

Connecticut Wild Turkey Program Report

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Introduction

The wild turkey is an important component of our state's wildlife diversity. The goal of the Connecticut Wild Turkey Management Program is to manage the wild turkey population at a level compatible with available habitat and various land uses, and to allow for a sustained yield of turkeys for use by state residents. Wild turkeys continue to be of moderate abundance throughout the state, providing the public with hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities.

During 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of new regulations created many challenges and some new opportunities for those who hunt wild turkeys in Connecticut. For many, the pandemic, due to teleworking or not working, provided more time to get outdoors. New regulations provided more hunting opportunity. During the spring season, new regulations allowed hunters to harvest 5 bearded turkeys in any combination of private and public land (former bag limits: 3 birds on private land; 2 birds on public land). In addition, spring hunting hours went from noon to a sunset closure. Bag limits for the fall firearms turkey hunting season also changed, allowing hunters to harvest 3 birds of either-sex in any combination of private and public lands (former bag limits: 2 birds on private land; 1 bird on public land). The combination of regulation changes and COVID-19 assisted with increasing hunting activity and harvest. Across all seasons from 2019 to 2020, harvest and permit totals increased. For some hunters, the regulation changes provided more opportunities and the pandemic provided more time to hunt.

Connecticut maintains three wild turkey hunting seasons, which include spring, fall archery, and fall firearms. For the majority of Connecticut's wild turkey hunters, spring is the most popular season, and for this reason, the 2020 spring season highlights are presented first, followed by the spring turkey hunter survey information, annual brood survey data, fall firearms season highlights, and fall archery season information.

2020 Spring Gobbler Season

Overall Results

The 40th annual statewide spring turkey season was open from April 29 – May 30, 2020. A total of 8,326 Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamps (RGBCS) were issued and 1,652 birds were harvested. The RGBSC issuance increased by 14.6% and harvest increased by 24.8% from the 2019 totals (Table 1 and 2).

In an effort to provide a quality turkey hunting experience for Connecticut's junior hunters (ages 12 to 15), the 16th annual Wild Turkey Junior Hunter Training Days took place from Saturday, April 18 to Saturday, April 25, 2020 (excluding Sunday, April 19). Participants harvested 92 wild turkeys, 44 more birds than the previous year. Junior Wild Turkey Hunter Training Days have been well received by all participants, both youth hunters and mentors.

Harvest by Town

At least one bird was taken from 154 of Connecticut's 169 towns (Figure 1, Appendix A). Twenty or more birds were taken from 20 towns and 30 or more birds were taken from three

towns. The towns of Woodstock (44), Lebanon (38), and Thompson (32) had the highest reported turkey harvest.

Table 1. Connecticut’s spring turkey hunter participation rate and estimated hunter numbers, 2019 and 2020.

Year	RGBCS	Participation Rate ³	Estimated Hunter Numbers
2019	7,260 ¹	75%	5,445
2020	8,326 ²	83%	6,911

¹ RGBCS issuance from 12/1/18 to 6/1/19

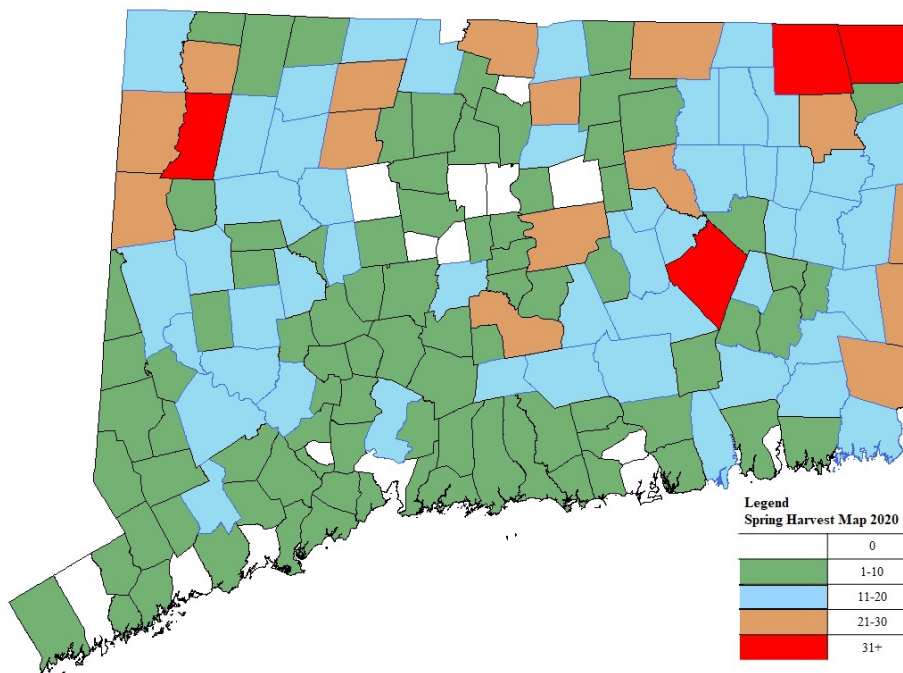
² RGBCS issuance from 12/1/19 to 6/1/20

³ Participation rates derived from the 2019 and 2020 Spring Turkey Hunter Surveys

Table 2. Connecticut’s spring turkey harvest on private and state lands, 2019 and 2020.

Land Type	Total Harvest		
	2019	2020	% Change
Private Land	1,052	1,350	+28.3%
State Land	272	302	+11.0%
Overall Total	1,324	1,652	+24.8%

Figure 1. Distribution of the 2020 spring turkey harvest in Connecticut.



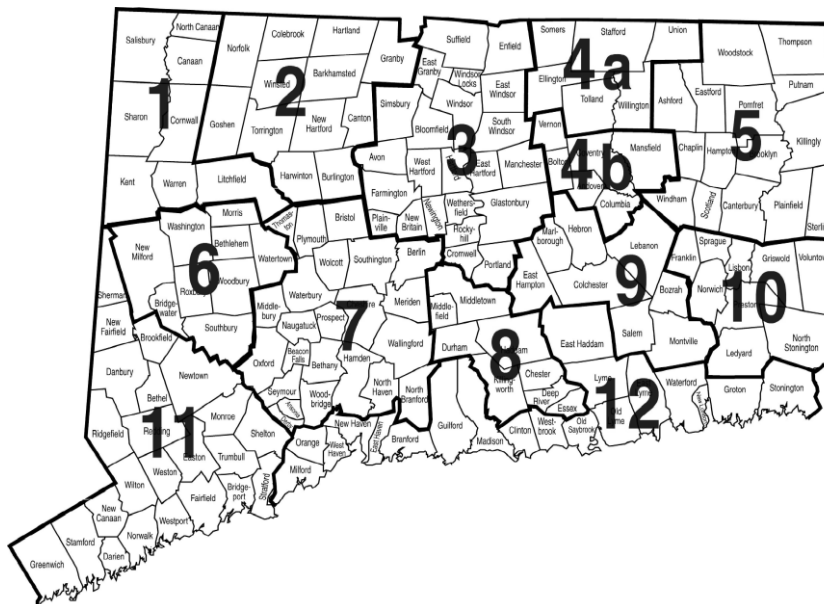
Zonal Harvest

Similar to 2019, the northeastern corner of the state (Turkey Management Zone 5) reported the highest harvest among Connecticut's 13 Turkey Management Zones (TMZs) during 2020 (Table 3, Figure 2). Prior to 2004, northwest Connecticut (Zone 1) had typically held this distinction. Zones 4A and 4B recorded the lowest harvest. Zones 7 and 12 showed the largest increase in harvest from 2019 to 2020. Although harvest was variable among zones, turkey populations exist in all zones and harvest is a function of hunter access and turkey densities.

Table 3. Turkeys harvested during the spring 2019 and 2020 seasons by Turkey Management Zone.

Zone	Harvest 2019	Harvest 2020	Percent Change
1	110	153	+39.1%
2	137	168	+22.6%
3	108	137	+26.9%
4A	69	76	+10.1%
4B	56	74	+32.1%
5	242	280	+15.7%
6	79	105	+32.9%
7	77	121	+57.1%
8	73	82	+12.3%
9	104	123	+18.3%
10	117	130	+11.1%
11	74	91	+23.0%
12	78	112	+43.6%
Total	1,324	1,652	+24.8%

Figure 2. Connecticut's 13 Turkey Management Zones, 2020.



Private and State Land Hunting

Private land accounted for the majority of the harvest (82%). Private land encompasses the largest amount of land, includes the best turkey habitat, and may have more experienced hunters with lower hunter densities than state land. Of the state-managed properties, Pachaug State Forest (34), Cockaponset State Forest (30), and Tunxis State Forest (18) yielded the most turkeys in 2020. The most productive state land turkey hunting areas (≥ 5 birds harvested/mi² and a minimum harvest of 4 birds) were Aldo Leopold Wildlife Management Area, Algonquin State Forest, Quaddick State Forest, Shenipsit State Forest, and Spignesi Wildlife Management Area (Appendix B).

Population Dynamics

The 2020 spring harvest consisted of 404 juvenile and 1,244 adult males, and 4 bearded females. During the last 10 years, juvenile to adult ratios, spring season harvest, and hunter perception population growth index indicated that Connecticut's wild turkey population has been variable; 2010 and 2019 showed lower productivity whereas 2000 and 2011 indicated higher productivity (Figures 3, 4, and 5). This also correlates well with brood survey indices. In 2009, the brood index was one of the lowest reported values (1.7), which was reflected in the 2010 spring harvest as a reduction in juvenile take. Whereas the 2010 brood index (3.6) was the highest reported brood index and the 2011 spring harvest had a high proportion of juvenile birds. The 2020 ratio of juvenile to adult gobbler harvest of 0.33 was lower than that of 2019, and lower than the previous several years. This also correlated to the overall trend of lower brood index (1.6) (2019) and lower population growth index (2.4). Turkey abundance is expected to vary annually, depending on conditions during the nesting and brood-rearing seasons.

In the 2020 Wild Turkey Hunter Survey, hunters were asked to compare the status of the Connecticut wild turkey population to both last year and the perceived population 10 years ago (Table 4). Compared to last year, the average annual index was 2.4, indicating a declining population. The index was 2.7 when compared with 10 years ago, indicating a slightly less steep decline.

Figure 3. Ratio of juvenile to adult gobblers taken during Connecticut’s spring wild turkey seasons, 1981 – 2020.

