



**Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit
Application Package
(Valid for Northern Bobwhite and Scaled Quail Only)
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

This application package contains:

- (1) Applicant Information
- (2) Permit Application
- (3) Trap Site Information Form
- (4) Release Site Information Form

NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Required to be submitted to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January:

- completed Trap Site Information Form(s)
- completed Release Site Information Form(s)

Must be submitted:

- completed Permit Application
- \$750.00 per release site application processing fee (temporary checks are not acceptable)

All items should be submitted together for final approval. Incomplete final application packets will not be processed. Applications are processed in the order received. Complete applications received by November 15 are guaranteed to be processed within 45 days. **DO NOT include a copy of your Wildlife Management Plan with your application.**

- **An approved TPWD Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) is required for all release sites.** Wildlife Management Plans can be prepared by landowners, their agents, professional biologists, or TPWD personnel (as time allows). **The WMP must be approved by a TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to submitting your application.** Release sites will be inspected by TPWD prior to permit issuance to determine if the native habitat on release sites can support additional quail.
- **Trap Site Forms and Release Site Forms** must be approved by authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologists prior to submission.

Send completed application packet to:
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Big Game Program - Wildlife Permits Office
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, TX 78744



Trap, Transport & Transplant Permit Northern Bobwhite and Scaled Quail Applicant Information

This information page contains a summary of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) regulations concerning permits to Trap, Transport, and Transplant Game Animals and Game Birds as they pertain to northern bobwhite and scaled quail.

(Colinus virginianus and Callipepla squamata)

PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT – Permits to trap, transport, and transplant northern bobwhite and scaled quail may be issued to individuals for the purpose of wildlife management.

TRAPPING METHODS – The majority of relocation operations will utilize walk-in funnel traps. Other methods may be approved if the applicant is qualified and can demonstrate that use of the technique will not be detrimental to birds being trapped.

CONDITIONS FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE – Applications for permits to relocate quail will be thoroughly reviewed on a case by case basis. All proposed release sites must have a current Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist. Applications may be denied if the proposed activity may detrimentally affect the population status on adjacent properties, if the proposed activities may detrimentally affect the resource, or if the proposed release site is outside of the suitable range of that species of quail. All proposed relocation operations must comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Stocking Policy, which stipulates that prospective release sites shall have suitable natural habitat capable of sustaining the birds stocked.

PERMIT CONDITIONS – Northern bobwhite and scaled quail may only be relocated between October 1 and March 15. All persons named on a permit are permittees, and are therefore responsible for all activities conducted under the authority of the permit. At least one permittee must be present during each phase of a relocation operation. The Supervisory Permittee (permit applicant) or a sub-permittee must contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Communications Center at (512) 389-4848 between 12 and 48 hours prior to each attempt to trap, transport, and release quail. Each trailer or other vehicle used to transport quail must be marked on the rear surface with the inscription "TTT." The inscription must be at least 6 inches tall and 3 inches wide. Permittees must make reasonable efforts to ensure safe and humane handling of trapped birds and to reduce human health and safety hazards in every stage of a relocation operation. Trap sites within incorporated areas and those which may pose a human health and safety hazard must be marked as such. Relocated quail may be marked for later recognition with appropriate patagial tags or leg bands. Northern bobwhite and scaled quail may not be sold, bartered, or otherwise exchanged for anything of value. Quail may not be relocated into breeding facilities or enclosed pens. Additional conditions may be specified on the permit. Relocation operations should only be attempted by those with the expertise to safely and efficiently conduct the operation. Applications will be reviewed by Upland Game Bird Program staff and must meet the protocols outlined in the [Upland Game Bird Management Handbook](#).

TRAP & RELEASE SITE INFORMATION FORMS – For each ranch where birds are to be trapped or released, the applicant must submit an appropriate Trap Site Information Form(s) and Release Site Information Form(s) to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. The information submitted will be used by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to assess the current status of habitat, wildlife resources, and potential competition on ranches proposed for removal/addition of quail.

RELEASE SITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN – A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be approved and on file for each proposed release site. The Wildlife Management Plan must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to application for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit. To obtain your TPWD Wildlife Biologist's contact information, please call the Wildlife Division District Leader for your county. After clicking on the link below to select the appropriate county, the District Leader contact information appears on that page. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Wildlife Permits office at (512) 389-8212 to obtain District Leader contact information.

[Find a Biologist by County](#)

FEES AND AMENDMENTS – The application processing fee for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit is \$750 per release site. The processing fee for amending an existing permit (adding trap sites, increasing the number of birds, etc.) is \$30; however, additional release sites require an additional fee of \$750 per release site. **Application processing fees are not refundable.**

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE – A daily log of permitted activities must be maintained by the Supervisory Permittee. This log must be made available to game wardens upon request. A financial disclosure statement must be completed and signed by the owner (or full-time employee) of the trap site, the trapper, and the owner (or full-time employee) of the release site for each trap site/release site combination each time quail are transported. This statement must accompany each shipment of quail. An activity report which summarizes the relocation operation must be submitted, along with all financial disclosure statements, within 30 days following permit expiration.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – An applicant for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit must follow these steps: **(1) complete and submit Trap Site and Release Site Form(s) to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January;** (2) complete and sign the application; (3) submit all forms and the application processing fee to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Complete applications received by November 15 are guaranteed to be processed within 45 days.

Please note: Trap Site Form(s) must be completed for each specific location where quail will be trapped (each form must be signed by the landowner or landowner's agent). Release Site Form(s) must be completed for each specific location where quail will be released (each form must be signed by the landowner or landowner's agent). **An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be on file for each release site.** Trap Site and Release Site forms may be approved in the field; contact your TPWD Wildlife Biologist for details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – If you have additional questions regarding permits to Trap, Transport, and Transplant Game Animals and Game Birds, please contact Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-792-1112 (an electronic menu system will answer the 800 phone line. Within the menu system, select Menu 5 [Wildlife], Choice 1 [Wildlife Information]).

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.



Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit Application

(Valid for Northern Bobwhite or Scaled Quail Only)

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Applicant Name: _____
 *Social Security No.: _____
 Driver's License No.: _____
 Ranch/Business Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers (with Area Codes)

Home: _____
 Ranch: _____
 Office: _____
 Mobile: _____
 Fax: _____
 Email: _____

2. TRAP & RELEASE SITE INFORMATION:

Quail species (northern bobwhite or scaled) to be relocated: _____
 Number of ranches (sites) where quail will be trapped: _____
 Number of ranches (sites) where quail will be released: _____
 Number of quail to be relocated: _____ Total: _____

3. TRAPPING METHODS:

The following trapping methods will be used:

Walk-In Trap
 Other Specify: _____

Quail will be transported by:
 Truck/Trailer
 Other Specify: _____

Quail will be transported in:
 Ventilated Cardboard Boxes Dimensions: _____
 Other Specify: _____

4. EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS: Briefly describe the permittee's and sub-permittees' experience with trapping, handling, and relocating wild northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail.

* State law requires that applicants provide their Social Security number on all permit applications. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may only release this information to agencies operating under the provisions of Parts A and D of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 601-617 and 651-699).

5. SUB-PERMITTEES: List the names and telephone numbers of all individuals that will be authorized to conduct trapping, transporting, and transplanting activities. The Supervisory Permittee (permit applicant), or at least one individual named below must be present during all permitted activities. All permittees are responsible for activities conducted under the authority of the permit. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

1. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

3. Name: _____ Telephone Number with Area Code: _____

Driver's License # and State: _____ *Social Security #: _____

6. TRAP SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Submit a completed Trap Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where quail will be trapped to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If quail will be trapped from more than one pasture within a ranch, a separate Trap Site Information Form must be submitted for each pasture. Each of these forms must be signed by the landowner or an agent specifically designated by the landowner.

7. RELEASE SITE INFORMATION FORM(S): Attach a completed Release Site Information Form for each ranch (site) where quail will be released to the local TPWD Wildlife Biologist by the first business day in January. If quail will be released into more than one pasture within a ranch, a separate Release Site Information Form must be submitted for each pasture. Each of these forms must be signed by the landowner or an agent specifically designated by the landowner.

8. RELEASE SITE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: An approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be on file for each release site. Release site Wildlife Management Plans must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist **prior** to application for a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit. Do not submit copies of Wildlife Management Plans with this permit application.

9. APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE: Include a check or money order for **\$750 per release site made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**. This application processing fee **is not refundable**.

10. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: The information provided on this application and any supplemental materials is true and correct. I understand that falsifying information on this application or supplemental materials will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also agree that if a Trap, Transport, and Transplant permit is issued pursuant to this application I will abide by all Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations, and all conditions specifically listed on the permit. I understand that quail captured and/or released pursuant to Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations may not be sold or bartered. I further understand that all individuals and/or companies named on this application and supplemental materials will be fully responsible for the disposition of all quail captured until they are released onto their approved release site.

