



**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**  
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**Wildlife Exhibition Permit Application for Category 1 Restricted Species – Page 2**

Complete this section only if you are applying for a renewal permit.

**RECORD OF DEATHS:**

QUANTITY	SCIENTIFIC NAME (GENUS, SPECIES) Example: Python sebae	COMMON NAME Example: Northern African Rock Python	CAUSE OF DEATH

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**Wildlife Exhibition Permit - Application Instructions**

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must be an exhibitor, wildlife rehabilitator; laboratory registered with the United States Department of Agriculture, or accredited research facility. An exhibitor does not include a person who shows wildlife in connection with theatrical exhibition, circus, or agricultural fair.

***Application must be filled out completely and signed. The following information is required to be submitted with your application:***

- A. An applicant for a permit pertaining to Category 1 Restricted Species must submit documentation to verify a minimum of one year of practical husbandry or a minimum of 100 hours of experience, training or apprenticeship in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the Category 1 Restricted Species to be possessed or of another species that is substantially similar to the species to be possessed in size, characteristics, care and nutritional requirements. A Bachelor of Science or higher degree in a relevant biological science, obtained at an accredited institution of higher learning, may be substituted for 50 hours of experience or apprenticeship. Documentation shall consist of: a description of the specific experience acquired; the date and time the experience was obtained and the specific locations where acquired; and a minimum of two references from a professional organization such as a university, zoological association, or governmental institution.
- B. A written emergency plan must be submitted with the application for use in the event of occurrences such as: severe damage to enclosures due to fire, wind, or floods; animals attacking and /or injuring humans, other animals or property; the escape of any animal in captivity; and absence, illness, or death of the owner or keeper. The plan must include:
  - 1. An updated list of the Category 1 Restricted Species in captivity
  - 2. The availability of capture equipment and weapons with specific instructions as to the precise circumstances under which dangerous wildlife are to be destroyed
  - 3. Contingencies for the maintenance or disposition of all Restricted Species covered by the permit in the event of the owner or keeper's absence, illness, or death
  - 4. The plan must be made available for inspection upon the request of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, department representative or Animal Control Officer
- C. Applicants must submit proof of holding at least \$500,000 in general liability coverage.
- D. For purposes of importing or possessing mammals, applicants must submit a copy of a Class C ("exhibitor's") license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act (7 USC 54), and a copy of the last inspection report signed and dated by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- E. Assurance must be provided that a sufficient number of adequately trained employees or volunteers will be utilized to comply with these rules. Employees and volunteers must be at least of 18 years of age to work directly with Category 1 Restricted Species

**Mail completed and signed application, with required supporting documentation and applicable fees** (payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine") to:

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
ATTN: Wildlife Captivity Permits  
41 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0041

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**Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Statute Pertaining to Category 1 Species**

**§12152. PERMIT TO POSSESS WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY**

**1-A. Permit required.** Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not import wildlife into or possess wildlife in the State or receive or possess wildlife imported into the State. The department shall maintain a list of unregulated fish and wildlife species for which a permit under this section is not required that is available to the public. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable permit fee must be imposed. The commissioner may grant a permit to introduce, import, transport, receive or possess fish or gametes in accordance with the provisions of section 12509.

**1-B. Exemption.** Notwithstanding subsection 1-A, a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate that is native to the State and not listed by the department as threatened, endangered or of special concern may be captured from the wild in the State and possessed without a permit. Possession limits for each species are as follows:

- A. Amphibians, up to 5 specimens of each species;
- B. Reptiles, up to 2 specimens of each species; and
- C. Invertebrates, no specimen limits.

Animals captured under this subsection must be kept in a manner that does not permit contact between those animals and any other animal that is not naturally present in the wild in this State. If an animal captured under this subsection is released back into the wild, the animal must be released in or near the same location where the animal was captured. Importation into the State of a reptile, amphibian or invertebrate exempted under this subsection is prohibited without a permit. Exhibition, propagation or export or sale for commercial purposes is prohibited without a permit. A person may not export, sell or otherwise use for commercial purposes any animal captured under this subsection unless the person holds an applicable permit for that use.

**2. Affected species.** Except as otherwise provided in this Part, this section applies to the possession of any wildlife regulated by the State that is held in captivity and to the importation of wildlife from an area outside the State, including:

- A. All species listed under state law as threatened or endangered;
- B. All species other than those listed in paragraph A not included on a list of unregulated, nonnative species that is maintained by the commissioner to facilitate the issuance of importation permits; and
- C. Species identified in rules adopted by the commissioner.