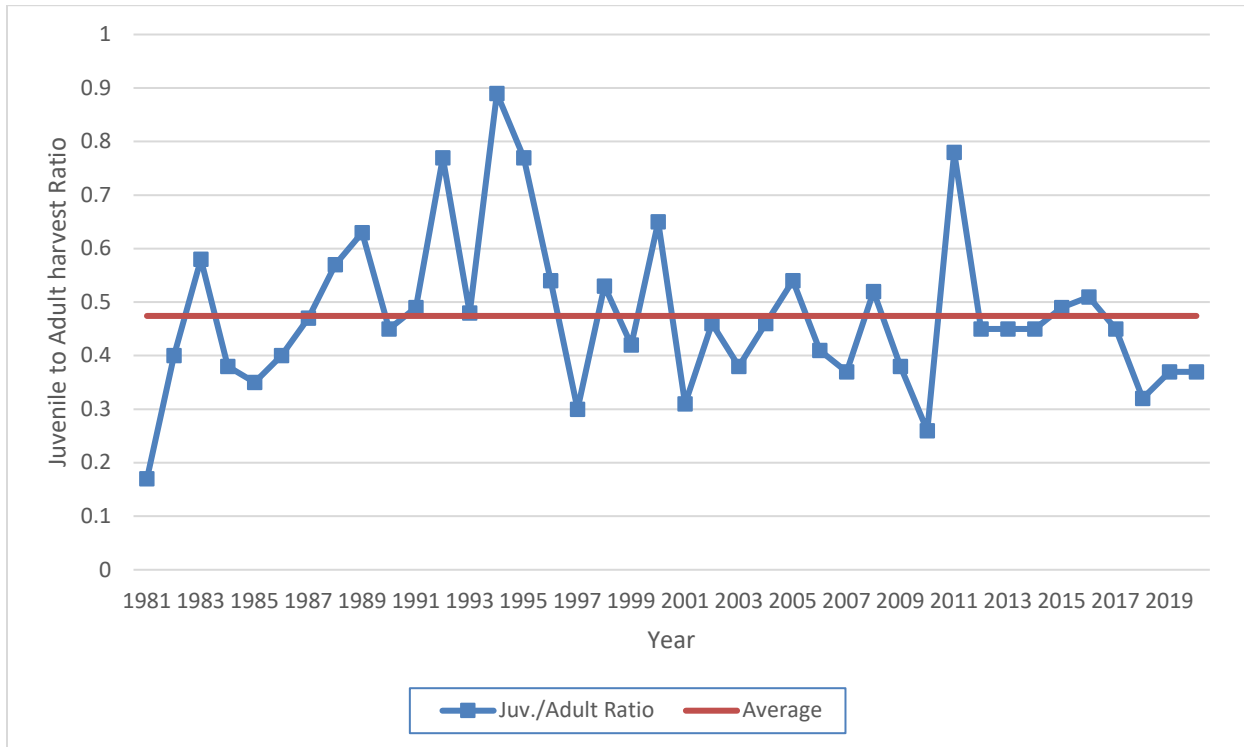


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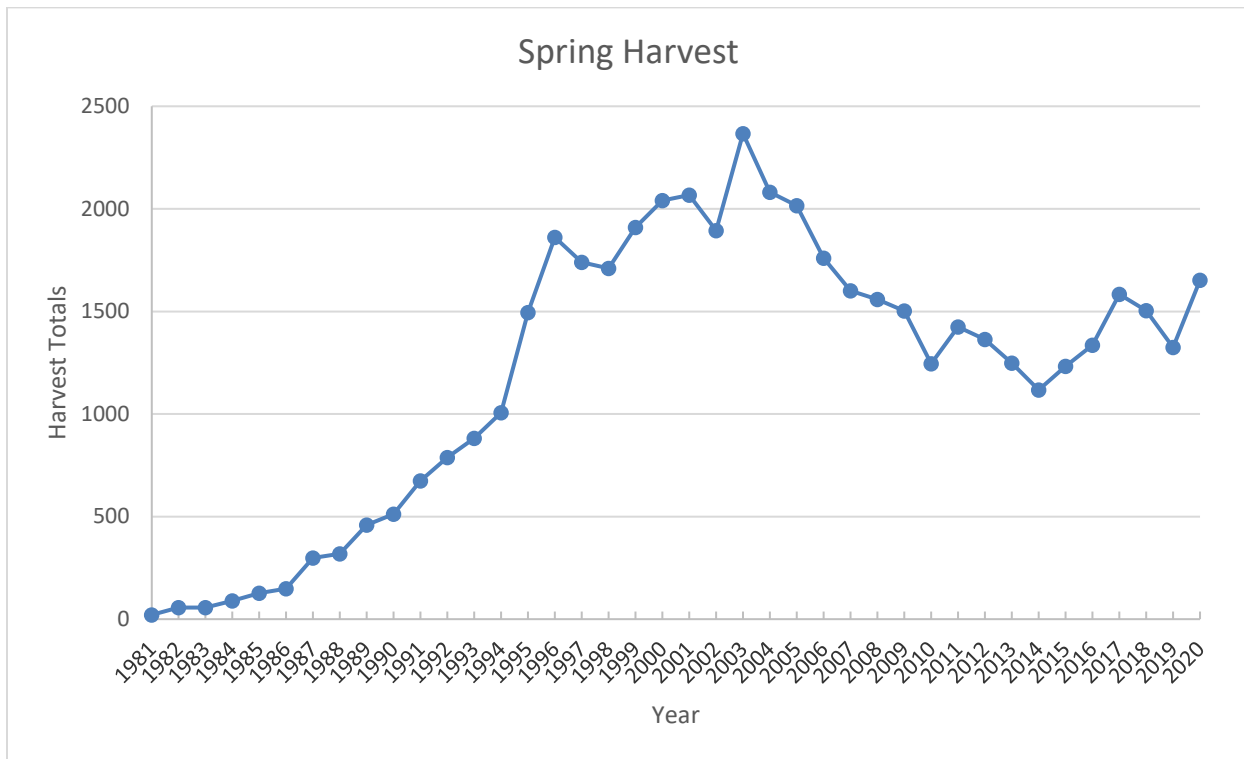


Figure 5. Perception of hunters regarding wild turkey population growth from 1999– 2020.

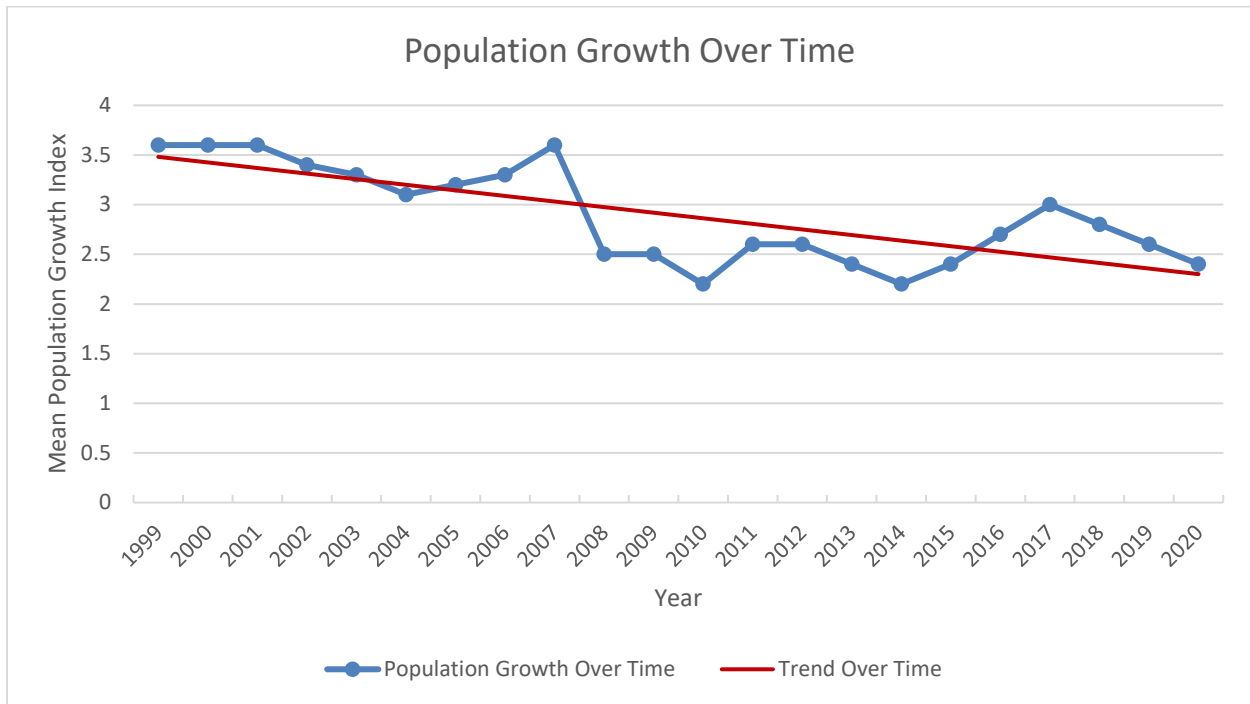


Table 4. Perception of hunters regarding wild turkey population growth compared to 2020 and 10 years ago, by zone.

Zone	2020	10 Years Ago
1	2.2	2.5
2	2.2	2.3
3	2.8	2.8
4A+B	2.5	2.8
5	2.6	3.2
6	3.1	3.0
7	2.5	3.0
8	2.1	2.5
9	2.1	2.5
10	2.2	2.4
11	2.6	2.7
12	2.4	3.0
Average	2.4	2.7

Spring Turkey Hunter Survey Results

The Spring Wild Turkey Hunter Survey is used to obtain a variety of information to better manage Connecticut's wild turkey resource. The survey provides valuable insight into population growth trends, economic expenditures, and recreational benefits. It also provides turkey hunters a forum to weigh in on proposed regulation changes and overall satisfaction with the Wildlife Division's management of Connecticut's wild turkey population. Prior to 2010, each spring turkey hunter received a mail-in survey attached to their permit. Since then, in an effort to streamline the survey process, all individuals who purchase a RGBCS and provided an email address, receive a link to the survey.

