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BIG ISLAND 2021 SPRING BEARDED TURKEY SEASON

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The opening of the 2021 Spring Bearded Turkey Hunting Season begins on Monday, March 1, 2021. The spring season will run for 46 consecutive days through Thursday, April 15, 2021. The spring season will be for bearded turkeys only, in locations identified below. The season length, bag limits, and hunting areas are those established in Title 13, Chapter 122, "Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials and Commercial Shooting Preserves.

Open Turkey Hunting Areas	Special Conditions	Season Dates	Hunting Hours
Unit A - Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and GMA	Mammal hunting will also be <u>open above treeline</u> for rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, and shotgun.	March 1 - April 15, 2021 (46 consecutive days)	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Unit G – Kaohe GMA	Also <u>open daily</u> to mammal hunting for archery.		
Unit F – Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve	All gates must be closed. Paddocks where cattle are present will be closed to hunting.		
Private Lands	Hunters required to have valid hunting license, current turkey tags and landowner permission		

Bag Limits and Tags

The daily bag limit will be three bearded turkeys per hunter with a season bag limit of three. All hunters are required to have a current unused turkey tag in their possession while hunting. Tags are currently \$5/tag for residents and \$20/tag for non-residents. Turkey tags are nontransferable and must be fastened with snaps and secured tightly around the neck or tarsus of any bird taken immediately after the kill. Tags may be purchased by mail and at a few commercial vendors. To purchase tags by mail hunters must send a copy of their 2021 State of Hawaii Hunting License with Game Bird Stamp, a money order payable to DLNR, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to 66-1220 A Lalamilo Road, Kamuela, HI 96743. Please allow for a 2 week turn around to receive tags. Turkey tags are also required to hunt on private land.

Information may be obtained by contacting Division of Forestry & Wildlife offices at the following phone numbers: Hilo: (808) 974-4221; Waimea: (808) 887-6063 or the main office at (808) 587-0166.

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Gamebird hunting rules - <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/files/2013/09/HAR-122-Game-Birds.pdf>

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