The commissioner may adopt rules that classify wildlife into categories as described in subsection 3-D for purposes of determining applicable fees under this section. The rules must, at a minimum, include the list of unrestricted, nonnative species as provided in paragraph B, a category of wildlife that is endangered or threatened or presents a risk to humans, a category of wildlife that requires special housing or care and a category of prohibited species for which a permit is not issued under any circumstances.

**3. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a permit to a person permitting the introduction, importation, possession and use of wildlife in accordance with the provisions of subsection 5.

**3-A. Restrictions.** A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize the permittee to:

- A. Possess, propagate or sell deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross nor does it authorize the permittee to possess, propagate or sell any wild animal taken in accordance with section 11601, 11602, 12401, 12402 or 12404; or [2015, c. 374, §7 (NEW).]
- B. Import any species of wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey or wild turkey-domestic turkey cross or the eggs of these species.

**3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife.** The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a

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person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued a permit under this subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty under section 12151.

**3-D. Permit types; application fees; permit fees.** An applicant for a permit under this section shall submit a written application on a form specified by the commissioner. The application must be accompanied by the applicable nonrefundable application fee. The following permits may be issued by the commissioner:  
B. A category 1 restricted species exhibition permit, which allows the holder to exhibit wildlife for commercial purposes that is endangered or threatened or presents a risk to humans or that requires special housing or care. A category 1 restricted species exhibition permit does not allow the holder to exhibit wolf hybrids, as defined in Title 7, section 3907, subsection 30. A category 1 restricted species exhibition permit expires 2 years from the date of issuance. The following fees apply to a permit under this paragraph: (1) Application fee, \$250; and (2) Permit fee, \$150;

**4-A. Renewal.** A permit holder who wishes to renew a permit issued under this section must renew the permit prior to its expiration date. The department may assess a late fee of \$25, in addition to the required permit fee, to a person who does not renew a permit prior to its expiration date.

**Rules.** The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section, including provisions to ensure that all wildlife possessed under these permits receives humane treatment and proper husbandry and security, and to safeguard the interests of the wildlife and citizens of the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules adopted may include but are not limited to rules that:

- A. Maintain updated inspection provisions for applicants attempting to acquire a permit to possess or introduce, import and possess fish or wildlife in captivity;
- B. Maintain a fee structure to establish fees for inspection provisions for regulated species;
- C. Provide a process that allows authorized independent contractors to meet with permit applicants to educate applicants on minimum standard facility requirements and to inspect current facilities to recommend approval or denial of a permit; and
- D. Charge a responsible party for the cost incurred to remove or euthanize unpermitted regulated fish or wildlife species.

**6. Additional permit requirements.** In addition to the provisions adopted under subsection 3, the commissioner may assign permit conditions or requirements designed to mitigate potential impacts or risks that may arise from the possession of specific wildlife species or to ensure the humane treatment or proper husbandry for specific species.

**7. Escaped wildlife prohibition; penalty.** The following provisions apply to escaped wildlife.

- A. A person may not allow wildlife in captivity to escape that person's possession or control in violation of:
  - (1) Rules adopted pursuant to subsection 5; or
  - (2) An additional permit condition or requirement assigned pursuant to subsection 6.
- B. Notwithstanding section 12151, subsection 2, a person who violates paragraph A commits:
  - (1) A Class E crime if the wildlife is permitted in accordance with this section and the permit holder does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped;
  - (2) A Class E crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person immediately notifies a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped; or
  - (3) A Class D crime if the wildlife is not permitted in accordance with this section and the person does not immediately notify a law enforcement officer that the wildlife has escaped.

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**IFW RULE CHAPTER 7 LIST OF CATEGORY 1 SPECIES**

***Amphibians (Amphibia)- Captive Bred Origin Only***

**Frogs and Toads (*Anura*)**

**Common Name**

African Clawed Frog  
Bernhard's Mantella  
Golden Mantella  
Green Mantella  
Western Dwarf Clawed Frog  
Yellow Mantella

**Scientific Name**

*Xenopus laevis*  
*Mantella bernhardi*  
*Mantella aurantiaca*  
*Mantella viridis*  
*Hymenochirus curtipes*  
*Mantella crocea*

***Birds (Aves)***

All pet birds including federally regulated birds, including finches and parrots brought into this state, must be obtained from companies that are registered with the Maine Department of Agriculture. Birds identified with Health certificate required: Anyone who will be importing the following birds from out of state, regardless of the purpose must have a current VS 9-3 or VS 9-2 form certifying that the birds come from a flock participating in the Nation Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). For more information on importing domesticated game birds and examples of the required forms please visit the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's website:

[www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal\\_health/documents/Importationoflivegamebirdsetc.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_health/documents/Importationoflivegamebirdsetc.pdf)

If you intend to train dogs on domesticated fowl please contact the department at (207) 287-8000 regarding field trials, commercial shooting areas, or training dogs with firearms on Sundays.