In 2020, a total of 5,231 surveys were emailed to spring turkey hunters and 30% of those hunters responded. Seventeen percent of the respondents had obtained a RGBCS but did not participate in the 2020 spring turkey hunting season. Of those that did hunt (6,911), most of their hunting activity occurred in Turkey Management Zones 2 and 5 (Figure 2; Table 5). On average, spring turkey hunters spent an estimated \$172 each on hunting-related items (stamps and licenses not included), totaling \$1,432,072. An additional \$233,128 of revenue was generated through the sales of RGBCS (12/01/2019 thru 06/01/2020) (Table 6).

Thirty-six percent of spring turkey hunters responding to the survey believed the turkey population was stable. Of the remainder, 21% believed it was increasing and 43% believed it was decreasing. The 2020 mean statewide rank of Connecticut's turkey population growth index was 2.4, based on hunter opinions (a rank of 3.0 suggests the population is stable). Based on the spring turkey hunter survey, hunters indicated that in most zones, populations were declining. The turkey population growth index dropped in 2008, then has remained at relatively stable growth index over the past 12 years (Figure 5).

To collect data on ruffed grouse distribution in Connecticut, an additional question was added to the turkey hunter survey in 2005. Hunters were asked to report whether they observed ruffed grouse or heard grouse drumming, and, if so, to provide the town in which the encounter occurred. During 2020, hunters reported 151 encounters with ruffed grouse in 72 towns. The town with the highest number of grouse encounters was Canaan (Appendix C). A grouse population index was derived by dividing total grouse observations into the total number of surveys returned and then multiplying by 100. This represents the average number of grouse encountered by 100 spring turkey hunters. The 2020 index was 9.6 (Figure 6). Overall, grouse population trends indicate that Connecticut's grouse numbers continue to decline. Only 5% of the spring turkey hunters encountered a grouse during the season.

The survey was also used to assess hunter preferences and activities. The majority of hunters who purchased a RGBCS (12/01/2019 thru 06/01/2020) intended to pursue wild turkeys (96.6%), 59% indicated they would hunt only wild turkeys, 37% wild turkeys and other gamebirds, 2% pheasants and other gamebirds, and 2% only pheasants. Ninety-three percent of the hunters identified themselves as spring turkey hunters, 38% as fall archery turkey hunters, and 37% as fall firearms turkey hunters. Of these spring hunters, 42% hunted turkeys on private land only, 29% on both private and state lands, and 29% on state land only. On average, 2020 spring turkey hunters spent approximately 4.5 days pursuing turkeys on private land and 3.3 days on state land.

In 2020, hunting hours were extended from noon until sunset, giving hunters the option of afternoon hunting. Hunters were asked what percentage of time they spent hunting in the morning and afternoon; collectively the hunters indicated that 79% of their time was spent hunting during morning hours and 27% during the afternoon. Most hunters preferred morning hunts; however, some hunters embraced the new regulation and hunted the afternoon period.

The 2020 state land spring turkey hunters encountered nearly three times more hunter interference than private land hunters (22.0% vs. 7.8%), which is expected since state lands are open to the general public. For those hunters who encountered hunter interference, 14% indicated that it was the same amount as previous years, 14% indicated more interference, and 4% indicated less interference. With 58% of spring turkey hunters spending some time on state lands, overcrowding during the spring turkey season may be an issue. Overall, it appears that most 2020 spring hunters were satisfied with the quality of the Connecticut hunt experience: Excellent – 15.7%, Good – 29.8%, Fair – 26.2%, Poor – 15.9%, and Very Poor – 12.4%.

Wild turkey hunters were queried regarding their awareness and opinions of regulation changes, which went into effect for the 2020 season. Ninety percent indicated that they were aware of the change in bag limits; 90% were aware of the change in hunting hours; and 10% were not aware of any change (Table 7). Overall, the majority of hunters maintained a positive opinion of the regulation changes (63%), with 23% posting a negative opinion and 14% indicating no opinion. Hunters were also asked to describe the influence that the regulation changes had on their 2020 spring turkey hunting season (Tables 8 and 9). In both the case of expanded bag limits and extended hunting hours, the majority of hunters indicated that it did not influence their hunting experience.

Questions were also added to the spring survey regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2020 spring turkey hunting season. Fifty-nine percent of the respondents indicated that the pandemic did not influence their hunting; however, 25% of hunters hunted more and 16% hunted less (Table 10). When asked about perception of the overall impact of COVID-19 on the spring season, respondents believed that the pandemic would increase harvest (10%), interference (18%), hunting opportunity (24%), or had no opinion (41%; Table 11). Additionally, a question was added to assess factors which limited an individual's ability to hunt during the 2020 Connecticut spring turkey season (Table 12). The primary limiting factors were work obligations (44%) and family obligations (30%).

Figure 6. Ruffed grouse population growth index reported on the spring turkey hunter surveys from 2005 - 2020.



Table 5. Number of survey respondents hunting in each Turkey Management Zone in 2020.

Zone	Hunters	%
1	118	9
2	150	11
3	130	9
4A	52	4
4B	53	4
5	165	12
6	68	5
7	132	9
8	90	6
9	104	7
10	92	7
11	127	9
12	105	8
Total	1,386	100

Table 6. Economic benefits provided by the 2020 Connecticut spring turkey hunting season.

Permit Type	Total Permits		Hunting Expenses**	
	No. Issued	Revenue	Average**	Total
Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp	8,326	\$233,128*	\$172	\$1,432,072

* Excludes landowner permits issued free-of-charge.

**Values derived from hunter surveys

Table 7. Hunter awareness of regulation changes before the start of the 2020 Connecticut spring turkey hunting season.

Type	Number	Percentage
Change in Bag Limits	1,357	90%
Change in Hunting Hours	1,355	90%
Not Aware of Any Changes	145	10%
Total	1,502	

Table 8. Hunter perception of the change in hunting behavior as a result of the change in bag limits.

Perception	Number	Percentage
Did Not Influence	1,187	78%
Hunted More	290	19%
Hunted Less	41	3%
Total	1,518	100%

Table 9. Hunter perception of the change in hunting behavior as a result of the change in hunting hours.

Perception	Number	Percentage
Did Not Influence	844	56%
Hunted More	644	42%
Hunted Less	35	2%
Total	1,523	100%

Table 10. Hunter perception of the change in hunting behavior as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Perception	Number	Percentage
Did Not Influence	906	59%
Hunted More	383	25%
Hunted Less	239	16%
Total	1,528	100%

Table 11. Hunter perception of the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2020 Connecticut spring turkey hunting season.

Perception	Number	Percentage
Increase Harvest	152	10%
Decrease Harvest	124	8%
More Hunter Interference	284	18%
Less Hunter Interference	36	2%
More Hunting Opportunity	381	24%
Less Hunting Opportunity	174	11%
No Opinion	655	41%
Total	1,589	

Table 12. Factors which limited an individual’s ability to hunt during the 2020 Connecticut spring turkey hunting season.

