

**571—96.9(481A) Small game hunting by falconry.**

**96.9(1)** In addition to the falconry permit, a falconer must have all other licenses, stamps, and permits required by law. A falconry observer is not required to be licensed for hunting, but an observer shall not assist in the hunt.

**96.9(2)** No falconer or observer may possess a long gun, bow, or crossbow while in the field with a raptor or in the act of falconry.

**96.9(3)** Seasons.

*a. Pheasant (both sexes), quail, gray partridge, ruffed grouse, and jackrabbit.* The season for the taking of pheasant, quail, gray partridge, ruffed grouse, and jackrabbit is October 1 of each year through March 31 of the following year.

*b. Cottontail rabbit and squirrel.* The season for the taking of cottontail rabbits and squirrels is September 1 of each year through March 31 of the following year.

**96.9(4)** Limits.

*a. Pheasants (both sexes) and jackrabbit.* The daily limit is two pheasants, no more than one of which may be a hen, and one jackrabbit; the possession limit is four pheasants and two jackrabbits.

*b. Quail, gray partridge, ruffed grouse, squirrels and cottontail rabbit.* The daily limit is two quail, two gray partridge, two ruffed grouse, four cottontail rabbits and four squirrels; the possession limit is four quail, four gray partridge, four ruffed grouse, eight cottontail rabbits, and eight squirrels.

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