

R12-4-318. Seasons for Lawfully Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles

- A. Methods of lawfully taking wild mammals, birds, and reptiles during seasons designated by Commission Order as “general” seasons are designated under R12-4-304.
- B. Methods of lawfully taking big game during seasons designated by Commission Order as “special” are designated under R12-4-304. “Special” seasons are open only to individuals who possess a special big game license tag authorized under A.R.S. § 17-346 and R12-4-120.
- C. When designated by Commission Order, the following seasons have specific requirements and lawful methods of take more restrictive than those for general and special seasons, as prescribed under this Section. While taking the species authorized by the season, an individual participating in:
1. A “CHAMP” season shall be a challenged hunter access/mobility permit holder as established under R12-4-217.
 2. A "junior's-only hunt" shall be under the age of 18 and meet the requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335. A youth hunter whose 18th birthday occurs during a “juniors-only hunt” for which the youth hunter has a valid permit or tag may continue to participate for the duration of that “juniors-only hunt.”
 3. A “pursuit-only” season may use dogs to pursue bears, mountain lions, or raccoons as designated by Commission Order, but shall not kill or capture the quarry. An individual participating in a “pursuit-only” season shall possess and, at the request of Department personnel, produce a valid hunting license and any required tag for taking the animal pursued, even though there shall be no kill.
 4. A “restricted season” may use any lawful method authorized for a specific species under R12-4-304, except dogs may not be used to pursue the wildlife for which the season was established.
 5. An “archery-only” season shall not use any other weapons, including crossbows or bows with a device that holds the bow in a drawn position except as authorized under R12-4-216. An individual participating in an “archery-only” season may ~~only~~ use one or more the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows, and
 - b. Falconry.
 6. A “handgun, archery, and muzzleloader (HAM)” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows,
 - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - c. Handguns, and
 - d. Muzzle-loading rifles as defined under R12-4-301.
 7. A “muzzleloader” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows;
 - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
 - c. Muzzleloading rifles or handguns, as defined under R12-4-301.

8. A “limited weapon” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
 - j. Slingshots.
9. A “limited weapon hand or hand-held implement” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Catch-pole,
 - b. Hand,
 - c. Snake hook, or
 - d. Snake tongs.
10. A “limited weapon-pneumatic” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Capture by hand,
 - b. Dogs,
 - c. Falconry,
 - d. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - e. Nets,
 - f. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
 - g. Slingshots.
11. A “limited weapon-rimfire” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,

- i. Pneumatic weapons,
 - j. Rifled firearms using rimfire cartridges,
 - k. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
 - l. Slingshots.
12. A “limited weapon-shotgun” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons,
 - j. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
 - k. Slingshots.
13. A “limited weapon-shotgun shooting shot” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons,
 - j. Shotgun shooting shot, or
 - k. Slingshots.
14. A “falconry-only” season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or R12-4-407. A falconer participating in a “falconry-only” season shall use no other method of take except falconry.
15. A “raptor capture” season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under R12-4-407.