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ARACHNID, CENTIPEDE, MILLIPEDE

All	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
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BATS

Brown, Big	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Brown, Little	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Evening	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hoary	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Indiana	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Long-eared, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Red, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Silver-haired	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Small-footed, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tricolored	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

BEARS

Black	No		No		NA	Native - Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets

BIRDS

Albatross, Yellow-nosed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Anhinga	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ani, Groove-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Avocet, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bittern, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bittern, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Black-backed, Gull Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Black-backed, Gull Lesser	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Blackbird, Brewer's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Blackbird, Red-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Blackbird, Rusty	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Blue, Warbler Black-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bluebird, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bluebird, Mountain	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bobolink	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Brant	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Bufflehead	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Bunting, Indigo	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bunting, Lark	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bunting, Lazuli	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bunting, Painted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Bunting, Snow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Canvasback	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Cardinal, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Catbird, Gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Chat, Yellow-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Chickadee, Black-capped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Chickadee, Boreal	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Chickadee, Carolina	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Chuck-will's-widow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Coot, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Cormorant, Double-crested	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Cormorant, Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Cormorant, Neotropic	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Cowbird, Brown-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Crake, Corn	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Crane, Sandhill	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Creeper, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Crossbill, Red	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Crossbill, White-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Crow, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Small Game - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Crow, Fish	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Small Game - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Cuckoo, Black-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Curlew, Eskimo	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Curlew, Long-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dickcissel	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dove, Common Ground-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dove, Eurasian Collared-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dove, Inca	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dove, Mourning	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Dove, Rock	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dove, White-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dovekie	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dowitcher, Long-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dowitcher, Short-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Duck, American Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Black-bellied Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Fulvous Whistling-	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Harlequin	No		No		No	Native Protected - Banned
Duck, Long-tailed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Masked	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Ruddy	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Tufted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Duck, Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Dunlin	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Eagle, Bald	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Eagle, Golden	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Egret, Cattle	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Egret, Great	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Egret, Snowy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Eider, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Eider, King	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Falcon, Peregrine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Finch, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Finch, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flicker, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Acadian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Alder	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Fork-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Great Crested	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Hammond's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Vermilion	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Willow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Frigatebird, Magnificent	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Fulmar, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gadwall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Gallinule, Purple	No		No		No	Native Protected
Gannet, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Godwit, Hudsonian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Godwit, Marbled	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goldeneye, Barrow's	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Goldeneye, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Goldfinch, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goose, Cackling	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Goose, Canada	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goose, Greater White-fronted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goose, Ross's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goose, Snow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Goshawk, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grackle, Boat-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grackle, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grebe, Eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grebe, Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grebe, Pied-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grebe, Red-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grebe, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grosbeak, Black-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grosbeak, Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grosbeak, Evening	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grosbeak, Pine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Grouse, Ruffed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Small Game - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Gryfalcon	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Black-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Black-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Bonaparte's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, California	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Franklin's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Glaucous	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Herring	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Iceland	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Kelp	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Laughing	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Little	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Mew	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Gull, Ross's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Sabine's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Thayer's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gull, Yellow-legged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Harrier, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Broad-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Cooper's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Red-shouldered	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Red-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Rough-legged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Sharp-shinned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hawk, Swainson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Black-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Great Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Green	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Little Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Reddish	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Tricolored	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hummingbird, Allen's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hummingbird, Anna's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hummingbird, Calliope	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Hummingbird, Rufous	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ibis, Glossy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ibis, White	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Jaeger, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Jaeger, Parasitic	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Jaeger, Pomarine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Jay, Blue	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Junco, Dark-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kestrel, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Killdeer	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kingbird, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kingbird, Gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kingbird, Tropical	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kingbird, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kingfisher, Belted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kite, Mississippi	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kite, Swallow-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Kittiwake, Black-legged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Knot, Red	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Lapwing, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Lark, Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Limpkin	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Longspur, Chestnut-collared	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Longspur, Lapland	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Longspur, Smith's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Loon, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Loon, Pacific	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Loon, Red-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mallard	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Martin, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Meadowlark, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Meadowlark, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Merganser, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Merganser, Hooded	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Merganser, Red-breasted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Merlin	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Mockingbird, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Moorhen, Common	No		No		No	Native Protected
Murre, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Murre, Thick-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Nighthawk, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Nuthatch, Brown-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Nuthatch, Red-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Nuthatch, White-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Oriole, Baltimore	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Oriole, Bullock's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Oriole, Orchard	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Osprey	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ovenbird	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Barn	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Barred	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Burrowing	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Eastern Screech-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Great Horned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Long-eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Northern Saw-whet	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Short-eared	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Owl, Snowy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Oystercatcher, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Parakeet, Carolina	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Parula, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Pelican, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Petrel, Black-capped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Phalarope, Red	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Phalarope, Red-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Phalarope, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Pheasant, Ring-necked	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Small Game - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag

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Phoebe, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Phoebe, Say's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Pigeon, Passenger	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Pintail, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Pipit, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Plover, American Golden-	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Plover, Black-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Plover, Piping	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Plover, Semipalmated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Plover, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Prairie-chicken, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Puffin, Atlantic	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Quail, Northern Bobwhite	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Small Game - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Rail, Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Rail, Clapper	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Rail, King	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Rail, Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Rail, Yellow	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Raven, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Razorbill	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Redhead	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Redpoll, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Redpoll, Hoary	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Redstart, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Robin, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ruff	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sanderling	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Baird's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Curlew	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Sandpiper, Pectoral	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Purple	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Semi-palmated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Solitary	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Spotted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Stilt	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Upland	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sandpiper, White-rumped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Scaup, Greater	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Scaup, Lesser	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Scoter, Black	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Scoter, Surf	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Scoter, White-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Shearwater, Audubon's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shearwater, Cape Verde	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shearwater, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shearwater, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shearwater, Manx	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shearwater, Sooty	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shoveler, Northern	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Shrike, Loggerhead	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrike, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Siskin, Pine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Skimmer, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Skua	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Skua, South Polar	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Snipe, Common	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Solitaire, Townsend's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sora	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Sparrow, Bachman's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Baird's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Chipping	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Clay-colored	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Field	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Fox	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Grasshopper	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Harris's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Henslow's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, House	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Unprotected
Sparrow, Lark	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Le Conte's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Lincoln's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Nelson's Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Savannah	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Seaside	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Song	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Swamp	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, Vesper	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, White-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Sparrow, White-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Spoonbill, Roseate	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Starling, European	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Unprotected
Stilt, Black-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Stint, Little	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Stint, Red-necked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Stork, Wood	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Storm-petrel, Leach's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Storm-petrel, White-faced	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Storm-petrel, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swallow, Bank	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swallow, Barn	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swallow, Cliff	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swallow, Tree	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Swan, Mute	No		No		No	Bans mute swans
Swan, Trumpeter	No		No		No	Native Protected
Swan, Tundra	No		No		No	Native Protected
Swift, Chimney	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tanager, Scarlet	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tanager, Summer	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tanager, Western	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Teal, Blue-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Teal, Cinnamon	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Teal, Green-winged	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Tern, Arctic	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Bridled	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Caspian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Forster's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Gull-billed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Roseate	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Royal	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Sandwich	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tern, Sooty	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrasher, Brown	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrasher, Sage	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrush, Bicknell's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Thrush, Gray-cheeked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrush, Hermit	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrush, Swainson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrush, Varied	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Thrush, Wood	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Titmouse, Tufted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Towhee, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Towhee, Spotted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Tree, Sparrow American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Turkey, Wild	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Turnstone, Ruddy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Veery	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, Blue-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, Philadelphia	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, Red-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, Warbling	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, White-eyed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vireo, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vulture, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vulture, Turkey	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Bay-breasted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Black-and-White	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Blackburnian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Blackpoll	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Black-throated Gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Black-throated Green	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Blue-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Canada	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Cape May	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Cerulean	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Chestnut-sided	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Warbler, Connecticut	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Golden-winged	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Hooded	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Kentucky	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Magnolia	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Mourning	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Nashville	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Orange-crowned	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Palm	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Pine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Prairie	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Prothonotary	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Swainson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Tennessee	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Townsend's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Wilson's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Worm-eating	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Yellow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Yellow-rumped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Warbler, Yellow-throated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Waterthrush, Louisiana	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Waterthrush, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Waxwing, Bohemian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Waxwing, Cedar	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wheatear, Northern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whimbrel	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whip-poor-will	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wigeon, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Wigeon, Eurasian	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag
Willet	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodcock, American	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Game Bird - Game Husbandry Permit; Import - See Ag