Factors	Number	Percentage
No Land Access	232	15%
Work Obligations	694	44%
Family Obligations	471	30%
Health Issues	100	6%
Confusing Regulations	14	1%
No Hunting Companion	107	7%
Equipment Issues	16	1%
No Limitations	401	25%
Total	1,589	

2020 Fall Firearms Turkey Season

The fall firearms turkey season was open statewide in 2020 for the 25th year in Connecticut. Hunters who purchased a Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp were able to hunt on any state land open to turkey hunting and all private lands where hunters obtained a signed landowner consent form. An estimated 4,244 hunters (derived from 2020 Spring Wild Turkey Hunter Survey) intended to participate during the fall firearms wild turkey season. Hunters harvested 58 birds during the 28-day (October 3-31) 2020 fall firearms season and posted a success rate of 1.4%. Hunters harvested 47 birds on private land and 11 birds on state land. The harvest included 17 adult males, 15 adult females, 17 juvenile males, and 9 juvenile females. The harvest consisted of 55% adults, 45% juveniles, 59% males, and 41% females. Overall, from 2019 to 2020, the fall firearms harvest increased by 45% and intended participation rates increased by 38%.

Fall firearms hunters reported taking at least 1 bird from 31 of Connecticut’s 169 towns. The town reporting the highest harvest was Middletown (5) (Table 13). In addition, Turkey Management Zone 5 (17 birds) reported the highest zonal harvest (Table 14).

Table 13. Wild turkey harvest by town during the 2019 and 2020 fall firearms seasons.

Town of Harvest	Number of Birds		Town of Harvest	Number of Birds	
	2019	2020		2019	2020
Ashford	2	1	Middletown	1	5
Barkhamsted	0	2	Naugatuck	1	0
Bridgewater	0	1	Norfolk	0	1
Chester	0	1	Plainfield	0	1
Colebrook	0	1	Portland	1	0
Cornwall	0	3	Plymouth	0	1
Coventry	1	0	Putnam	0	1
Durham	0	1	Salem	0	1
East Hampton	1	0	Scotland	2	3
East Windsor	2	0	Sharon	2	0
Eastford	0	3	Suffield	1	4
Ellington	2	0	Thompson	1	0
Franklin	0	1	Tolland	0	1
Goshen	2	4	Torrington	2	0
Haddam	2	0	Union	0	2
Hamden	0	1	Warren	0	1
Hartland	1	0	Windham	0	1
Kent	0	2	Woodbury	0	1
Killingly	2	3	Woodstock	3	4
Lebanon	0	3			
Mansfield	0	1	Total	32	58

Table 14. Wild turkeys harvested during the 2019 and 2020 fall firearms seasons by Turkey Management Zone.

Zone	Harvest by Year		Zone	Harvest by Year	
	2019	2020		2019	2020
1	2	6	7	1	4
2	5	2	8	3	7
3	4	4	9	1	5
4A	2	3	10	0	1
4B	1	1	11	0	0
5	13	17	12	0	0
6	0	2	Total	32	58

2020 Fall Archery Turkey Season

Connecticut's 38th fall archery turkey season was open statewide and ran concurrently with the 2020 archery deer season. The purchase of a Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp allowed archers to

participate in the 2020 season. These hunters could harvest turkeys on any state land open to fall archery turkey hunting or any private land where written landowner consent was obtained. An estimated 4,359 hunters (derived from 2020 Spring Wild Turkey Hunter Survey) intended to participate during the fall archery wild turkey season. Archers reported a harvest of 107 birds and posted a success rate of 2.2%. Harvest was reported in 63 towns with Suffield (6) reporting the highest harvest (Table 15). Turkey Management Zones 7 (22) and 11 (20) reported the highest zonal harvest (Table 16). Because the fall archery wild turkey season runs concurrently with the archery deer season, hunters in Zones 11 and 12 have the additional month of January to harvest wild turkeys; all other zones close at the end of December. However, it should be noted that no additional birds were harvested in January during the 2020 season. Fifty-nine of the 107 birds harvested by archers were males (42 adults, 17 juveniles) and 48 were females (26 adults, 22 juveniles). The fall archery turkey harvest increased by 35% and intended participation rates increased by 42% from 2019 to 2020.

Table 15. Wild turkeys harvested by town during the 2019 and 2020 fall archery seasons.

Town of Harvest	Number of Birds		Town of Harvest	Number of Birds	
	2019	2020		2019	2020
Andover	0	1	Canaan	0	1
Avon	1	1	Canton	0	1
Barkhamsted	1	2	Chaplin	1	1
Beacon Falls	1	0	Cheshire	0	2
Berlin	0	3	Colchester	0	2
Bethany	0	4	Columbia	2	0
Bethel	1	2	Coventry	0	2
Brookfield	2	2	Danbury	1	0
Brooklyn	1	3	Deep River	1	0
East Haddam	2	1	East Lyme	0	1
East Hampton	2	0	East Windsor	1	1
East Hartford	0	1	Easton	0	4
Enfield	0	1	Orange	1	1
Farmington	1	0	Oxford	0	1
Glastonbury	2	0	Plainville	0	1
Greenwich	1	0	Plymouth	0	1
Griswold	1	1	Portland	1	0
Guilford	0	1	Preston	0	1
Haddam	0	1	Prospect	1	0
Hamden	0	1	Redding	3	0
Hartland	1	1	Ridgefield	3	0
Harwinton	0	1	Rocky Hill	1	0
Killingly	1	0	Salisbury	0	1
Killingworth	0	1	Scotland	1	0
Lebanon	2	4	Seymour	0	2
Ledyard	1	1	Shelton	2	0
Litchfield	0	1	Somers	1	1

Lyme	0	1	South Windsor	1	0
Mansfield	2	2	Southington	0	4
Marlborough	1	0	Stafford	1	1
Meriden	1	0	Stonington	2	3
Middlefield	1	1	Suffield	1	6
Monroe	0	1	Thompson	4	1
Montville	1	0	Torrington	0	3
New Fairfield	1	1	Trumbull	3	1
New Haven	0	2	Voluntown	1	0
New Milford	1	0	Wallingford	1	0
Newtown	1	4	Waterford	2	0
North Branford	0	1	Watertown	0	2
North Canaan	0	1	West Haven	1	0
North Haven	0	1	Wilmington	4	0
North Stonington	1	2	Wilton	1	4
Norwalk	3	1	Winchester	0	1
Old Lyme	1	3	Wolcott	1	9
Old Saybrook	1	0	Woodbridge	0	10
Total				79	107

Table 16. Wild turkeys harvested during the 2019 and 2020 fall archery seasons by Turkey Management Zone.

