



Department of the Interior  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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**Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form**

**Return to:** Division of Management Authority (DMA)  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 212  
Arlington, VA 22203  
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

**Type of Activity:**  
**IMPORT OF BIRDS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR  
ZOOLOGICAL BREEDING AND DISPLAY (WBCA)**

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C, see instructions for details.  
**See attached instruction pages for information on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays.**

<b>A. Complete if applying as an individual</b>			
1.a. Last name	1.b. First name	1.c. Middle name or initial	1.d. Suffix
2. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Social Security No.	4. Occupation	5. Affiliation/ Doing business as (see instructions)
6.a. Telephone number	6.b. Alternate telephone number	6.c. Fax number	6.d. E-mail address

<b>B. Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, tribe, or institution</b>			
1.a. Name of business, agency, tribe, or institution		1.b. Doing business as (dba)	
2. Tax identification no.		3. Description of business, agency, tribe, or institution	
4.a. Principal officer Last name	4.b. Principal officer First name	4.c. Principal officer Middle name/ initial	4.d. Suffix
5. Principal officer title		6. Primary contact	
7.a. Business telephone number	7.b. Alternate telephone number	7.c. Business fax number	7.d. Business e-mail address

<b>C. All applicants complete address information</b>				
1.a. Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes)				
1.b. City	1.c. State	1.d. Zip code/Postal code:	1.e. County/Province	1.f. Country
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)				
2.b. City	2.c. State	2.d. Zip code/Postal code:	2.e. County/Province	2.f. Country

<b>D. All applicants MUST complete</b>	
1.	Attach check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE <b>in the amount of \$100</b> . Federal, tribal, State, and local government agencies, and those acting on behalf of such agencies, are exempt from the processing fee – <i>attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions</i> . (50 CFR 13.11(d))
2.	Do you currently have or have you ever had any Federal Fish and Wildlife permits? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, list the number of the most current permit you have held or that you are applying to renew/re-issue: _____ No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in <b>Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations</b> and the other <b>applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50</b> , and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.
<hr/> Signature ( <b>in blue ink</b> ) of applicant/person responsible for permit (No photocopied or stamped signatures) <span style="float: right;">Date of signature (mm/dd/yyyy)</span>	

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## **E. IMPORT OF BIRDS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR ZOOLOGICAL BREEDING AND DISPLAY (WBCA)**

Please provide the following information. Complete all questions on the application. Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A". Given the length of many of your responses, please use a separate sheet of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you are submitting, please indicate the number of the application question you are addressing. In addition, if applying to import multiple birds, be sure to indicate which bird is being addressed in each response.

### **Part I. For each SPECIES/SPECIMEN, provide:**

1. Scientific name (i.e., genus, species, and if applicable, subspecies) and common name
2. Quantity
3. Hatch date or age class
4. Sex (if known)
5. State whether, at the time of the application, the bird is:
  - a. still in the wild;
  - b. has already been removed from the wild; or
  - c. was born in captivity.
6. If the bird is **still in the wild or was taken from the wild**, include:
  - a. The country and specific location where the removal will occur or occurred;
  - b. Date specimen was removed from the wild or will be removed;
  - c. A description of the status of the wild population of the species in the region of removal; and
  - c. A copy of all foreign collecting permits or authorizing letters from the proper government authority allowing the collection of the bird.
7. If the bird was **captive-bred**, include:
  - a. International Species Inventory System (ISIS) report; or
  - b. A signed statement from the breeder containing the scientific and common name certifying that the bird(s) was/were hatched and bred by the breeder, including the name and address of the breeder, hatch date, and the identity and location of the parental birds; **AND**
  - c. Documentation showing how the bird was acquired including the history of transactions (chain of ownership), if applicable.