**Bustards (*Otidiformes*)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order  
*Otidiformes*

**Scientific Name**

Otidiformes (Bustards) *Order*

**Cassowaries and Emu (*Casuariiformes*)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Casuariidae (Cassowaries And Emu)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Casuariidae*

**Cranes and Allies (*Gruiformes*)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Gruidae (Cranes)  
All Species in Family Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Gruidae*  
*Family Psophiidae*

**Falcons (*Falconiformes*)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Falconiformes (Falcons)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Falconiformes*

**Flamingos (*Phoenicopteriformes*)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Phoenicopteridae*

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**Fowls (Galliformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Cracidae (Chachalacas, Curassows, Guans)

All Species in Family Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, And Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Cracidae*

*Family Phasianidae*

**Hawks, Eagles, Vultures, And Allies (Accipitriformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Accipitriformes (Hawks, Eagles, Vultures, And Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Accipitriformes*

**Kingfishers and Allies (Coraciiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Bucerotidae (Hornbills)

All Species in Family Coraciidae (Rollers)

Laughing Kookaburra

**Scientific Name**

*Family Bucerotidae*

*Family Coraciidae*

*Dacelo novaeguineae*

**Ostriches (Struthioniformes)**

**Common Name**

Common Ostrich

**Scientific Name**

*Struthio camelus*

**Owls (Strigiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Strigiformes (Owls)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Strigiformes*

**Parrots (Psittaciformes)**

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**Common Name**

All Species in Family Strigopidae (New Zealand Parrots)

Austral Parakeet

Burrowing Parrot

Slender-billed Parakeet

**Scientific Name**

*Family Strigopidae*

*Enicognathus ferrugineus*

*Cyanoliseus patagonus*

*Enicognathus leptorhynchus*

**Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, And Allies (Pelecaniformes)**

**Common Name Scientific Name**

All Species in Order Pelecaniformes (Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, And Allies)

*Order Pelecaniformes*

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**Penguins (Sphenisciformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Spheniscidae (Penguins)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Spheniscidae*

**Perching Birds (Passeriformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Corvidae (Crows, Jays, And Magpies)  
All Species in Family Sturnidae (Starlings)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Corvidae*  
*Family Sturnidae*

**Pigeons and Doves (Columbiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Columbidae (Pigeons And Doves)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Columbidae*

**Storks (Ciconiiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Ciconiidae (Storks)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Ciconiidae*

**Turacos (Musophagiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Musophagidae (Turacos)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Musophagidae*

**Waders, Gulls, And Auks (Charadriiformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Charadriiformes (Waders, Gulls, And Auks)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Charadriiformes*

**Waterfowl (Anseriformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, And Swans)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Anatidae*

**Woodpeckers and Allies (Piciformes)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Ramphastidae (Toucans)  
Bearded Barbet

**Scientific Name**

*Family Ramphastidae*  
*Lybius dubius*

***Mammals (Mammalia)***

**Aardvarks (Tubulidentata)**

**Common Name**

Aardvark

**Scientific Name**

*Orycteropus afor*

**Armadillos (Cingulata)**

**Common Name**

Long-nosed Armadillo

**Scientific Name**

*Dasypus novemcinctus*

**Bats (Chiroptera)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Chiroptera (Bats)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Chiroptera*

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**Carnivores (Carnivora)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Mustelidae (Badgers, Otters, Weasels, And Relatives)  
All Species in Family Canidae (Canids)  
All Species in Family Felidae (Cats)  
All Species in Family Viverridae (Civets And Allies)  
All Species in Family Otariidae (Eared Seals)  
All Species in Family Hyaenidae (Hyenas)  
All Species in Family Phocidae (True Seals)  
All Species in Family Odobenidae (Walruses)  
All Species in Genus Prionodon (Asiatic Linsangs)  
Kinkajou

**Scientific Name**

*Family Mustelidae*  
  
*Family Canidae*  
*Family Felidae*  
*Family Viverridae*  
*Family Otariidae*  
*Family Hyaenidae*  
*Family Phocidae*  
*Family Odobenidae*  
*Prionodon spp.*  
*Potos flavus*

