Nongame Wildlife Research Permit Application

Please complete the following application to start the permitting process:

*A Nongame Wildlife Research Permit would be required if you expect to capture\*, take, salvage, manipulate, or extract samples from nongame animals. Nongame animals are those protected animals that do not have either a hunting or trapping season. Animals covered by nongame permits include nongame: birds, bats and other mammals\*\*, amphibians, reptiles, and animals listed as special concern in Minnesota Rules, part 6134.0200, which includes some insects.*

*Research on animals listed as threatened or endangered, game animals, or fisheries would need separate permitting (*[*https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/scientific-research.html*](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/scientific-research.html)*). You may need additional permits or permissions for access to proposed collection sites such as State Wildlife Management Areas, Scientific and Natural areas, and Parks or State Forest lands.  Federal permits may also be required.*

*\*Capture for banding with no take of blood, feathers, DNA, nest, etc. or application of transmitters under a federal bird banding permit* ***does not*** *require a research permit. Please submit a copy of your federal banding permit.*

*\*\*If your research will involve* ***both*** *game and nongame small mammals (except bats), you will only need game permitting.*

*If you are doing multiple separate research projects, submit them separately. We may permit them in multiple permits or one permit depending on how varied they are.*

**Contact information:**

* Name (permittee, named individual in charge of research and who will ensure conditions are followed)
* Affiliated institution (school, museum, agency, county, etc.)
* Address
* Phone
* Email

**Research Proposal/Abstract:**

Submit summary/abstract of intended research. **CLEARLY** include the following components:

* Study type (survey, populations, DNA, anatomy, etc.)
* Purpose/goals of research
* Need for proposed research

**Timeframe:**

* Your intended start date, end date
  + Please indicate the date you would like to begin sampling.
  + We cannot guarantee permit issuance by the requested date.
  + Please note: Permits are generally issued in 6-8 weeks upon submission of a complete request.
* Please describe if your project is a single year project or is a multi-year or long running project.
* Requested permit duration
  + 1-year: A 1-year permit should be requested if your sampling/research will conclude at the end of the requested calendar year or if your research parameters will change significantly from one year to the next.
  + 2-year: For a 2-year permit, the research parameters should be virtually identical each year for the entire 2-year period.

**Methods (if your research has multiple components, complete Methods section for EACH component):**

Describe the methodology of your research. **CLEARLY** Include the following components:

* Species under study
* Quantity requested
* Method of capture
* Please indicate:
  + Live capture and near immediate release at capture site
  + Live capture, transport, and/or storage of animal for >2 hrs (indicate on or off site)
  + Euthanize through capture method or euthanize after capture (indicate on or off site)
  + Salvage already dead specimens
* Potential incidental take of other protected species
* Location of research (please be as exact as possible)
  + Location, waterbody, address (at minimum, list nearest city), etc.
  + County(s) involved
  + Map of proposed sites (especially for multiple sites)

**Permits:**

* If this permit will extend research that was conducted under a previous MN DNR permit, please include a copy of the permit.
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* If this permit requires other federal or state permitting, please include a copy of the application and permit (if already issued).

**Please note:** Research permits are not automatically renewable, you must submit a new request upon expiration. Due to changes in conservation priorities or species populations/status we may require changes to method, species, take, or area to continue future research permitting. We may allow certain requests as a one-time allowance, which would not renew to the next permit.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

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Nongame Wildlife Permit Coordinator