Applicant Name (Print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date signed: _____

11. MAIL: Completed application, associated materials and a check or money order for **\$750.00 per release site** made payable to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (do not include a copy of your Wildlife Management Plan) to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Big Game Program – Wildlife Permits Office
4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED



Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Trap Site Information Form

Northern Bobwhite or Scaled Quail

(Supplement to Application for Trap, Transport, and Transplant Permit)

SUBMIT TO LOCAL TPWD WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN JANUARY

INSTRUCTIONS: A copy of this form must be completed for each ranch where northern bobwhite or scaled quail are to be trapped. If quail will be trapped from a specific pasture within the ranch, pasture information (section 3, below) MUST be provided. If quail will be trapped from more than one pasture, a copy of this form must be submitted for each separate pasture. Several questions on this form refer to "ranch/pasture." If the trap site is a specific pasture, include information only for that specific pasture. If the trap site is the entire ranch, include information for the entire ranch.

1. RANCH INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Ranch Name: _____ Nearest City/Town: _____
Total Acreage: _____ Direction from Town: _____
Majority County: _____ Miles from Town: _____
Additional Counties: _____ On Highway/Road: _____

Is this ranch surrounded by a high fence? (check one) [] YES [] NO

2. RANCH OWNERSHIP INFORMATION:

Telephone numbers with area codes:

Owner Name: _____ Home: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Business: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Ranch: _____
Mobile: _____

3. PASTURE INFORMATION (Complete this section if quail will be trapped from a specific pasture):

Pasture Name: _____
Pasture Acreage: _____
Location within Ranch: _____

Is pasture surrounded by a high fence? (check one) [] YES [] NO

4. HABITAT INFORMATION: Describe the type of vegetation found on this ranch/pasture (e.g., mesquite, mixed brush, oak forest, etc.).

5. HABITAT MANAGEMENT: Describe management practices that have been applied to this ranch/pasture, when they were applied, and how many acres were involved in each practice (e.g., root plowing, roto-chopping, prescribed burning, food plots, etc.).

6. HARVEST HISTORY: Enter the number of northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail harvested on this ranch/pasture during the last three seasons. Include the number of quail taken so far this year.

	2 Years ago	Last year	This season
Adult Males:	_____	_____	_____
Juvenile Males:	_____	_____	_____
Adult Females:	_____	_____	_____
Juvenile Females:	_____	_____	_____

7. POPULATION MANAGEMENT: What management practices have been applied to the quail population on this ranch/pasture and when were they applied (e.g., sport hunting, trapping, etc).

8. POPULATION SUMMARY: List information for the specific ranch where quail are to be trapped. If trapping will be conducted in a specific pasture, list information specific to that pasture.

Current northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail density estimate: _____ acres per quail
 Adult Sex Ratio: _____ females per male
 Average brood size: _____ young per hen
 Average covey size: _____
 How were these estimates obtained? (Roadside count, etc.): _____
 When were these estimates obtained? (Specific date): _____

9. LIVESTOCK: How many domestic livestock (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, etc.) are grazing this ranch/pasture? What grazing system is used (continuous, rotational, etc.)?

10. EXOTICS: Are exotics kept on this ranch? If so, what species and how many of each species (e.g., Emu, Ostrich, etc.)?

11. NORTHERN BOBWHITE AND SCALED QUAIL TRAPPING INFORMATION:

Number of quail to be trapped from this ranch/pasture _____ Total: _____

What ranch (or ranches) will receive these quail? If more than one ranch is to receive these quail, how many will go to each ranch?

12. MANDATORY FIELD APPROVAL: This form must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to forwarding to TPWD for processing. I APPROVE THE TRAPPING ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THIS TRAP SITE FORM.

TPWD Wildlife
Biologist Name: _____ Signature: _____
Title: _____ District: _____ Date: _____

13. LANDOWNER/AGENT CERTIFICATION:

By my signature, I certify that I am the landowner of the above described property or a specifically authorized agent for the landowner. I also certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize the removal of northern bobwhite or scaled quail from the property as described in this form. I understand that falsifying information on this form will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also understand that quail captured pursuant to Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations may not be sold or bartered, and that I am responsible for activities conducted under the authority of the permit.

Signature: _____ Owner Agent Date: _____



Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Release Site Information Form
Northern Bobwhite or Scaled Quail

(Supplement to Application for Trap, Transport and Transplant Permit)

SUBMIT TO LOCAL TPWD WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN JANUARY

INSTRUCTIONS: A copy of this form must be completed for each ranch where northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail are to be released. If quail will be released into a specific pasture within the ranch, pasture information (section 3, below) MUST be provided. If quail will be released into more than one pasture, a copy of this form must be submitted for each separate pasture. Several questions on this form refer to "ranch/pasture." If the release site is a specific pasture, include information only for that specific pasture. If the release site is the entire ranch, include information for the entire ranch. Do not submit a copy of your approved Wildlife Management Plan with this application.

1. RANCH INFORMATION: (please print legibly)

Ranch Name: _____ Nearest City/Town: _____
Total Acreage: _____ Direction from Town: _____
Majority County: _____ Miles from Town: _____
Additional Counties: _____ On Highway/Road: _____

Is this ranch surrounded by a high fence? (check one) [] YES [] NO

2. RANCH OWNERSHIP INFORMATION:

Telephone Numbers with area codes:

Owner Name: _____ Home: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Business: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Ranch: _____
Mobile: _____

3. PASTURE INFORMATION (Complete this section if quail will be released into a specific pasture):

Pasture Name: _____
Pasture Acreage: _____
Location within Ranch: _____

Is this pasture surrounded by a high fence? (check one) [] YES [] NO

4. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN: A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Wildlife Management Plan must be approved and on file for this release site to be approved.

Name of individual who prepared plan: _____
Name of TPWD Wildlife Biologist who approved plan: _____

5. HABITAT MANAGEMENT: Identify which of the following treatments have been applied to the release site. For each treatment, identify the number of acres treated and which years the treatment was applied during the past 5 years.

Practice	Description	Acres Impacted	Year(s) and Season
Root Plow			
Roller Chopper/Aerator			
Prescribed Fire			
Discing			
Dozing/Chaining			
Shredding			
Herbicide			
Cedar Control			
Clearcutting/Seed Tree Cut			
Timber Thinning			

Water Development	Number of Sites: _____	Describe: _____
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Describe management practices (use back of this application if more room is needed): _____

6. EXOTICS: List species and numbers of exotic game animals present on this release site (Emu, Ostrich, etc.) If no exotics are present, write "none."

7. LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

Number of Livestock: Cattle: _____
 Sheep: _____
 Goats: _____
 Other: _____ Describe: _____

Grazing System (Check one): Continuous Deferred

8. QUAIL POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND SPECIAL PERMIT USE: Complete the following information for the proposed release site for the last 3 years.

	Past Season		2 Years Ago		3 Years Ago	
	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile
Recommended Harvest:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Actual Recreational Harvest:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trap, Transport and Transplant permits (Quail Removed):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trap, Transport and Transplant permits (Quail Released):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

9. CURRENT QUAIL POPULATION SUMMARY: List information for the specific ranch where quail are to be released. If quail will be released into a specific pasture, list information for that pasture.

Current northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail density estimate: _____ acres per quail
Adult Sex Ratio: _____ females per male
Average brood size: _____ young per hen
How were these estimates obtained? (Roadside count, etc.): _____
When were these estimates obtained? (Specific date): _____

10. NORTHERN BOBWHITE AND/OR SCALED QUAIL RELEASE INFORMATION:

Number of quail to be released onto this ranch: _____ Total: _____

What ranch (or ranches) will these quail be trapped from? If these quail will be trapped from more than one ranch, how many will be trapped on each ranch?

11. MANDATORY FIELD APPROVAL: This form must be approved by an authorized TPWD Wildlife Biologist prior to forwarding to TPWD for processing. I APPROVE THE RELEASE SITE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THIS RELEASE SITE FORM.

TPWD Wildlife
Biologist Name: _____ Signature: _____
Title: _____ District: _____ Date: _____

12. LANDOWNER/AGENT CERTIFICATION:

By my signature, I certify that I am the landowner of the above described property or a specifically authorized agent for the landowner. I also certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I authorize the release of northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail onto the property described in this form. I understand that falsifying information on this form will be cause for permit denial or revocation. I also understand that northern bobwhite and/or scaled quail captured pursuant to Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations may not be sold or bartered, and that I am responsible for activities conducted under the authority of the permit.

Signature: _____ Owner Agent Date: _____