliant bluish-white with red	HEAD	predominately bluish-gray
long, tassel-like	BEARD	usually no beard
black, black-tipped	BREAST	rusty, buff-tipped
usually a half-inch or more	SPURS	no spurs

Spring Turkey Season *SHOOTING* Hours



<u>APRIL</u>		28	5:32	7:59	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	29	5:31	8:00
08	6:03	7:36	30	5:30	8:01
09	6:02	7:37			
10	6:00	7:39			
11	5:58	7:40			
12	5:57	7:41			
13	5:55	7:42			
14	5:53	7:43			
15	5:52	7:44			
16	5:50	7:45			
17	5:49	7:46			
18	5:47	7:48			
19	5:46	7:49			
20	5:44	7:50			
21	5:43	7:51			
22	5:41	7:52			
23	5:40	7:53			
24	5:38	7:54			
25	5:37	7:55			
26	5:35	7:56			
27	5:34	7:57			

<u>MAY</u>		Day	a.m.	p.m.
01	5:28	8:02		
02	5:27	8:03		
03	5:26	8:04		
04	5:24	8:05		
05	5:23	8:06		
06	5:22	8:07		
07	5:21	8:08		
08	5:19	8:09		
09	5:18	8:11		
10	5:17	8:12		
11	5:16	8:13		
12	5:15	8:14		
13	5:14	8:15		
14	5:13	8:16		
15	5:12	8:17		

The **SHOOTING HOURS** schedule at right is for eastern Iowa. Add four minutes for each zone as you proceed west. No adjustments are required for Daylight Saving Time or sunrise/sunset. The times listed are the legal **SHOOTING** hours during the 2005 spring turkey season.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the programs and activities of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is available to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, disability or age. If you believe you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire additional information, write to: Director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034.

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

This information is available in alternative formats upon request by contacting the DNR at (515) 281-5918 (TDD number - (515) 242-5967) or by writing DNR at the address listed above.

