



## Wild Turkey and Ruffed Grouse Observation Survey

Thank you for your interest in participating in the annual summer wild turkey and ruffed grouse observational survey. This survey has been ongoing in Virginia since the early 2000s and is one of our best indicators of turkey and grouse reproduction statewide. Please see below for survey instructions. For more information or questions you can contact: Katie Martin, Deer-Bear-Turkey Biologist: ([Katie.martin@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:Katie.martin@dwr.virginia.gov))

### Survey Instructions:

- 1) Survey time period is July 1-August 31
- 2) Record all observations of turkeys or grouse that you see during the survey time period. Record the date and county in which the observation was made along with the number of birds for each category (see attached datasheet for categories).
- 3) Try to avoid recording duplicate sightings (if you see the same 3 birds in your yard every day please only record those once).
- 4) Record each unique observation on a separate data line
  - a. Example: At 10am on 7/2/2021 you see a group of 4 gobblers and 3 hens in Appomattox County. Record this all on one data line. At 1PM you see a single hen plus 8 turkey poults in Appomattox County. This observation would be recorded on a separate line from your first observation at 10AM.
- 5) If possible, record the number of turkeys and grouse observed by sex and age (see attached datasheet for categories). If unknown, record observations in the unknown category.
- 6) Please submit all completed surveys back to Katie Martin by Labor Day through the following methods:
  - a. Scan and email to Katie Martin ([Katie.martin@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:Katie.martin@dwr.virginia.gov))
  - b. Mail surveys to Katie Martin at 107 Foxwood Drive, Farmville, VA 23901
- 7) Only record observations from Virginia.

