



## INSTRUCTIONS SCIENTIFIC COLLECTION/POSSESSION/IMPORT/EXPORT/BANDING PERMIT

Fee [Check one]:  \$50.00 – 1 Year Permit (22.85)  
 \$100.00 – 2 Year Permit (22.92)

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** NRS 503.597 & 503.650; NAC 503.094

**WILDLIFE DEFINED:** Any wild mammal, wild bird, fish, reptile, amphibian, mollusk, or crustacean found naturally in a wild state, whether indigenous to Nevada or not and whether raised in captivity or not.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** Upon the written permit of the Department, any person may take, kill, possess/import/export or band any species of wildlife, or collect the nests or eggs thereof, for strictly scientific or educational purposes, the number and species of wildlife to be limited by the Department. Permits are issued on either a July 1 – June 30 cycle or a January 1 – December 31 cycle. (“Take” means to capture, shoot, trap, catch, collect, seine, snare, or net.)

**WHERE TO OBTAIN APPLICATION:** An application for a permit may be obtained from any Department office located, Elko, Las Vegas, Reno, or on the website at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org) under the License Office section.

**PROCESSING TIME:** All applications are subject to a statewide review process. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing. Applications submitted with incomplete Applicant Information section will be returned to the client and could cause a delay in the approval and issuance of the permit.

**FEES:** Do not submit fees with the application. You will be notified to submit the fees once the application has been reviewed and approved.

**DENIAL OF APPLICATION:** Whenever an application is denied, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reason for the denial.

**FEDERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:** An applicant must submit a copy of his federal permit(s), issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with his application if the proposed capture/collection/salvage activities involve threatened or endangered species, or migratory birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

### **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS**

**POSSESSION OF PERMIT.** A copy of the state permit and federal permit (if required) must be in the possession of the permittee while collecting or transporting wildlife specimens.

**TRESPASS.** The permit does not authorize trespass and/or collection activities on state or federal wildlife refuges or reserves, or other public and private property without permission from the landowner or custodian.

**ANNUAL REPORTS.** A report of all capture, collection, and salvage activities listing: each species; the number of specimens of each species which were captured/collected; the date each specimen was captured/collected; the habitat type where each specimen was taken; and a description of the location of capture/collection and for each specimen by one of the following methods:

Coordinates of longitude and latitude, WGS 84, in decimal degrees to 4 places (117.2456°); OR  
Township, Range, and ¼ Section; OR  
UTM coordinates, NAD 83, Zone 11, rounded to the nearest meter.

Reports must be submitted to:  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
License Office – Scientific Collection  
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Ste-120  
Reno, NV 89511

**RESEARCH PAPERS.** A copy of all pertinent research or technical papers must be submitted to the Department.

**COMMERCIALIZATION PROHIBITED.** Wildlife collected under the authority of a scientific collection permit must not be sold, bartered, traded, or converted to personal use. No fee may be charged to the public for the privilege to view wildlife obtained via the permit.

## **PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

### **NAC 503.094 Scientific permit for collection or possession of wildlife.**

1. The Department may issue a scientific permit pursuant to NRS 503.650 which authorizes the taking, killing, possessing or banding of any species of wildlife, or the collecting of the nest or eggs thereof, for strictly scientific or educational purposes.

2. An applicant for a scientific permit must include on his application:

- (a) The name of the applicant;
- (b) The name of the company or institution that the applicant is representing;
- (c) The physical or mailing addresses of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
- (d) The telephone numbers of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
- (e) The driver's license number of the applicant, if he has been issued a driver's license;
- (f) The name of each person or group of persons who will collect wildlife under the authority of the scientific permit and at the direction of the applicant;
- (g) The common and scientific name and the number of each species of wildlife, or nests or eggs thereof, to be collected, possessed, marked or banded;
- (h) The manner and means by which each specimen of wildlife will be collected or captured;
- (i) The locations at which and the dates when the specimens of wildlife are to be collected;
- (j) A brief synopsis, not to exceed five pages, of the purpose and justification for the collection and possession of the specimens of wildlife;
- (k) The location where the specimens of wildlife will be transferred or held once collected; and
- (l) The signature of the applicant and the date on which the application was signed.

3. A scientific permit must be valid for not more than 2 years. Upon its evaluation of the application, the Department will issue the scientific permit based on a calendar year or a fiscal year.

4. Not later than 30 days after the date on which the permit expires, the holder of a scientific permit shall submit to the Department a complete report which details the species of wildlife collected, the number of each species of wildlife collected at each location, the date on which each species of wildlife was collected and any other information which the Department requires.

5. Based on its evaluation of the application, the Department may make such stipulations and conditions on the use and scope of a scientific permit as the Department determines appropriate. A violation of a stipulation or condition is cause for the cancellation of the permit.

6. A scientific permit issued by the Department for the collection or possession of:

(a) A migratory bird that is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq.; or

(b) A species of wildlife that is listed as threatened or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,

is not valid for the collection or possession of the migratory bird or the threatened or endangered species until the Department receives a copy of the federal permit issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to the applicant for the collection or possession of the bird or species.

## **WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION**

Do not submit fees with the application. You will be notified to submit the fees once the application has been reviewed and approved.

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