Zone	Harvest by Year		Zone	Harvest by Year	
	2019	2020		2019	2020
1	1	4	7	5	22
2	2	9	8	2	3
3	8	11	9	6	6
4A	6	2	10	4	5
4B	4	5	11	22	20
5	8	5	12	10	13
6	1	2	Total	79	107

Wild Turkey Brood Survey

Since 2007, turkey brood surveys have been conducted annually from June 1 through August 31 to assess annual fluctuations in statewide wild turkey populations. Volunteers and DEEP staff were requested to report turkey sightings, categorized by total hens, total poults, and total number of hens with poults. These observations were analyzed to obtain an annual productivity index and evaluate fall recruitment. The productivity index, or ratio of young per adult hen, was derived by dividing the total number of poults by the total number of hens. By evaluating recruitment over time, biologists can monitor changes and trends in Connecticut's statewide wild turkey populations.

The 2020 brood index was 2.8 young per adult for all hens observed and 3.4 young per adult for hens observed with at least one poult (Table 17). A total of 49 cooperators reported 176 wild turkey observations, including 328 hens – 275 with broods and 53 without broods. The brood index was found to be variable throughout the summer months (Table 18). During 2019, the brood index was 1.6 young per adult for all hens observed and 3.6 young per adult for hens observed with at least one poult. Participants reported 203 observations, which included 422 hens and 691 poults. The 2020 brood survey information indicates that wild turkeys had fair productivity and were more productive than in 2019. The 2020 spring weather was relatively warm and dry throughout Connecticut, creating fair conditions during both the nesting (May 1 – May 31) and brooding (June 1 – June 30) periods.

Table 17. Wild turkey brood survey data for Connecticut, 2007 – 2020.

Year	Total Hens	Total Young	Total Hens and Young	Hens without Young	Young per Hen	Young per Hen with Young	No. of Reports
2007	731	1,900	2,631	270	2.6	4.1	405
2008	448	988	1,436	330	2.2	4.3	224
2009	611	1,049	1,660	177	1.7	2.4	323
2010	472	1,686	2,158	105	3.6	4.6	278
2011	685	1,919	2,604	118	2.8	3.4	375
2012	435	1,089	1,524	293	2.5	3.7	244
2013	337	843	1,180	115	2.5	3.7	200
2014	579	1,561	2,140	194	2.7	4.1	313
2015	530	1,560	2,091	152	2.9	4.1	266
2016	401	1,120	1,521	123	2.8	4.0	202
2017	877	2,289	3,164	287	2.6	3.9	424
2018	1,223	2,955	4,178	378	2.4	3.5	644
2019	422	691	1,113	234	1.6	3.6	203
2020	328	932	1,260	53	2.8	3.4	176
Tot./Ave.	8,079	20,582	28,660	2,419	2.6	3.8	4,277

Table 18. Wild turkey brood survey data by month for Connecticut, 2020.

Month	Total Adults	Total Young	Young per Adult	Number of Reports
June	108	264	2.4	62
July	129	376	2.9	71
August	87	280	3.2	43
Total	324	920	2.8	176

Conclusion

During 2020, many factors played a role in Connecticut’s wild turkey hunting seasons. Two major factors were regulation changes and the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19. Changes in regulations increased amount of time available to hunt and did not restrict harvest to either state land or private land only, increasing the potential for higher harvest. The pandemic created

societal change, which affected all aspects of “normal life”, including use of our natural resources. Teleworking and, in some situations, not working allowed some individuals more time for outdoor pursuits, such as turkey hunting. In a response to these changes, the Wildlife Division saw increases in permit issuance and harvest across all wild turkey hunting seasons from 2019 to 2020. Future research and population monitoring will be conducted to unravel the influence that 2020 regulation changes and the pandemic had on Connecticut’s wild turkey management strategies. The Wild Turkey Program Biologist will continue to gather data to monitor and wisely manage Connecticut’s wild turkey resource.

Appendices

Appendix A. Connecticut spring turkey harvest by town, 2011– 2020.

Town	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Andover	14	7	10	7	7	4	14	12	10	11
Ansonia	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ashford	25	28	21	13	20	31	35	34	24	14
Avon	3	1	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	5
Barkhamsted	12	5	8	6	12	4	12	10	9	25
Beacon Falls	5	9	5	9	9	6	6	8	4	6
Berlin	10	9	4	10	7	6	8	18	9	17
Bethany	5	5	4	4	5	1	9	1	2	2
Bethel	5	1	3	3	0	5	3	6	4	3
Bethlehem	4	6	3	1	7	4	6	8	8	10
Bloomfield	1	5	5	3	1	3	0	2	4	5
Bolton	3	4	8	3	2	4	5	4	2	3
Bozrah	12	11	3	2	4	5	8	13	5	7
Branford	5	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Bridgeport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bridgewater	5	4	4	4	6	8	2	9	10	12
Bristol	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	5	5
Brookfield	5	3	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	1
Brooklyn	8	10	10	2	3	12	11	12	11	12
Burlington	8	11	8	5	7	6	11	4	4	0
Canaan	14	20	11	14	8	11	19	8	18	22
Canterbury	18	12	13	7	9	5	14	15	13	16
Canton	9	8	8	7	7	14	7	11	5	8
Chaplin	25	8	10	9	8	8	11	11	13	14
Cheshire	4	10	6	4	4	1	7	6	2	4
Chester	4	4	5	5	4	3	4	9	4	7
Clinton	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1

Town	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Colchester	12	11	15	9	13	26	7	17	14	20
Colebrook	8	15	10	12	9	4	11	5	15	6
Columbia	8	4	7	3	3	4	10	8	3	13
Cornwall	28	19	15	24	10	16	16	16	20	31
Coventry	21	24	19	18	20	18	27	32	22	30
Cromwell	4	2	3	5	5	5	6	5	3	5
Danbury	4	1	2	3	3	2	2	10	5	4
Darien	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Deep River	3	0	4	7	0	2	3	3	5	5
Derby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Durham	12	11	12	10	9	14	11	17	12	12
East Granby	6	8	5	3	2	8	4	4	5	4
East Haddam	17	15	26	15	22	16	25	25	7	19
East Hampton	5	7	5	9	4	7	11	2	10	12
East Hartford	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	1
East Haven	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
East Lyme	10	14	8	12	15	13	14	15	13	12
East Windsor	11	15	11	10	20	1	11	15	17	21
Eastford	11	5	10	11	13	22	27	19	12	19
Easton	8	6	3	0	3	3	11	13	5	15
Ellington	9	5	15	10	15	9	11	18	5	10
Enfield	6	9	5	4	5	6	17	8	13	11
Essex	6	3	3	6	2	4	0	0	1	0
Fairfield	3	0	0	2	1	4	1	3	2	3
Farmington	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Franklin	15	11	10	14	10	16	16	10	11	13
Glastonbury	8	7	13	18	12	13	11	11	15	21
Goshen	12	18	9	13	14	13	18	17	14	13
Granby	8	21	5	13	13	15	15	8	10	17
Greenwich	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	3	4
Griswold	11	16	12	20	14	19	10	17	21	19
Groton	1	6	4	1	5	4	2	4	2	7
Guilford	13	13	6	7	8	10	8	12	6	9
Haddam	19	20	17	10	23	31	27	21	14	17
Hamden	7	7	7	5	5	4	5	10	10	12
Hampton	19	8	12	10	8	8	18	12	12	18
Hartford	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartland	11	16	18	9	10	13	17	15	13	18
Harwinton	9	11	16	12	16	25	22	16	12	13
Hebron	14	4	8	12	5	8	10	21	17	15

