

2023 Youth Pheasant Draw Information Gamebird Habitat Areas

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Pheasant 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 Pheasant 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 hunter is eligible to select one date from the list when applying. There are no age restrictions to apply. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt small game. A special youth day is available to apply for the first Saturday of November.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment: Shotguns only. Lead shot is allowed. Shot size of 4 to 6 is recommended.

Bag Limit:

You can hunt cock pheasants only. Hens are protected. The limit is two (2) cocks per hunter. Other small game (dove, quail, woodcock, and rabbits) may be legally harvested if in season. State bag limits apply. No waterfowl or other game may be harvested. For the full regulations, view the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

Hunting Hours:

Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT. If you were selected to hunt multiple Game Bird Habitat Areas, you are allowed to leave a property and return to it later in the day. You must stop hunting all areas at 3 p.m. ET.

Hunt Information:

Youth hunting parties must include the youth who were drawn plus an adult at least 18 years of age. The third hunting partner can be either an adult or youth. No additional people will be given access to the area for any reason. Your hunting party will be the only hunters on this property on this date (Pine Creek and Goose Creek GBAs have multiple hunt units, each party has an assigned unit). If you find other hunters on your assigned property, please notify the DNR TIP hotline immediately at 800-847-4367. Please note that these properties are hunted for deer on days upland hunting does not occur and deer stands will likely be seen while hunting. All hunters must have proper licenses and Game Bird Stamps.

Area Information: The Gamebird Habitat Program consist of thirty-three unique properties scattered across five west central counties. These properties can be found in Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Willow Slough FWA property office at 219-285-2704.