**Obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Game and Hunting Regulations**

Purpose: This information was provided in response to our inquiry about invasive species, particularly the European Tree Sparrow.

**NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals.**The following wild animals are designated unprotected. No closed season, bag limit, size limit, or possession limit applies to these animals.

**(1)**Opossum, porcupine, skunk, weasel, and woodchuck.

**(2)**Chukar partridge, Coturnix quail, English sparrows, Eurasian collared doves, and starlings.

**(3)**Any other wild animal not specified in this chapter.

Note: Persons taking unprotected animals must possess a hunting or trapping license and comply with all method of taking requirements of this chapter unless otherwise authorized by the department in writing or exempted under ch. [NR 12](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ch.%20NR%2012).

**NR 12.05 Birds causing depredation.**

**(1)**Findings. The natural resources board finds that unlimited shooting or trapping of cowbirds, crows, grackles, house sparrows, monk parrots, starlings, and red-winged blackbirds is necessary when causing depredation.

**(2)**Permit waiver. Neither a federal nor state permit are required of any person to shoot or trap birds listed in sub. [(1)](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/NR%2012.05(1)) when found committing or about to commit depredations upon agricultural crops, livestock, ornamental or shade trees or when constituting a health hazard or other nuisance provided:

**(a)** *Disposition.* Birds killed and their plumage may not be sold or offered for sale.

**(b)** *Premises inspection.* Any person taking these birds shall at all reasonable times, including during actual operation, permit any federal or state game law enforcement officer, free and unrestricted access on the premises over which the operations have been or are being conducted, and shall furnish promptly to the officer whatever information he or she requests about the operation.

**(3)**License waiver. Hunting and trapping licenses are not required for shooting or trapping these birds when causing the depredations.