

SCDNR

LIVE LIFE OUTDOORS

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S WILD TURKEYS AND BOBWHITE QUAIL!

Join the Summer Wild Turkey and Quail Brood Survey • July 1 – August 31

⚠️ IMPORTANT TRANSITION NOTICE: *To help reverse declining participation and improve the overall experience, we are beginning a shift from paper surveys to a mobile-friendly online web app. As we transition, a paper survey will be available by request, and a printable survey will remain available on the SCDNR website. We encourage all participants to try the digital platform to support a smooth and successful transition.*

WHY YOUR OBSERVATIONS MATTER

Wildlife biologists use summer brood surveys to measure nest success and poult and chick survival (recruitment). This data directly impacts management plans, harvest strategies, and habitat conservation efforts across the state. **We cannot be everywhere at once – your eyes on the ground fill critical gaps!**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1. See Wild Turkeys or Quail (July 1 – August 31)**
- 2. Count and Classify (Gobbler, Hens, Poults or Quail and Chicks):** Note the composition of the flock.
- 3. Record the Location (County-level accuracy):** Note the date and the SC county.
- 4. Submit:** Due September 15th via instruction on the paper form or Survey123 (Fast online data entry)

Even if you see adult birds with ZERO poults or chicks, that data is vital!

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR OBSERVERS

WHAT TO RECORD	WHAT IT TELLS US	OBSERVER TIP
Hens with Poults or Quail with Chicks	Active reproductive and nesting success.	Count the exact number of poults or chicks if they are crossing a road or clear opening.
Hens WITHOUT Poults <i>or</i> Quail WITHOUT Chicks	Nonbreeding females Nonbreeding adult quail	Don't ignore them! 'Zero' counts are just as critical for accurate recruitment math.
Lone Gobblers / Groups	Adult population dynamics and male-to-female ratios.	Helps gauge the overall adult population heading into next year's spring season.



Scan this code with your smartphone camera to log your sightings instantly!

QUESTIONS?

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