### **Part II. Facility information.**

8. List all facilities that will be receiving birds from this shipment, either immediately after importation or within the next year. If you are unsure of which facilities may be receiving birds (e.g., SSP has not made final decision), please indicate likely candidates and the mechanism that will be used to determine recipient facilities.
9. For each facility listed in question 8, provide:
  - a. a description of husbandry practices;
  - b. Photos and detailed description (no blue prints, please) of current facility, including dimensions of enclosures for the birds intended for import and the number of birds to be housed in each.

**Part III. Purpose of Import (Scientific research or Zoological breeding and display)**

- 10. If the purpose is for scientific research, include:
  - a. Research proposal including formal research protocol with timetable;
  - b. If research includes the production of progeny, include a full justification for the breeding;
  - b. The relationship of such research to the conservation of the species in the wild;
  - c. A discussion of possible alternatives and efforts to obtain birds from other sources within the U.S.;
  - d. The disposition of the imported birds and any progeny upon completion of the research project; and
  - e. Qualifications of the personnel, within each facility receiving birds, conducting the research and caring for the birds (brief curricula vitae are acceptable).
  
- 11. If the purpose is for **zoological breeding and display**, for **each** facility receiving birds, include:
  - a. A history of the zoological facility's breeding programs with the same or similar species, including:
    - i. Participation in any cooperative breeding programs;
    - ii. Breeding and inventory records for the last two years, including hatching, survival, and mortality records;
    - iii. Plans for developing or maintaining a self-sustaining population of the exotic bird species in captivity;
    - iv. Causes of any previous mortalities and corrections to prevent future mortalities.
  - b. The relationship of the zoological breeding and display program to the conservation of the species in the wild;
  - c. The education program provided to the public on the ecology and/or conservation status of the species;
  - d. The number of visitors the facility receives annually;
  - e. A discussion of possible alternatives and efforts to obtain birds from other sources within the U.S.; and
  - f. Plans for disposition of the birds and any progeny.

**Part IV. Transportation**

- 12. The transport conditions must comply with the CITES Guidelines for Transport of Live Animals or, in the case of air transport, with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) live animal regulations (contact airline for information). As such, describe:
  - a. The type, size, and construction of any shipping container; and
  - b. The arrangements for watering or otherwise caring for the wildlife during transport.
  
- 13. Provide the U.S. port through which the import will occur.  
(All wildlife, including parts and products, must be declared to and inspected by a Wildlife Inspector from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from [http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/Contact\\_Info\\_Ports.htm](http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/Contact_Info_Ports.htm).)

**Part V. General Information**

- 14. Provide the address where you wish permit mailed (if different than page 1).  
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- 15. If you wish the permit to be sent to you by means other than regular mail, provide an air bill, pre-paid envelope, or billing information.  
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- 16. Who within your organization should we contact if we have questions about the application? (Include name, phone number, and email).  
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## PERMIT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to an application for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or CITES permit. The General Permit Procedures in 50 CFR 13 address the permitting process. For simplicity, all licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates are referred to as a permit.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete all blocks/lines/questions in Sections A or B, C, D, and E.
- **An incomplete application may cause delays in processing or may be returned to the applicant. Be sure you are filling in the appropriate application form for the proposed activity.**
- Print clearly or type in the information. Illegible applications may cause delays.
- Sign the application in [blue ink](#). Faxes or copies of the original signature will not be accepted.
- Mail the original application to the address at the top of page one of the application or if applicable on the attached address list.
- **Keep a copy of your completed application.**
- **Please plan ahead. Allow at least 60 days for your application to be processed. Some applications may take longer than 90 days to process. (50 CFR 13.11)**
- Applications are processed in the order they are received.
- Additional forms and instructions are available from <http://permits.fws.gov/>.

### COMPLETE EITHER SECTION A OR SECTION B:

#### Section A. Complete if applying as an individual:

- Enter the complete name of the responsible individual who will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Enter personal information that identifies the applicant. ***Fax and e-mail are not required if not available.***
- If you are applying on behalf of a client, the personal information must pertain to the client, and a document evidencing power of attorney must be included with the application.
- **Affiliation/ Doing business as (dba):** business, agency, organizational, tribe, or institutional affiliation *directly* related to the activity requested in the application (e.g., a taxidermist is an individual whose business can *directly* relate to the requested activity). The Division of Management Authority (DMA) will **not** accept *doing business as* affiliations for individuals.

