

Wildlife Categories in Iowa and Permits Necessary for Lethal Control

<i>Category</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>State Permit¹</i>	<i>Federal Permit</i>
Resident Game Birds	Bobwhite Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Gray Partridge Ring-necked Pheasant	Yes	No
Resident Non-game Birds	European Starlings House Sparrows	No	No
Migratory Game birds	Ducks, Mergansers, Coots, Geese, Woodcock, Snipe, Rail	No	Yes
Migratory Non-game Birds	All other species except resident & migratory game birds, resident non-game birds and domestic birds	No	Yes
Domestic Birds	Pigeons and Domestic Poultry	No ²	No
Federal Depredation Order ³	Crows, Blackbirds, Cowbirds	No	No
Game Mammals	Deer, Rabbits, Squirrels	Yes	No
Non-game Mammals	All species except: game mammals, furbearers, feral domestic mammals and fully protected wildlife.	No	No
Furbearers	Beaver, Badger, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Weasel, Coyote, Groundhog, Red Fox, Gray Fox	No ⁴	No
Feral Domestic Mammals	Dogs, Cats, livestock	No – Call local animal control	No
Fully Protected Wildlife	Threatened & Endangered Species Listed in Appendix P		

1. Control actions requiring a state permit should be coordinated through Wildlife Services or one of the Depredation Biologists with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources
2. Continuous open season for the taking of pigeons with firearms when within 100 yards of buildings and bridges.
3. May be taken without permits “when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance”

Source: USDA Wildlife Services