**Elephants (Proboscidea)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Elephantidae (Elephants)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Elephantidae*

**Even-toed Ungulates (Artiodactyla)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Bovidae (Bovids)  
All Species in Family Cervidae (Deer)  
All Species in Family Giraffidae (Giraffids)  
All Species in Family Hippopotamidae (Hippopotamuses)  
All Species in Family Suidae (Pigs)  
All Species in Family Antilocapridae (Pronghorn And Relatives)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Bovidae*  
*Family Cervidae*  
*Family Giraffidae*  
*Family Hippopotamidae*  
*Family Suidae*  
*Family Antilocapridae*

**Kangaroos, Possums, Wallabies, And Relatives (Diprotodontia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Macropodidae (Kangaroos, Wallabies, And Allies)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Macropodidae*

**Odd-toed Ungulates (Perissodactyla)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Equidae (Horses, Zebras, And Asses)  
All Species in Family Rhinocerotidae (Rhinoceroses)  
All Species in Family Tapiridae (Tapirs)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Equidae*  
*Family Rhinocerotidae*  
*Family Tapiridae*

**Opossums (Didelphimorphia)**

**Common Name**

Gray Short-tailed Opossum

**Scientific Name**

*Monodelphis domestica*

**Primates (Primates)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Primates (Primates)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Primates*

**Rodents (Rodentia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Castoridae (Beavers)  
All Species in Family Aplodontiidae (Mountain Beavers)

**Scientific Name**

*Family Castoridae*  
*Family Aplodontiidae*

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Black-tailed Prairie Dog  
Brazilian Porcupine  
Crested Porcupine  
Prevost's Squirrel  
Red-rumped Agouti

*Cynomys ludovicianus*  
*Coendou prehensilis*  
*Hystrix cristata*  
*Callosciurus prevostii*  
*Dasyprocta aguti*

**Sea Cows (Sirenia)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Sirenia (Sea Cows)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Sirenia*

**Sloths and Anteaters (Pilosa)**

**Common Name**

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth  
Southern Tamandua

**Scientific Name**

*Choloepus hoffmanni*  
*Tamandua tetradactyla*

**Whales, Dolphins, And Porpoises (Cetacea)**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Cetacea (Whales, Dolphins, And Porpoises)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Cetacea*

**Reptiles (Reptilia) -Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Crocodylians (Crocodilia) Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Order Crocodilia (Crocodylians)

**Scientific Name**

*Order Crocodilia*

**Lizards (Sauria) - Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Helodermatidae (Beaded Lizards)  
Grand Cayman Blue Iguana

**Scientific Name**

*Family Helodermatidae*  
*Cyclura nubila lewisi*

**Snakes (Serpentes) - Captive Bred Origin Only**

**Common Name**

All Species in Family Elapidae (Cobras, Coral Snakes, Elapids, Kraits)  
All Species in Family Viperidae (Vipers)  
All Species in Genus Eunectes  
Amethystine Python  
Atlantic Salt Marsh Snake  
Brown Treesnake  
Eastern indigo snake  
Indian Python  
Isla Todos Santos King Snake  
Jamaican Boa  
Louisiana Pine Snake  
Northern African Rock Python  
Puerto Rican Boa  
Reticulated Python  
Scrub Python  
Southern African Rock Python

**Scientific Name**

*Family Elapidae*  
  
*Family Viperidae*  
*Eunectes spp.*  
*Morelia amethystina*  
*Nerodia clarkii*  
*Boiga irregularis*  
*Drymarchon corais couperi*  
*Python molurus*  
*Lampropeltis herrerae*  
*Chilabothrus subflavus*  
*Pituophis ruthveni*  
*Python sebae*  
*Chilabothrus inornatus*  
*Python reticulatus*  
*Morelia kinghorni*  
*Python natalensis*

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**Turtles and Tortoises (*Testudines*)**

**Captive Bred Origin Only; must be a minimum 4" diameter.**

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**Common Name**

Chinese softshell turtle  
Common Box Turtle  
Gopher Tortoise  
Gulf Coast Box Turtle  
Pond Slider  
Red-eared Slider  
Three-toed Box Turtle

**Scientific Name**

*Pelodiscus sinensis*  
*Terrapene carolina*  
*Gopherus polyphemus*  
*Terrapene carolina major*  
*Trachemys scripta*  
*Trachemys scripta elegans*  
*Terrapene carolina triunguis*