

How to Tag and Report Your Wild Turkey

NEW for Spring 2018



DEM recently launched the new online hunting and fishing licensing system! In addition to using this new system to purchase licenses, permits and tags electronically, you will use this system to report your harvests. The following shows you how to properly tag and report your wild turkey harvest!

1. **BAG IT!** Congratulations on your successful harvest!



2. <u>TAG IT!</u> Your tag must be notched (day of harvest, month of harvest and hour of harvest) before moving the bird for photos or to leave the woods!



- The notched tag and turkey must remain in your possession when removing the turkey from the field.
- If you must leave the field prior to removing the turkey (to return gear to your vehicle or dwelling); the notched tag must be attached to and remain with the carcass.
- 3. <u>REPORT IT!</u> Use your QR reader on your smartphone to scan your permit, or go to: www.ri.gov/DEM/huntfish *note DEM is all caps!

Measure the beard and spurs:





- Beard less than 6" and spurs less than 0.5" = Jake
- Beard longer than 6" and spurs longer than 0.5" = Tom

- You must report your harvest by midnight on the <u>day of the harvest</u>.
- If you do not have internet or cellular data access to report your turkey harvest, you may call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at (401) 789-0281 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. M-F to report your harvest.

• Don't forget to write your harvest report confirmation number on your tag and keep the tag with your turkey until prepared for taxidermy or consumption.

Questions: Call the Division of Fish and Wildlife (401) 789-0281 or email dem.dfw@dem.ri.gov.