

Colorado Division of Wildlife



As part of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Wildlife (DOW) is the state agency responsible for managing Colorado's wildlife and its habitat, as well as providing wildlife-related recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. Outdoor enthusiasts in Colorado are fortunate to enjoy over 900 species of wildlife in a variety of habitats.

World class fishing opportunities are plentiful in Colorado. In addition to protecting fish habitat, the DOW maintains 19 fish hatcheries around the state. Each year, the hatcheries produce over 90 million warm and cold water fish for stocking back into Colorado waters to augment the statewide fishing opportunities.

Colorado is also home to some of the best hunting in North America and more elk than any other state. Anyone born on or after 1/1/49 is required to successfully complete a Hunter Education course before purchasing or applying for a hunting license. These Hunter Education classes teach hunting and firearm safety, outdoor survival basics, orienteering, wildlife identification and conservation principles.

Hunting and fishing licenses and conservation stamps are available for sale at 16 DOW offices statewide, from most sporting goods stores and many other retailers, at (800) 244-5613 and online. Seasons and dates are available online and in various regulation brochures printed annually. Visit www.wildlife.state.co.us or call the headquarters customer service center for more detailed information at (303) 297-1192.

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