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Woodpecker, Downy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodpecker, Hairy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodpecker, Pileated	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodpecker, Red-bellied	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodpecker, Red-cockaded	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodpecker, Red-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wood-pewee, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Bewick's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Carolina	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Marsh	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Rock	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Sedge	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Wren, Winter	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Yellowlegs, Greater	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Yellowlegs, Lesser	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Yellowthroat, Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

CANINES

Coyote	No		No		No	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Fox, Gray	No		No		No	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Fox, Red	No		No		No	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Wolf, Gray	No		No		NA	Native - Dangerous animal - No pets
Domestic Hybrid	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets

ELEPHANTS

All	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
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FELINES

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Bobcat	No		No		No	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Mountain Lion, Eastern	No		No		No	Native - Dangerous animal - No pets
Domestic Hybrids (<30#)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Exempt from dangerous animals; Import - see Ag
Domestic Hybrids (30+#)	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets

FISH						
Bass, Black Sea	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bass, Largemouth	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bass, Rock	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bass, Smallmouth	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bass, Striped	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal/Coastal/Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Billfish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bluefish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bluegill	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bowfin	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Bullhead, Brown	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Carp, Common	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Catfish, Blue	No		No		No	Invasive - Bans live take
Catfish, Channel	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Catfish, Flathead	No		No		No	Invasive - Bans live take
Catfish, White	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Cobia	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Crappie, Black	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Crappie, White	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Croaker, Atlantic	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Dace, Pearl	No		No		No	Threatened
Darter, Glassy	No		No		No	Threatened
Darter, Maryland	No		No		No	Endangered

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Darter, Stripeback	No		No		No	Endangered
Darter, Swamp	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Dogfish, Spiny	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Dolphin Fish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Drum, Black	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Drum, Red	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Eel, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Fallfish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Nontidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Flier	No		No		No	Threatened
Flounder, Summer	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Flounder, Winter	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Gar, Longnose	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Hammerhead, Scalloped	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Herring, River	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Kingfish, Northern	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Lamprey, American Brook	No		No		No	Threatened
Lamprey, Sea	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Logperch	No		No		No	Threatened
Mackerel, Spanish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation - Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Marlin, Atlantic Blue	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Marlin, Atlantic White	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Minnow, Cheat	No		No		No	Endangered/Extirpated
Monkfish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Muskellunge	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Perch, White	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions

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Perch, Yellow	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Pickereel, Chain	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Pickereel, Redfin	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Pike, Northern	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Pumpkinseed	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Sailfish, Atlantic	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Scup	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Seatrout, Spotted	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Shad, American	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Shad, Hickory	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Shark, Sandbar	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Sheepshead	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Shiner, Bridle	No		No		No	Endangered
Shiner, Comely	No		No		No	Threatened
Shiner, Ironcolor	No		No		No	Endangered
Shiner, Striped	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Snakehead, Northern	No		No		NA	Invasive species - No pets
Spadefish, Atlantic	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Spot	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Stonecat	No		No		No	Endangered
Sturgeon, Atlantic	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Sturgeon, Shortnose	No		No		No	Endangered
Sucker, Longnose	No		No		No	Endangered/Extirpated
Sucker, White	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Sunfish, Blackbanded	No		No		No	Endangered

