

INDIANA DNR GAME BREEDER'S LICENSE LAWS

What are the laws (regulations) governing the Indiana Game Breeder's License?

The state law governing the Indiana game breeder's license can be found in Indiana Code 14-22-20 at: <https://iga.in.gov/laws/2025/ic/titles/14#14-22-20>

Indiana Administrative Code governing the game breeder's license can be found in 312 IAC 9-10-4 at: <https://iar.iga.in.gov/code/2026/312/9#312-9-10-4> The fees for game breeder's licenses are set forth in 312 IAC 1.5-4-11: <https://iar.iga.in.gov/code/2026/312/1.5#312-1.5-4-11>

What species of birds or animals does the game breeder's license cover? Bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasants, and the following species of mammals: raccoons, striped skunks, gray foxes, red foxes (including their colors like silver and gold cross), coyotes, bobcats, eastern cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, fox squirrels, beavers, muskrats, long-tailed weasels and opossums.

How much does a license cost?

The fee for a game breeder's license is \$25/calendar year to raise, possess, or release (birds only) the birds/animals or \$30/calendar year to sell them.

How do I obtain the license?

You can mail the application form (and annual report for renewals) with a check or money order made payable to Indiana DNR to the address on the application form, or you can submit the application and by credit card or PayPal at: <https://in.accessgov.com/dnr/Forms/Page/dfw/dnr-corp-license> Please note that there is an additional fee of \$0.40 plus 1.96% for the credit card fee to pay online. Once we receive your application for the game breeder's license and the payment, we will have a conservation officer contact you to do an inspection of the housing and see the receipt.

What are the game breeder's license requirements?

- You must apply within five (5) days of taking possession of the birds or other animals. The application can be found [here](#)
- You will need a receipt or other documentation for any birds or other animals that you acquire.
- The enclosure(s) for the birds or other animals will also need to pass an inspection by an Indiana conservation officer when you apply for the license. There are no specific cage sizes, but there must be enough space for the birds or other animals to move around freely, have clean food and water, protection from the elements (like a nestbox), and protection from predators. A complete set of the requirements are found in Indiana Administrative Code in 312 IAC 9-10-4.
- You will need to keep an inventory/transaction log of all birds or animals kept under the license and issue receipts for any bird or other animals that you sell, gift, or otherwise transfer to another person. You also need documentation for any birds/animals that you acquire.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact the wildlife permitting biologist at 317-232-4102, the permit supervisor at 317-233-6527, or email: wildlifepermits@dnr.in.gov