

NDG&F January 11th Newsletter

Watchable Wildlife Checkoff on State Tax Form

North Dakota citizens with an interest in supporting wildlife conservation programs are reminded to look for the Watchable Wildlife checkoff on the state tax form.

The state income tax form gives wildlife enthusiasts an opportunity to support nongame wildlife like songbirds and birds of prey, while at the same time contributing to programs that help everyone enjoy all wildlife.

The checkoff – whether you are receiving a refund or having to pay in – is an easy way to voluntarily contribute to sustain this long standing program. In addition, direct donations to the program are accepted any time of year.

To learn more about [Watchable Wildlife program](#) activities, visit the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov

Landowners Invited to Attend CRP Workshop

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is informing landowners about a series of [Conservation Reserve Program workshops](#) hosted by Pheasants Forever. These workshops are intended for landowners interested in learning more about the CRP general signup, which began on Dec. 1, 2015 and ends Feb. 26, 2016.

Game and Fish Department private lands biologists, Pheasants Forever farm bill biologists, and other conservation partners will discuss ways that landowners can improve their odds of enrolling land into CRP, as well as additional resources for cost-share assistance and other incentives, including the Private Land Open to Sportsmen or PLOTS program. Following a short presentation, biologists and other conservation partners will be available to discuss options one-on-one with landowners.

Landowners who are not able to attend any of the sessions but are interested in further program information can call the Game and Fish Bismarck office at 701-328-6300; or email ndgf@nd.gov.

Workshop dates and contacts are listed below:

Jan. 19 – Hettinger, NDSU Research Extension Center, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Rachel Bush, 701-403-4853

Jan. 19 – Regent, American Legion, 3:30 – 5 p.m.; Rachel Bush, 701-403-4853

Jan. 26 – Hazen, D’Andreas Hot Stuff Pizza, 1-3 p.m.; Justin Edwards, 712-292-0510

Jan. 26 – Ellendale, USDA Service Center, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Jordan Croatt, 701-680-8713

Jan. 28 – New Salem, Fairgrounds, 1-3 p.m.; Justin Edwards, 712-292-0510

Feb. 2 – Forman, USDA Service Center, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Jordan Croatt, 701-680-8713

Feb. 3 – Lisbon, Ransom County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Jordan Croatt, 701-680-8713

Feb. 4 – Wahpeton, USDA Service Center, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Jordan Croatt, 701-680-8713

Feb. 4 – Devils Lake, USDA Service Center, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Brandon Meyer, 701-710-1496

Feb. 9 – Center, Civic Center, 10 a.m.; Justin Edwards, 712-292-0510