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Sunfish, Mud	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Sunfish, Redear	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Swordfish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Species Need Conservation - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Tautog	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Tilefish, Blueline	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Trout, Brook	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Trout, Brown	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Trout Perch	No		No		No	Endangered/Extirpated
Tuna, Bluefin	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Tuna, Yellowfin	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Wahoo	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Walleye	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Conservation/Freshwater/Tidal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Warmouth	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Freshwater - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Weakfish	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Tidal/Coastal - Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Native (rest)	Yes*	No	Yes*	No	Yes*	Take/possess - see fishing restrictions
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

***NOTE:** Native fish are only legal to keep during their open season and must meet the fishing minimum size requirements to be kept in home aquariums.

HERPTILES

***NOTE:** Captive-bred reptiles and amphibians with color mutations different from the wild are exempt from possession limits and herp permit if not breeding.

Caecilians

All	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit
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Crocodylians

Alligator	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Caiman	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets

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Crocodile	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

Frogs

Bullfrog, American	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Carpenter	No		No		No	Prohibited take & possess
Chorus, Mountain	No		No		No	Prohibited take & possess
Chorus, Southeastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Cricket, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Green	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Leopard, Southern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Pickerel	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Spring Peeper, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Treefrog, Barking	No		No		No	Prohibited take & possess
Treefrog, Cope's Gray	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Treefrog, Gray	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Treefrog, Green	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Wood	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

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Lizards

Fence, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Racerunner, Eastern Six-lined	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Skink, Broad-headed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Skink, Common Five-lined	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Skink, Little Brown	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Skink, Northern Coal	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

Salamanders

Dusky, Mountain	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Dusky, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Four-toed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Green	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Hellbender, Eastern	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Jefferson	No		No		No	Watch List - Bans take & possess
Long-tailed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Marbled	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Mudpuppy, Common	No		No		No	Endangered/Extirpated - Bans take & possess
Newt, Red-spotted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Red, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Red-backed, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Seal	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Slimy, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Spotted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Spring, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Tiger, Eastern	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Two-lined, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Valley and Ridge	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Wherle's	No		No		No	In Need Conservation - Bans take & possess
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

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Snakes

Brown, Dekay's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Copperhead	No		No		No	Bans take & possess
Corn	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
<i>Crotolidae</i>	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Earth, Smooth	No		No		No	Bans take & possess
Earth, Mountain	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
<i>Elapidae</i>	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Garter, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Green, Rough	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Green, Smooth	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Hog-nosed, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
<i>Hydrophidae</i>	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
King, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
King, Mole	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Milk, Coastal Plain	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Milk, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Queen	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Racer, Northern Black	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Rainbow	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Rat, Black	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Rattlesnake, Timber	No		No		No	Watch List - Bans take & possess
Red-bellied	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Ribbon, Common	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Ring-necked	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Scarlet, Northern	No		No		No	Watch list - Bans take & possess
<i>Viperidae</i>	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Water, Northern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Water, Red-bellied	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4
Worm, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4

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Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit
Toads						
American	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Fowler's	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Narrow-mouthed, Eastern	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Spadefoot, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 5+ adults and/or 26+ eggs/tadpoles Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 4 adult/26 egg/tadpole
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit
Tortoises						
All	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit
Tuataras						
All	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit
Turtles						
Bog	No		No		No	Threatened - Bans take & possess
Box, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Cooter, Northern Red-bellied	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Map, Northern	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Mud, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Musk, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Painted, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Painted, Midland	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1
Sea, Atlantic Hawksbill	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Sea, Green	No		No		No	Threatened - Bans take & possess
Sea, Kemp's Ridley	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess
Sea, Leatherback	No		No		No	Endangered - Bans take & possess

