MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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2026-2027 Archery Hunter Survey
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife & Heritage Service

Dear Archery Hunter,

Archery season starts September 11th! If you would, please consider helping the Department of Natural Resources with our annual archery hunter survey. We have been collecting archery hunter observation data for over a decade and are tracking population trends for our more popular wildlife species. Continued participation by archers (using vertical bows or crossbows) is critical to the success of this survey. The observations that archery hunters across the state record while pursuing their favorite pastime can be used as a powerful tool to effectively monitor Maryland's wildlife populations. There is no substitute for the vast amount of data that is provided every year. Archery hunters annually report approximately 15,000 wildlife observations, including many deer. The survey is even more valuable for species like furbearers that are much harder to observe and determine population trends. Therefore, we ask that you continue to participate in this important survey by taking the time to document information about your archery hunts. This information will contribute greatly to the conservation and management of wildlife in Maryland.

On the reverse side of this page you will find a survey form for you to record information about your daily archery hunts. It is important that all information be filled out for each hunt. Please ensure that the date and time of each hunt is recorded; without this information we cannot analyze any additional data about that hunt. We ask that you complete the survey in accordance with the instructions found below. **Please include your DNRid number at the bottom of the form.** If additional forms are needed, feel free to photocopy this form or download it at http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/bhsurvey.aspx.

Thank you for your valuable efforts on behalf of Maryland's wildlife resources!

Sincerely,

Joshua Tabora

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Furbearer Biologist
Wildlife & Heritage Service

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Instructions

1. Record the date of each individual hunt you participated in.
2. Record the number of hours of each hunt. Your hunt ends when you return to your vehicle and/or leave the field.
3. Record the County of each hunt. If you hunted in more than 1 county during a calendar day, record each occurrence as a separate hunt.
4. Date, number of hours, and county are critical pieces of information for the survey. **Unfortunately, we will not be able to use any data for hunts where this information is missing, so please be sure to include it.**
5. Record yes or no to the questions concerning public land (any property owned by federal, state or local government), sika hunting, deer lure, cover scent, elevated stand, and bait.
6. Record the number of animals you observed during each hunt in the appropriate columns. Leave the columns blank if none of those animals were observed.
7. If you observed any wildlife species not listed on the form, please list the species and number observed in the last column.
8. Record your DNRid number and the number of questionnaires you have completed and are returning for this hunting season in the space provided. Additional forms can be downloaded at http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/bhsurvey.aspx, or photocopy this form. Fold the completed forms along the dotted lines and tape together where marked.
9. Please return this form by March 1, 2027. If you complete more than one form, mail them separately or together. Postage is prepaid, no additional stamps are required. **Please be sure the address section below is facing outward when mailing.**

Thanks again for your time, effort, and cooperation!

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2026-2027 Archery Hunter Survey Form

See instructions other side - please fill in email address, DNRid, and other information below

Date	Number of Hours Hunted	County of Hunt	Public Land? (Yes or No)	Hunting Sika Deer? (Yes or No)	Lure Used? (Yes or No)	Cover Scent Used? (Yes or No)	Elevated Stand Used? (Yes or No)	Bait Used? (Yes or No)	1. Deer (less than I year old) Whitetail = W, Sika = S	2. Deer (Bucks) Whitetail = W, Sika = S	3. Deer (Does) Whitetail = W, Sika = S	4. Deer (Sex Unknown) Whitetail = W, Sika = S	5. Muskrat	6. Nutria	7. Beaver	8. Weasel	9. Mink	10. Striped Skunk	11. Fisher	12. Otter	13. Gray Fox	14. Red Fox	15. Coyote	16. Opossum	17. Raccoon	18. Bobcat	19. Gray Squirrel	20. Eastern Fox Squirrel	21. Turkey	Other Species (grouse, bear, quail, rabbit, etc.)
9/8/26	5	Dorchester	No	No	yes	No	yes	yes	2W 1S		5W	Example									1			2			2		3	14 quail

DNRid Number: Name: Address: City/State/Zip: Number of forms completed:

Email address: