



Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area



Northumberland - Montour - Columbia Counties

► **New Regulations protecting Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas (WPRA)**

The PA Game Commission passed the following regulations to protect wild pheasants.

1. **It is unlawful to release pen-raised pheasants any time within any WPRA.**
2. **It is unlawful to train dogs in any manner from the end of the late small game season, in early February, to July 31 within any WPRA.**
3. **Season and Bag Limits-There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any WPRA.**

Project Details

- ◆ Wild Ring-necked Pheasants from western states were released in Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties in 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- ◆ The pheasants were released on private farms in undisturbed grasses and brushy cover.
- ◆ **If you see pheasants, especially hens and chicks, please let us know.**
- ◆ Some of the hen pheasants are wearing radio collars. Pheasants Forever and Game Commission biologists are tracking the hens to monitor their survival.
- ◆ Brood Surveys, Crowing Counts and Flushing Surveys will also be conducted to monitor the pheasants. **Volunteers are welcome to help with Brood Surveys and Flushing Surveys.**

Tips to help make this a successful Wild Pheasant Recovery Area

- ◆ Please keep domestic pets, including both cats and dogs, out of the wild pheasant habitat.
- ◆ **If you find a dead wild pheasant, please call the phone number on the leg band.**
- ◆ If you think there is an active wild pheasant nest on your land, please don't disturb it. Please call us if you have questions about what you can do to protect a nest site.
- ◆ Avoid mowing or harvesting grassy and brushy habitat including roadside shoulders, ditches, grass waterways, hedgerows, stream buffers, and hay fields during the primary nesting and brood rearing season (April 1 to July 31).
- ◆ For alfalfa fields, cutting as early as possible (April 24- May 4) will help keep pheasants from nesting there by removing potential nesting cover.
- ◆ The success of this project relies on the availability of secure habitat. If you would like to find out ways you can create or enhance pheasant habitat, contact one of the project partners below.

If you have QUESTIONS, please call us.

Colleen DeLong	PGC / Pheasants Forever	570-259-0348
Lynn Appelman	Pheasants Forever	570-490-3997
Shon Robbins	Pheasants Forever	570-925-5870
Keith Sanford	PA Game Commission	570-675-1143
Kevin Wenner	PA Game Commission	570-675-1143

THANK YOU!