#### Section B. Complete if applying as a business, corporation, public agency, tribe, or institution:

- Enter the complete name of the business, agency, tribe, or institution that will be the permittee if a permit is issued. Give a brief description of the type of business the applicant is engaged in. Provide contact phone number(s) of the business.
- **Principal Officer** is the person in charge of the listed business, corporation, public agency, tribe, or institution. The principal officer is the person responsible for the application and any permitted activities. Often the principal officer is a Director or President. **Primary Contact** is the person at the business, corporation, public agency, or institution who will be available to answer questions about the application or permitted activities. Often this is the preparer of the application.

### ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION C:

- For all applications submitted to the Division of Management Authority (DMA) a physical U.S. address is **required**. Province and Country blocks are provided for those USFWS programs which use foreign addresses and are not required by DMA..
- **Mailing address** is address where communications from USFWS should be mailed if different than applicant's physical address.

### ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE SECTION D:

#### Section D.1 Application processing fee:

- An application processing fee is required at the time of application; unless exempted under 50 CFR13.11(d)(3). The application processing fee is assessed to partially cover the cost of processing a request. **The fee does not guarantee the issuance of a permit. Fees will not be refunded for applications that are approved, abandoned, or denied.** We may return fees for withdrawn applications prior to any significant processing occurring.
- **Documentation of fee exempt status is not required for Federal, tribal, State, or local government agencies; but must be supplied by those applicants acting on behalf of such agencies.** Those applicants acting on behalf of such agencies must submit a letter on agency letterhead and signed by the head of the unit of government for which the applicant is acting on behalf, confirming that the applicant will be carrying out the permitted activity for the agency.

#### Section D.2 Federal Fish and Wildlife permits:

- List the number(s) of your most current FWS or CITES permit or the number of the most recent permit if none are currently valid. If applying for re-issuance of a CITES permit, the original permit must be returned with this application.

#### Section D.3 CERTIFICATION:

- **The individual identified in Section A, the principal officer named in Section B, or person with a valid power of attorney (documentation must be included in the application) must sign and date the application in blue ink.** This signature binds the applicant to the statement of certification. This means that you certify that you have read and understand the regulations that apply to the permit. You also certify that everything included in the application is true to the best of your knowledge. Be sure to read the statement and re-read the application and your answers before signing.

**APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT**  
**Paperwork Reduction Act, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act – Notices**

**In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised:**

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:  
(Authorizing statutes can be found at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html> and <http://www.fws.gov/permits/ltr/ltr.html>)
  - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22;
  - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50CFR 17;
  - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21;
  - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et. seq.*), 50 CFR 18;
  - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15;
  - f. Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16;
  - g. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), <http://www.cites.org/>, 50 CFR 23;
  - h. General Provisions, 50 CFR 10;
  - i. General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and
  - j. Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.
2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request.  
We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.
3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
4. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual under the routine uses listed below, if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003)
  - a. Routine disclosure to subject matter experts, and Federal, tribal, State, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
  - b. Routine disclosure to the public as a result of publishing **Federal Register** notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
  - c. Routine disclosure to Federal, tribal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
  - d. Routine disclosure to Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
  - e. Routine disclosure to Federal, tribal, State, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
  - f. Routine disclosure to the Department of Justice, or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances.
  - g. Routine disclosure to the appropriate Federal, tribal, State, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
  - h. Routine disclosure to a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
  - i. Routine disclosure to the General Accounting Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
  - j. Routine disclosure to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for an Import of Birds for Scientific Research or Zoological Breeding and Display application is 2 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

**Freedom of Information Act – Notice**

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].