

Summer Wild Turkey Survey Protocol

Use the following procedures to record turkey observations:

- Start the survey on **July 1st**.
- Record **all turkey observations** (gobblers, hens, poults, and unknown sex turkeys) made in Louisiana between July 1st and August 31st. Recording hens without poults is just as important as documenting hens with poults.
- **Record each sighting separately.** (For example if you see one hen then travel a mile and see two more hens, record one on one line and two on the next line. Do not sum separate sightings.)
- Record gobblers on separate lines unless present with hens or poults.
- Be as accurate as possible about the number, sex, and age of turkeys sighted.
- Utilize “Repeat Sighting” column only if you are highly certain that it is in fact a repeat sighting. If there is reasonable doubt, do not check the box.
- End the survey on **August 31st**.
- Please put your name and phone number on the data sheet.
- Return data sheet by October 1st via email, fax, or conventional mail to:

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All of your observations are important (even one or two) and will be combined with statewide data to develop the **Wild Turkey Poult Production Survey**.