



## NEBRASKA PHEASANT HUNTING

Beginners Guide to Pheasant Hunting

### KNOW YOUR PHEASANTS

ROOSTER



HEN



Male pheasants, "roosters" are brilliantly colored with a dark iridescent head ending in a bright-white ring and red patch around the eye.

In contrast, females or "hens" are light brown with black flecking on each feather.

TRACKS



Average size  
is 2.5 inches

## HABITAT PREFERENCES

- Prefer edge habitats including fence lines, ditches, shelter belts; as well as, thick grassy cover such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields and marshes.

## HUNTING PERMITS REQUIRED

- Hunt Permit (16 years and older): \$18
- Habitat Stamp: \$25
- Permit and stamps must be carried while hunting

## HUNTER EDUCATION

- Firearm Hunter Education required of all hunters, ages 12-29, to hunt pheasant with a firearm
- Proof of completion must be carried while hunting
- For More Information on Hunter Education visit [HuntSafeNebraska.org](http://HuntSafeNebraska.org)

### PHEASANT GEAR CHECKLIST: MUST HAVES

- Shotgun
- Ammunition  
(Lead: #4-#6 shot, Non-Toxic: #2-#4 steel)
- Knife  
(short fillet knife is ideal)
- Blaze Orange  
(highly *recommended* for shirt, vest and/or hat)

### PHEASANT GEAR CHECKLIST: NICE TO HAVE

- Hunting Vest
- Game Shears
- Comfortable Boots

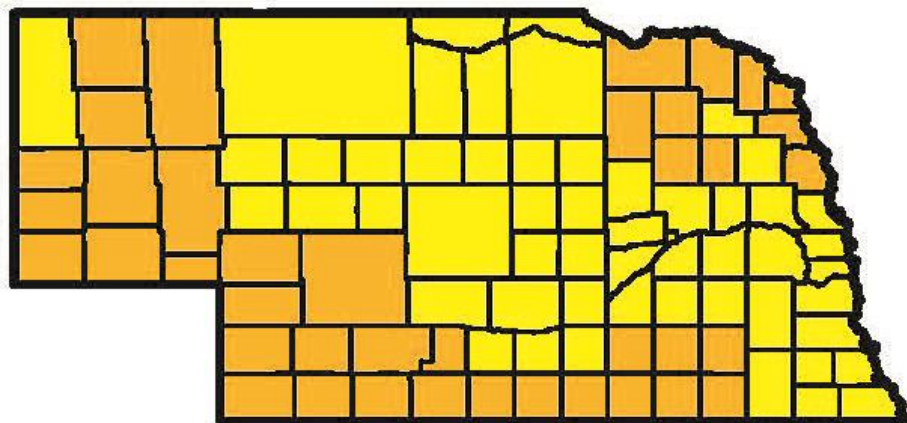
### DOG GEAR CHECKLIST: MUST HAVE

- Leash
- ID Collar
- Water

### DOG GEAR CHECKLIST: NICE TO HAVE

- Hunting Collar
- Dog Kennel

## Where to Find Pheasants



Good  
 Best