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Sea, Loggerhead	No		No		No	Threatened - Bans take & possess
Slider, Red-eared	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Introduced - No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Snapping, Eastern	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; Take 1 see fishing
Softshell, Spiny	No		No		No	In need Conservation - Bans take & possess
Spotted	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	No	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; No take
Terrapin, Diamond-backed	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	No	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; No take
Wood	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes*	No	Native - 2+ need Captive Reptile & Amphibian Permit; No take
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - Ag permit

INSECTS

Native Endangered/Threatened	No		No		No	Banned
Native (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

INSECTIVORA/EULIPOTYPHILA (Gymnore, Hedgehog, Mole, Moonrat, Shrew)

Hedgehog	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Mole, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mole, Hairy-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mole, Southeastern star-nosed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Masked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Northern Short-tailed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Smoky	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Southeastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Southern pygmy	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Shrew, Southern Water	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

INVERTEBRATES (Rest)

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Clam

Native	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crabs

Native	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Crayfish

Native	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Bans live take
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Mussels

Creeper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Floater, Alewife	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Floater, Brook	No		No		No	State Endangered
Floater, Green	No		No		No	State Endangered
Floater, Triangle	No		No		No	State Endangered
Lampmussel, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Lampmussel, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Lance, Northern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Lance, Yellow	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Mucket, Tidewater	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Pondmussel, Eastern	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Pondshell, Paper	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Slitmouth, Bear Creek	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Spike, Atlantic	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Threetooth, Spruce Knob	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Wedge, Dwarf	No		No		No	Federal/State Endangered
Native (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

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Shrimp

Native	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Snails

Ambersnail, Chesapeake	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Ambersnail, Coastal-plain	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Ambersnail, Snowhill	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Conch	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Species Need Conservation - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Disc, Angular	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Drop, Cherrystone	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Glyph, Maryland	No		No		No	Extirpated
Glyph, Rust	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Spring, Appalachian	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Spring, Blue Ridge	No		No		No	State Endangered
Supercoil, Natural Bridge	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Vertigo, Five-tooth	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Welk, Channel	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Species Need Conservation - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Welk, Knobbed	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Species Need Conservation - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Welk, Lightning	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Species Need Conservation - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Whitelip, Striped	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Rare - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Native (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

Other

Oyster, American	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Species Need Conservation - see fishing; Import - see Ag
Native (rest)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	See fishing laws; Import - see Ag
Unlisted	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	No known DNR laws; Import - see Ag

MARINE MAMMALS (Dolphin, Dugong, Manatee, Porpoise, Sea Lion, Seal, Walrus, Whale)

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Dolphin, Atlantic Spotted	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dolphin, Atlantic white-sided	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dolphin, Bottle-nosed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dolphin, Risso's	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dolphin, Short-beaked Common	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Dolphin, Striped	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Manatee	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Porpoise, Harbor	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Seal, Gray	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Seal, Harbor	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Seal, Harp	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Seal, Hooded	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Blue	No		No		No	Federal/State Endangered
Whale, Common Minke	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Cuvier's Beaked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Dwarf Sperm	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Fin	No		No		No	Federal/State Endangered
Whale, Humpback	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Killer	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Long-finned Pilot	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Melon-headed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, North Atlantic Right	No		No		No	Federal/State Endangered
Whale, Pygmy Sperm	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Sei	No		No		No	Federal/State Endangered
Whale, Short-finned Pilot	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, Sperm	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Whale, True's Beaked	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
MARSUPIALS						
Opossum, Virginia	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Sugar Glider	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import

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Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
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MUSTELIDS

Ermine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Ferret, European	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Fisher	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Marten, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mink	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Otter, Northern River	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Weasel, Least	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Weasel, Long-tailed	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

PRIMATES

All	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
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PROCYONIDS

Raccoon	No		No		NA	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

RODENTS

Beaver, American	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Chinchilla	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Chipmunk, Eastern	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Gerbil	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Groundhog	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Guinea Pig	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Hamster	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Lemming, Southern Bog	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse, Eastern harvest	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse, Deer	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned

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Mouse, House	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse, Meadow Jumping	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse, White-footed Deer	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse, Woodland Jumping	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Mouse (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Muskrat	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Nutria	No		No		No	Furbearer - Game Permit not issued for pets
Porcupine	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Rat, Black	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Rat, Marsh Rice	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Rat, Norway	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Rat (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Squirrel, Delmarva Fox	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Squirrel, Eastern Fox	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Squirrel, Eastern Gray	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Squirrel, Red	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Squirrel, Southern Flying	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vole, Meadow	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vole, Southern red-backed	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vole, Southern Rock	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Vole, Woodland	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Woodrat, Allegheny	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

UNGULATES

Artiodactyla

Bovidae (Wild cattle, goats, sheep)

Bison, American	No		No		No	Rare Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

Cervid (Deer family)

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	Legal as Pets	DNR Permit	Legal for Pets	Ag Permit	Legal for Pets	
						This is only a guide of animals that <u>MAY</u> be legal in a state. Due to the extensive amount of laws involved that are constantly changing, UAPPEAL cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information. Users are responsible for checking all laws BEFORE getting an animal.
Deer, Sika	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Deer, White-tailed	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Elk, American	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
Suidae (Wild pigs)						
All	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
Others						
All	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
Perissodactyla						
Horse, Feral	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
VIVERRIDS						
All	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
XENARTHRA/EDENTATA (Anteater, Armadillo, Sloth)						
All	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import
OTHER MAMMALS						
Cottontail, Appalachian	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Cottontail, Eastern	No		No		No	Small Game - Game Permit not issued for pets
Hare, Snowshoe	No		No		No	Nongame - Banned
Rabbit (domestic)	Yes	No	Yes	No	NA	Legal to import
Skunk, Eastern Spotted	No		No		NA	Native - Dangerous animal - No pets
Skunk, Striped	No		No		NA	Furbearer - Dangerous animal - No pets
Skunk (rest)	No		No		NA	Dangerous animal - No pets
Unlisted	Yes*	No	No		NA	Only if from legal in-state source; Bans import

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SUMMARY:

Native: Maryland bans native game and nongame mammals, nongame birds, and endangered and threatened species. Game birds need Game Husbandry Permit. Fish must meet minimum fishing size and may only be kept as pets during the open season.

Exotic: Bans regulated animals. Mammals without a USDA approved vaccine not specifically exempt may not be imported and must come from in-state source. Other species are not regulated by the DNR.

Sources:

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| 1 Captive Wildlife | Maryland Code Tit. 10, SubTit. 9 |
| 2 Dangerous Animals | Maryland Code Tit. 10, SubTit. 6 |
| 3 Rabies Law | 08.03.09.03 |

* Native Species Lists:

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| Reptiles /Amphibians | Checklist of the Reptiles and Amphibians of Maryland (DNR) |
| Mammals | Maryland Mammals (DNR) |
| Birds | Maryland Birds (DNR) |
| Fish | Inland Fishes of Maryland (DNR) |
| | Tidal Fishes of Maryland (DNR) |
| | Nontidal Fishes of Maryland (DNR) |

DISCLAIMERS:

* The laws listed above lists whether a species to legal to possess and import according to state laws and then any federally protected species with stricter regulations than the state. **Be sure to review all federal laws** as some ban certain species as pets or make it legal to possess a species but bans their interstate import in commerce or purchasing across state lines (you can still move with your animals across state lines).

*For states that do allow keeping wild-caught native species as pets, it is usually limited to game birds, game animals, furbearers, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Such taking usually requires some type of hunting or fishing license **in addition to any required captive wildlife permits**. All laws must be followed, including daily bag and possession limits, seasons, size limits and location specific regulations.

* These guides are usually based on state fish & game laws, state agriculture and health import laws, and marine resource laws except when otherwise noted. Check laws for all requirements. Additional state laws may apply, including general animal control and care, livestock, and other health laws.

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* Species lists vary on each state page depending on each state's law. While we try to include as many native vertebrate species as possible, we cannot guarantee that all species are covered above.