Town	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Kent	15	15	15	9	14	12	16	11	8	25
Killingly	4	14	9	2	5	9	10	10	11	14
Killingworth	12	5	4	4	13	13	8	9	12	10
Lebanon	44	36	30	27	31	24	27	31	36	38
Ledyard	11	5	8	6	7	12	7	14	16	15
Lisbon	5	5	5	2	2	4	10	10	4	10
Litchfield	24	19	22	13	14	12	20	15	9	18
Lyme	23	13	18	19	11	20	29	18	13	10
Madison	3	1	0	0	3	0	7	1	0	3
Manchester	2	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mansfield	16	13	11	11	18	15	16	17	14	15
Marlborough	10	3	3	11	6	7	13	2	9	10
Meriden	1	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	3	2
Middlebury	2	1	3	3	1	3	7	0	2	2
Middlefield	7	13	10	6	12	12	15	3	10	10
Middletown	15	12	11	13	21	18	12	12	15	21
Milford	0	3	1	5	3	3	4	3	2	4
Monroe	3	2	4	0	2	5	4	5	3	4
Montville	9	15	10	8	12	9	15	16	7	13
Morris	4	6	6	3	7	3	7	5	6	8
Naugatuck	7	6	7	3	5	6	3	2	3	6
New Canaan	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	1
New Fairfield	7	6	2	4	3	5	2	7	4	7
New Hartford	11	16	22	20	14	15	23	18	18	24
New London	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Milford	20	16	16	8	24	18	15	8	14	15
Newington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Newtown	22	13	16	10	9	17	18	12	15	15
Norfolk	14	14	11	19	12	13	9	17	6	10
North Branford	5	4	3	8	6	5	7	3	2	4
North Canaan	2	5	7	4	4	3	3	6	2	8
North Haven	12	8	5	4	5	5	8	6	2	6
N. Stonington	13	16	12	16	15	18	26	27	23	28
Norwalk	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
Norwich	0	5	0	0	5	3	4	0	2	6
Old Lyme	9	6	7	6	7	9	9	7	10	8
Old Saybrook	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
Orange	1	3	4	5	12	7	7	1	3	3
Oxford	14	17	10	5	7	10	7	7	10	13
Plainfield	12	9	18	14	12	20	18	17	12	16

Town	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Plainville	2	4	1	3	1	1	5	5	1	0
Plymouth	12	7	9	7	8	5	7	10	7	17
Pomfret	30	15	21	15	18	20	19	22	18	21
Portland	9	8	5	9	4	11	11	5	10	10
Preston	11	10	9	6	16	9	8	13	8	11
Prospect	4	3	2	3	2	4	1	3	0	2
Putnam	7	11	9	6	5	6	7	7	3	8
Redding	28	17	23	12	12	5	10	8	11	6
Ridgefield	2	1	2	2	2	6	4	5	4	7
Rocky Hill	4	9	7	2	1	3	4	4	3	1
Roxbury	4	10	6	4	10	3	12	9	0	2
Salem	13	15	12	7	8	7	11	10	6	8
Salisbury	8	18	22	11	11	14	19	11	14	17
Scotland	17	25	19	17	18	14	26	28	24	14
Seymour	0	3	8	4	4	6	5	3	0	4
Sharon	22	25	17	13	19	18	17	11	22	22
Shelton	3	3	0	2	0	5	9	3	6	9
Sherman	5	5	5	3	3	3	5	3	4	4
Simsbury	0	4	2	6	1	1	6	4	5	4
Somers	18	10	12	8	8	13	11	21	4	9
Southbury	9	9	5	11	10	10	18	10	10	15
Southington	8	3	4	3	3	6	1	7	1	3
South Windsor	3	5	8	7	9	6	14	5	8	15
Sprague	9	6	6	1	3	7	2	6	4	6
Stafford	18	20	20	21	16	33	21	29	19	21
Stamford	4	1	5	6	5	4	2	2	1	0
Sterling	10	15	8	9	15	10	14	19	14	29
Stonington	5	11	11	12	19	12	15	9	16	15
Stratford	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	2
Suffield	22	32	17	28	9	25	28	20	20	26
Thomaston	5	4	5	2	1	3	1	0	1	2
Thompson	12	17	25	12	15	22	26	33	35	32
Tolland	7	9	6	3	5	4	5	6	8	6
Torrington	12	15	15	13	7	16	13	17	16	17
Trumbull	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Union	21	12	7	14	9	12	15	18	8	17
Vernon	0	0	2	1	2	4	3	2	5	2
Voluntown	11	14	10	9	14	19	16	20	28	22
Wallingford	9	8	6	8	8	5	11	12	9	4
Warren	16	14	10	7	7	8	15	15	17	10

Town	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Washington	10	7	10	9	18	13	18	13	10	17
Waterbury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Waterford	8	9	6	8	15	10	16	10	4	10
Watertown	4	14	2	2	4	2	6	10	6	11
Westbrook	2	2	2	3	1	0	3	0	0	3
West Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
West Hartford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weston	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1
Westport	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Wethersfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Willington	21	16	18	12	20	10	15	20	25	13
Wilton	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	3
Winchester	7	15	7	9	7	8	14	10	15	17
Windham	15	10	13	10	12	5	19	14	9	9
Windsor	4	1	1	0	1	2	8	0	0	3
Windsor Locks	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wolcott	3	3	3	4	4	0	3	3	4	4
Woodbridge	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	4
Woodbury	7	1	6	7	7	5	12	8	15	15
Woodstock	44	30	33	19	42	49	46	48	31	44
Town Not Reported	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,424	1,364	1,248	1,118	1,232	1,335	1,584	1,504	1,324	1,652

Appendix B. Spring turkey harvest from state-owned and managed lands, 2019 and 2020.

