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## 2023 IPLA Gamebird Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 IPLA Gamebird Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

### Applying:

The application period for the 2023 IPLA Gamebird Hunt Draw is Aug. 20 — Sept. 24, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Small Game license and Gamebird Habitat Stamp prior to applying. Each licensed hunter is eligible to select a hunt date from one of the participating counties. If successful, you will be awarded a hunt on one private land parcel in that county. More information will be provided via email if successful. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt small game.

A Harvest Information Program (HIP) number is required to pursue woodcock and other migratory birds. To register for a HIP number, call (1-866-671-4499) or [register online](#).

### Restrictions:

**Allowed Equipment:** Shotguns only. Lead shot is allowed. Shot size of 4 to 6 is recommended. For the full list of legal equipment, please see the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

### Bag Limit:

- Pheasant: You can hunt cock pheasants only. Hens are protected. The limit is two (2) cocks per hunter.
- Quail: Quail hunting is divided into two zones, north and south. Interstate 74 is the dividing line. The North Zone season is from Nov. 1-Dec. 15. The South Zone season is from Nov. 1-Jan. 10. There is a bag limit of four (4) quail on all IPLA properties per hunter.
- Woodcock: The statewide bag limit of three (3) per hunter applies on all IPLA properties.
- No waterfowl or other game may be harvested on IPLA gamebird hunts.

### Hunting Hours:

Hunting hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ET; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. CT.

### Hunt Information:

A total of three (3) hunters/participants are allowed, and one must be the individual who was drawn. No additional people will be given access for any reason. Your hunting party will be the only gamebird hunters on this property on this date, though there may be other (small game, deer, waterfowl) hunters using the property at the same time.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.). In some instances, bag limits may be more restrictive than statewide bag limits (i.e. only 4 Northern Bobwhite may be harvested per hunter).
- Drawn hunters are permitted access to the IPLA tract only during their hunt window or dates.
- Drawn hunters may bring up to 2 hunting partners to participate in hunts on the drawn dates (3 people total). Only the drawn hunter and their hunting party are permitted on accessed tracts. Additional hunting partners must also sign the release of liability waiver.
- Youth hunters (17 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access for hunters with disabilities.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.

**Area Information:** IPLA Gamebird Hunts are available in eight counties. IPLA Gamebird Hunt applicants may select one county when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- Sullivan: 8
- Pike: 1
- Greene: 2
- Scott: 1
- Jasper: 1
- Noble: 1
- Steuben: 2
- DeKalb: 1

**Contact:**

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