

**R12-4-304. Lawful Methods for Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles**

- A.** An individual may only use the following methods to take big game, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
1. To take antelope:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - d. Centerfire handguns;
    - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
    - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges; and
    - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(1)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
  2. To take bear:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - d. Centerfire handguns;
    - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
    - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
    - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(2)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
    - i. Pursuit with dogs between August 1 and December 31, only.
  3. To take bighorn sheep:
    - a. Centerfire rifles;
    - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
    - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - d. Centerfire handguns;
    - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
    - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
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  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(6)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device.
7. To take javelina:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs, only;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(7)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - i. .22 rimfire magnum rifles; and
  - j. 5 mm rimfire magnum rifles.
8. To take mountain lion:
- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs or shot;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(8)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - i. Artificial light, during seasons with daylong hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - j. Pursuit with dogs.
9. To take turkey:

- a. Centerfire rifles;
  - b. Muzzleloading rifles;
  - c. All other rifles using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - d. Centerfire handguns;
  - e. Handguns using black powder or synthetic black powder;
  - f. Shotguns shooting slugs or shot;
  - g. Bows with a standard pull of 30 or more lbs, using arrows with broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges;
  - h. Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, using bolts with a minimum length of 16 inches and broadheads no less than 7/8 inch in width with metal cutting edges or bows as described in subsection (A)(9)(g) to be drawn and held with an assisting device;
  - i. .22 rimfire magnum rifles;
  - j. 5 mm rimfire magnum rifles; and
  - k. .17 rimfire magnum rifles.
- B.** An individual may only use the following methods to take small game, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318.
1. To take cottontail rabbits and tree squirrels:
    - a. Firearms,
    - b. Bow and arrow,
    - c. Crossbow,
    - d. Pneumatic weapons,
    - e. Slingshots,
    - f. Hand-held projectiles,
    - g. Falconry, and
    - h. Dogs.
  2. To take all upland game birds and Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Falconry;
    - c. Pneumatic weapons;
    - d. Shotguns shooting shot, only;
    - e. Handguns shooting shot only;
    - f. Crossbow;
    - g. Hand-held projectiles; and
    - h. Dogs.
  3. To take migratory game birds, except Eurasian Collared-doves:
    - a. Bow and arrow;
    - b. Crossbow;

- c. Falconry;
  - d. Shotguns shooting shot, except that lead shot shall not be used or possessed while taking ducks, geese, swans, mergansers, common moorhens, or coots;
  - e. Shotguns shooting shot and incapable of holding more than two shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun that limits the magazine capacity to two shells; and
  - f. Dogs.
- C.** An individual may take waterfowl from a watercraft except a sinkbox, subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The motor, if any, is shut off, the sail, if any, is furled, and any progress from a motor or sail has ceased;
  - 2. The watercraft may be drifting as a result of current or wind action; may be beached, moored, or resting at anchor; or may be propelled by paddle, oars, or pole; and
  - 3. The individual may use the watercraft under power to retrieve dead or crippled waterfowl, but no shooting is permitted while the watercraft is underway.
- D.** An individual may take predatory and furbearing animals by using the following methods, subject to the restrictions under R12-4-303 and R12-4-318:
- 1. Firearms;
  - 2. Bow and arrow;
  - 3. Crossbow;
  - 4. Traps not prohibited under R12-4-307;
  - 5. Artificial light while taking raccoon provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - 6. Artificial light while taking coyote during seasons with daylong hours, provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail; and
  - 7. Dogs.
- E.** An individual may take nongame mammals and birds by any method not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318, subject to the following restrictions. An individual:
- 1. Shall not take nongame mammals and birds using foothold traps;
  - 2. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  - 3. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  - 4. May use artificial light while taking nongame mammals and birds, if the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.
- F.** An individual may take reptiles by any method not prohibited under R12-4-303 or R12-4-318 subject to the following restrictions. An individual:

1. Shall check pitfall traps of any size daily, release non-target species, remove pitfalls when no longer in use, and fill any holes;
  2. Shall not use firearms at night; and
  3. May use artificial light while taking reptiles provided the light is not attached to or operated from a motor vehicle, motorized watercraft, watercraft under sail, or floating object towed by a motorized watercraft or a watercraft under sail.
- G.** For the purposes of Commission Orders authorized under this Section, “day-long” means the 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.