	No. Birds Harvested		Sq. Miles	Harv./mi²	
State Land	2019	2020		2019	2020
Aldo Leopold WMA	4	5	0.87	4.6	5.7
Algonquin SF	7	7	1.04	6.7	6.7
American Legion	0	3	1.62	0	1.9
Assekonk Swamp WMA	1	0	1.07	0.9	0
Barber Pond WMA	0	1	0.11	0	9.1
Barn Island WMA	1	0	1.58	0.6	0
Bear Hill WMA	0	1	0.56	0	1.8
Bishops Swamp WMA	4	3	1.18	3.4	2.5
Black Rock Lake	1	0	0.63	1.5	0
Bloomfield FCA	2	0	0.51	3.9	0
Camp Columbia SF	2	0	0.94	2.1	0
Cedar Swamp WMA	0	3	0.42	0	7.1
Cent. Water. SF (Canaan Block)	0	1	0.23	0	4.3
Cent. Water. SF (Monroe Block)	1	0	0.1	10.0	0
Cockaponset SF	18	30	26.85	0.7	1.1
Colebrook Reservoir-MDC	4	0	6.50	0.6	0
East Swamp WMA	2	1	0.10	20	10.0
Eightmile River WMA	3	3	0.48	6.3	6.3
Enders SF	2	1	0.55	3.6	1.8
Franklin Swamp WMA	2	0	1.07	1.9	0
Goshen WMA	1	1	1.51	0.7	0.7
Great Swamp FCA	2	2	0.53	3.8	3.8
Hancock Brook Lake	1	1	1.10	0.9	0.9
Higganum Meadows WMA	0	1	0.40	0	2.5
Higganum Reservoir	0	1	0.24	0	4.2
Housatonic River WMA	4	0	0.87	4.6	0
Housatonic SF	7	11	17.63	0.4	0.6
John Minetto SP	1	2	1.12	0.9	1.8
Kollar WMA	1	0	1.40	0.7	0
Larson Lot WMA	1	0	0.38	2.6	0
Mad River Dam FCA	1	0	0.70	1.4	0
Mansfield Hollow Lake	6	2	3.14	1.9	0.6
Mattatuck SF	6	9	7.0	0.9	1.3
Meadow Brook WMA	1	0	0.42	2.4	0
Meshomasic SF	18	12	14.22	1.3	0.8
Mohawk SF Ziegler/Johnson Tract	1	0	0.51	2.0	0
Mohegan SF	1	2	1.50	0.7	1.3

Natchaug SF	20	15	7.93	2.5	1.9
Nathan Hale SF	4	4	2.27	1.8	1.8
Naugatuck SF	7	2	21.15	0.3	0.1
Naugatuck SF (Great Hill Block)	1	1	0.37	2.7	2.7
Nehantic SF	2	6	7.91	0.3	0.8
Newgate WMA	2	2	0.70	2.9	2.9
Nepaug SF	0	3	2.10	0	1.4
Nipmuck SF	5	6	14.40	0.3	0.4
NU-Maromas Coop WMA	4	2	2.48	1.6	0.8
NU-Skiff Mtn. Coop WMA	1	0	1.13	0.9	0
Pachaug SF	31	34	40.84	0.8	0.8
Paugussett SF	1	0	3.04	0.3	0
Paugnut SF	4	1	2.7	1.5	0.4
Peasebrook WMA	1	0	0.33	3.0	0
Peoples SF	6	6	4.60	1.3	1.3
Pootatuck SF	1	1	1.72	0.6	0.6
Quaddick SF	7	5	0.90	7.8	5.6
Quinebaug River WMA	0	2	2.20	0	0.9
Quinnipac River SP	0	3	0.53	0	5.7
Quinnipac River WMA	3	0	0.88	3.4	0
Robbins Swamp WMA	2	7	2.45	0.8	2.9
Roraback WMA	3	1	3.10	1.0	0.3
Rose Hill WMA	2	4	1.08	1.9	3.7
Salmon River Cove and Haddam Neck WMA	0	1	0.15	0	6.7
Salmon River SF	8	13	10.90	0.9	1.2
Shenipsit SF	5	8	11.85	0.4	6.8
Simsbury WMA	3	2	0.57	5.3	3.5
Spignesi WMA	1	7	0.82	1.2	8.5
Sucker Brook FCA	2	2	0.24	8.3	8.3
Suffield WMA	2	0	0.30	6.7	0
Talbot WMA	5	1	0.79	6.3	1.3
Tankerhoosen WMA	2	2	0.78	2.6	2.6
Trout Brook Valley SP	3	3	0.47	6.4	6.4
Tunxis SF	11	18	15.88	0.7	1.1
West Thompson Dam	8	5	1.71	4.7	2.9
Wopowog WMA	0	1	0.73	0	1.4
Wyantenock SF	2	6	6.38	0.3	1.9
Yale Forest	5	8	12.03	0.4	0.7
Zemko Pond WMA	1	0	0.71	1.4	0

Appendix C. Ruffed grouse observations (seen or heard) from turkey hunter surveys, 2009 – 2020.

Town	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Andover	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ansonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ashford	6	2	1	0	2	2	0	3	2	2	1	5
Barkhamsted	5	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	4	2	2
Beacon Falls	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Berlin	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bethlehem	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bloomfield	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Burlington	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Canaan	7	0	0	4	4	2	3	3	2	2	4	7
Canterbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Canton	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chaplin	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Cheshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chester	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Colchester	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Colebrook	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	1	3	1	5	0
Columbia	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cornwall	1	3	1	3	4	3	4	2	3	3	1	3
Coventry	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Danbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Durham	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
East Granby	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1
East Haddam	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
East Hampton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
East Hartford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
East Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
East Lyme	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
East Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Eastford	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	2	2	0
Ellington	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0
Enfield	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Glastonbury	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3

Town	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Goshen	9	4	2	3	3	6	5	5	3	5	6	5
Granby	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1
Greenwich	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Guilford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Haddam	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Hamden	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Hartland	7	4	4	1	4	2	6	1	5	8	7	5
Harwinton	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	2	1	1	1
Hebron	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kent	4	3	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	4
Killingly	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
Killingworth	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Ledyard	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Litchfield	2	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	1
Lyme	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mansfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	3
Meriden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Middlefield	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Middletown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Monroe	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Morris	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Naugatuck	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
New Canaan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
New Fairfield	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Hartford	6	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Milford	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0
Newtown	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Norfolk	6	1	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
North Branford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Canaan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
North Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
North Haven	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
N Stonington	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Lyme	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

Town	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Oxford	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Plainfield	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	4
Plymouth	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	2
Pomfret	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	2
Portland	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Putnam	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Redding	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ridgefield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Salisbury	3	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	0
Salem	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Seymour	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sharon	6	6	2	4	6	4	5	3	3	0	0	3
Sherman	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simsbury	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Somers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
South Windsor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Southbury	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	2
Southington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Sprague	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Stafford	1	3	2	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	3
Stamford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sterling	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stonington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Suffield	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Thompson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Tolland	2	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Torrington	7	3	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	2
Union	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Voluntown	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Warren	2	1	1	1	5	4	4	3	2	0	1	0
Washington	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Waterbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Waterford	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Watertown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1
Westbrook	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0

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Weston	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Westport	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Wilton	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Winchester	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Windham	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Windsor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Wolcott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Woodbridge	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodbury	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Woodstock	6	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	1
Total	138	68	31	66	81	57	74	56	82	82	70	151