

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OPENING OF  
HAWAII ISLAND 2026 SPRING BEARDED TURKEY SEASON**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources announces the opening of the 2026 Spring Bearded Turkey Hunting Season on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The spring season will run for 46 consecutive days through Wednesday, April 15, 2026. 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”, and amended by adaptive management measures by formal board action pursuant to section 183D-(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes on March 18, 2024.

Open Turkey Hunting Areas	Special Conditions	Season Dates	Hunting Hours
Unit A - Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and GMA	Mammal hunting with rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, and shotgun is limited to <u>above treeline</u> during spring turkey season. Archery hunting is allowed below treeline with blaze orange.	March 1 - April 15, 2026 (46 consecutive days)	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Unit C - Upper Piha and Upper Laupahoehoe Forest Reserves	Available through adaptive management rule change until March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2026. Call Hawai‘i Island Branch (Hilo) for more information after this date. 808-974-4221		
Unit F – Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve	All gates must be closed. Paddocks where cattle are present will be closed to hunting.		
Unit G – Kaohe GMA	Also <u>open daily</u> to mammal hunting for archery.		
Private Lands	Hunters required to have valid hunting license, current turkey tags and landowner permission		

Unit E - Kipuka Aina Hou Nene Sanctuary	Archery only	March 1 - March 31, 2026 (31 consecutive days)	
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### **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. Traditional tags must be fastened with snaps and printed tags must be placed in a Ziploc plastic bag and secured tightly around the neck or leg of any bird taken immediately after the kill. Tags may be purchased in person at the Hilo DOFAW office (19 E. Kawili St.) during office hours (8am-4pm) or online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>

More information may be obtained by contacting the Division of Forestry & Wildlife, Hilo office at (808) 974-4221.