

Hunting regulations, atlas are ready

Copies of the 2005 Kansas Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary and the 2005 Kansas Hunting Atlas (including Walk-In Hunting Areas) will be available from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) offices and select vendors in early September, before all seasons but the traditional Sept. 1 opening of dove season.

Regulations summaries will be available wherever hunting licenses are sold, and Hunting Atlas will be stocked at most KDWP offices. Both will also be available on the KDWP website www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

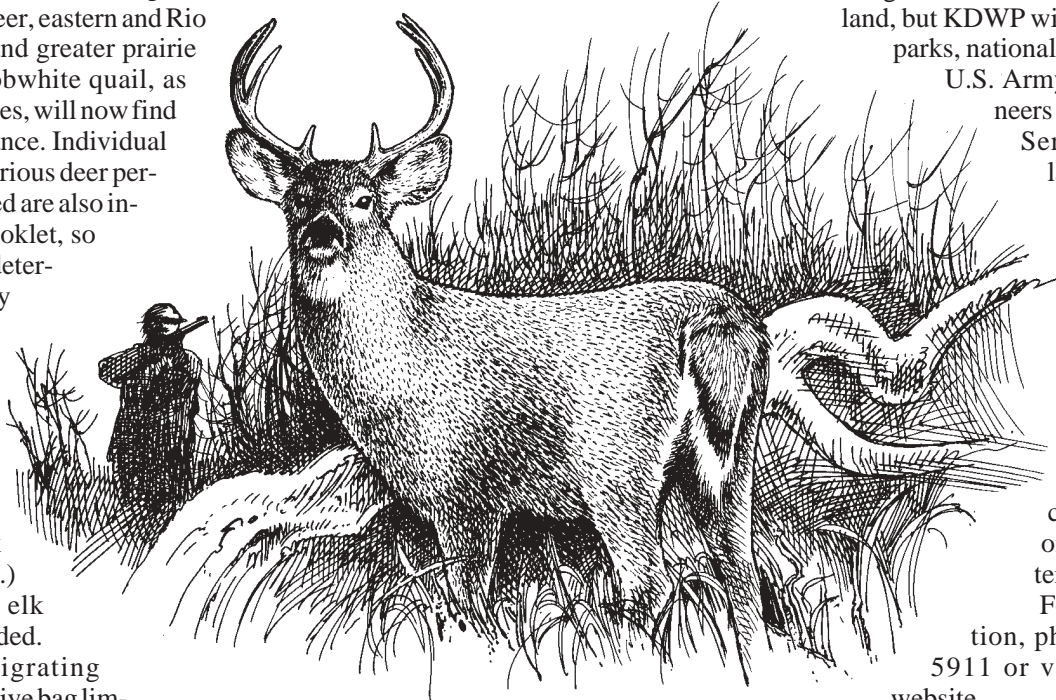
More than just rules and regulations, the Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary has been expanded this year, including many new features. Among the most useful of these are color photographs and range maps for many of the state's game species. Hunters who want to know the different ranges of mule and white-tailed deer, eastern and Rio Grande turkey, lesser and greater prairie chicken, scaled and bobwhite quail, as well as many other species, will now find this information at a glance. Individual maps showing where various deer permits and tags may be used are also included in this year's booklet, so hunters will be able to determine quickly where they may use Whitetail Antlerless-Only Deer game tags, where the extended firearms deer season runs, and what archery units are available. (As with last year, a list of deer check stations is also included.) Detailed antelope and elk unit maps are also included.

Some species of migrating game birds carry restrictive bag lim-

its and may be difficult to identify. To address this issue, full-color photographs of pintails and canvasback are included. Photographs of sandhill cranes and snow geese, in juxtaposition with protected whooping cranes illustrate the clear distinctions among these species. Photographs of all four dove species are also included.

Trappers are also asked to be on the lookout for protected river otters and spotted skunks. Photographs of these two species are included in the "Furbearer" section.

Additional information of interest to all hunters rounds out this information. The booklet outlines the economic impact of hunters in Kansas and the nation, and a 100-year anniversary timeline of KDWP highlights will give hunters an overview of the agency's progress over the past century.



