

ARIZONA HUNTERS PRAISE COPPER BULLETS

93 percent of Kaibab deer hunters say that non-lead bullets perform as well as or better than lead bullets on game.

"I was very impressed with the bullet's performance—the buck literally dropped in its tracks."

"Very consistent group placement on target, accurate, zero bloodshot meat."

"While their terminal performance is the stuff of legend, they are also capable of remarkable accuracy."

— American Rifleman



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NON-LEAD AMMO RESOURCES

Non-lead ammunition is available in a wide range of calibers both online and at major ammunition retail stores. Local ammunition retailers may also carry it.

For a detailed list of available non-lead ammo, visit www.azgfd.gov/condor.



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NON-LEAD AMMUNITION

CONSERVING WILDLIFE
WITH SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Hunters Praise Non-lead Bullets

"I've never seen deadlier performance on game"

— Safari Club International Article



LEAD BULLETS FRAGMENT



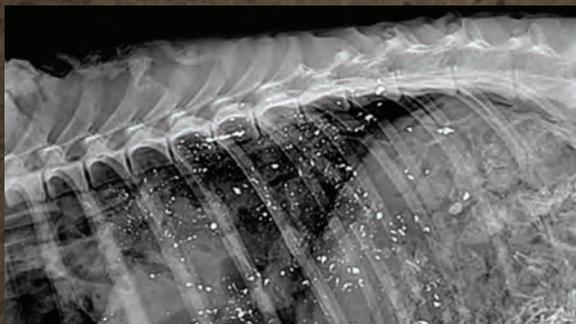
"Bonded" lead bullet shot into ballistics gel. Hundreds of lead fragments are dispersed along the wound channel.

COPPER BULLETS DON'T FRAGMENT



Solid copper bullet shot into ballistics gel. These bullets generate devastating shock without leaving bullet fragments in game meat.

WHAT THIS MEANS



Coyote shot with a lead varmint bullet. Toxic lead fragments are scattered throughout the carcass.

CONDORS AND LEAD

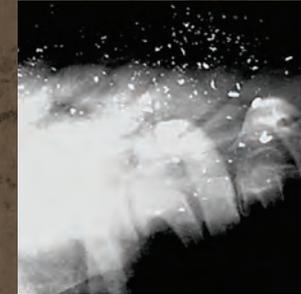
- Lead poisoning is the leading cause of death in condors, and the main obstacle to condor recovery in Arizona and Utah.
- Each year, several condors require treatment for dangerously high levels of lead. Without this treatment, it is likely even more condors would die.
- Studies have identified lead ammunition as the main source of lead exposure in condors.
- Lead shot and bullet fragments remain in game carcasses and gut piles left in the field by hunters.
- Scavenging condors feed on game remains and ingest this lead.
- Both lead bullet fragments and lead shot have been found in the digestive tract of condors.
- Condors concentrate in heavily hunted areas in northern Arizona and southern Utah during the fall and spring hunting seasons.



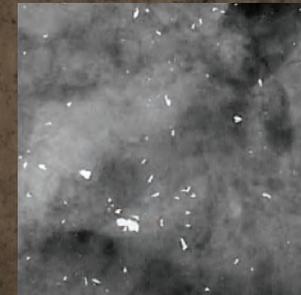
Biologists treat a condor that has lead poisoning.

HUNTERS HELPING WILDLIFE

LEAD BULLET FRAGMENTS REMAIN IN GAME CARCASSES AND GUT PILES



Deer shot with a typical lead-core bullet. Hundreds of lead fragments remain in the carcass even when the bullet passes through game. 100 percent of x-rayed deer carcasses contained lead fragments.



Deer gut pile containing lead bullet fragments. The majority of the bullet's fragments remain in the gut piles left in the field. 90 percent of x-rayed gut piles contained lead fragments.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION The Arizona Game and Fish Department and our partners, the Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Elk Society, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, and Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, ask you to **be part of the solution by using non-lead ammunition when hunting in condor country** (Game Management Units 9, 10, 12A/B, and 13A/B).

AID CONSERVATION Hunters who use non-lead ammunition in condor range carry on sportsmen's proud tradition of wildlife conservation.

SWITCH AMMUNITION Hundreds of hunters have already switched to non-lead ammunition, but we need more hunters to help.

JOIN THE EFFORT Prove to the critics that this problem can be resolved without mandatory measures.