As always, this booklet provides essential summarized information on laws and regulations governing Kansas hunting and furharvesting, including season dates, bag and possession limits, legal equipment, and other information for the hunter and trapper. Other information - such as public hunting areas, safe hunting tips, Wildlife and Parks offices, and license and permit fees — is also included.

Now in its 11th year, the Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) program includes 1,010,000 acres of private land leased by the KDWP to provide general hunting access for hunters. WIHA tracts are open from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31 or Nov. 1 to Jan. 31. The atlas includes an index that lists game species most likely to be found on tracts. A few WIHA tracts are open only to youth dove hunting Sept. 1 to Sept. 28.

The Kansas Hunting Atlas includes a color-coded legend that marks not only WIHA land, but KDWP wildlife areas, state parks, national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers areas, U.S. Forest Service areas, and lakes and streams.

Both of these information booklets will be available to download from the department's website after Sept. 1.

Look for hard copies by the second week in September.

For more information, phone (620) 672-5911 or visit the KDWP website.

Regulations are available at website

PRATT — The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has announced that its 2005 Kansas Hunting and Furharvesting Regulations Summary and the Kansas Hunting Atlas are now available electronically online. The Kansas Hunting Atlas was available at KDWP offices and license vendors Sept. 1. Hard copies of the hunting regulations were ready Sept. 12.

Those who wish to download either of these publications should keep in mind that the full-sized Hunting Atlas is more than 28 megabytes in size, but a smaller county-by-county version will follow in weeks to come. The Regulations Summary is about 3.5 megabytes. Download time will depend on internet connection speed.

Hard copies of the Regulations Summary and the Hunting Atlas will be available wherever hunting licenses are sold and at most KDWP offices.

Among the most useful additions in the Regulations Summary this year are color photographs and range maps for many game species. Individual maps showing where various deer permits and tags may be used are also included in this year's booklet, so hunters will be able to determine quickly where they may use Whitetail Antlerless-Only Deer game tags, where the extended firearms deer season runs, and what archery units are available. (As with last year, a list of deer check stations is also included.) Detailed antelope and elk unit maps are also included.

The Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) program is one of the most highly-used portions of the Hunting Atlas. Now in its 11th year, the WIHA program includes more than one million acres of private land leased by KDWP to provide general hunting access for hunters. The Kansas Hunting Atlas includes a color-coded legend that marks not only WIHA land, but KDWP wildlife areas, state parks, national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers areas, U.S. Forest Service areas, and lakes and streams.

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Wildlife and Parks answers questions about new on-line tag permits

PRATT — In the process of switching to online license and permit sales and an automated point-of-sale licensing system, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) has received questions about how the system will handle big game and turkey permits, game tags, and carcass tags.

Regarding permits and licenses issued at vendors with automated licensing machines, the answer is simple. Instead of a separate permit or license for each purchase, the customer will receive a printed document that lists all the privileges he or she has purchased, eliminating the need to carry multiple pieces of paper for various types of hunting, fishing, or even park use. This document will be signed

at the time of purchase and kept throughout the season.

If a deer or turkey permit or game tag is part of the purchase, a tear-off carcass tag will be attached to the document. If multiple permits or tags are issued, multiple tear-off carcass tags will also be attached to the document. When a deer or turkey is taken, the carcass tag must be torn off, signed and dated, and tied to the animal's leg through two pre-punched holes in the tag.

Permits and tags purchased through the internet on home computers will be printed on personal printers and will also include carcass tags. These tags will be torn off when an animal is taken, signed and dated, placed in a plas-

tic food bag, and tied to the animal's leg.

In addition, for this year only, deer permits acquired through drawings will include a carcass tag that must be signed, dated, and attached in the same manner as previous years. Next year, however, draw permits will be the same as permits issued under this year's automated licensing system, even though they will still be issued through a drawing.

Photocopying of permits is illegal. If a permit is lost, a duplicate may be purchased for \$12.15 from KDWP offices, any license vendor, or online.

For more information, phone the KDWP Pratt Operations Office at 620-672-5911 and ask for Licensing.