



# SCIENTIFIC COLLECTOR'S APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Issued under the authority of Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 401. Making a false statement on this application, or failure to comply with the provisions of this act, is a violation of state law and may result in the revocation of this permit and criminal penalties.

This form is the application and permit required to handle, collect, possess, transport, or dispose of wild birds or wild mammals (living or dead, or parts thereof) or the nests or eggs of wild birds, for scientific or educational purposes in the State of Michigan. After being approved and signed by the Wildlife Division Permit Specialist this application becomes a valid permit. Unless otherwise specified, this permit expires on the third March 31 after the issue date. There is no fee for this permit. A complete explanation of scientific collecting regulations appears on the back of this form and within the Information Circular for Scientific Collector's Permits (IC 2192-3). This circular must be read and understood before this application is submitted. Except in the bird banding category, new applicants must attach a letter of authority prepared in accordance with the instructions within IC 2192-3.

Institution (if applicable) _____ Applicant/Permittee: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City, State & ZIP _____  <i>In the space provided above, indicate the address where you wish to have the approved permit mailed. This address will appear through a windowed envelope. Do not include the institution name if not mailing to the institution.</i>	Institution Name	
	Institution Address	
	Institution City, State, ZIP	
	Institution County	Institution Telephone
<i>The institution information above must be completed, unless applying in the bird banding category only.</i>		
Permit Type (check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Amended * <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal *    *List Permit Number _____	Supervisor or Advisor Name (if applicable)	
Subpermittee Names (if applicable, attach if necessary)		

There are four categories of this permit. They are: salvage, research, live animal programs, and bird banding. Please indicate below the category or categories that apply. Under the salvage and bird banding categories, the standard narrative provided describes authorized activities. Under the research and live animal programs categories, authorized activities will be attached to the finalized permit based on information provided within the applicant's letter of authority. Regardless of the category, permit activities are authorized anywhere within the State of Michigan, unless specifically indicated otherwise. This permit does not authorize activities on private or public property without the approval of the land owner or administrator. Permittees and subpermittees shall display this permit, and any required Federal permit, upon the request of any authorized Department personnel.

- SALVAGE** (Letter of authority required for new applicants)  
A Federal permit is also required for the collection or handling of protected migratory birds or their parts. The applicant/permittee named above and any subpermittee listed (or attached) is authorized to collect birds found dead, feathers or other bird parts found, abandoned birds' nests, abandoned eggs, mammals found dead, and parts of mammals found. All collection activity shall be for educational purposes for the institution named above. This permit does not authorize the collection or handling of: 1) live animals, 2) threatened or endangered species, 3) fish, amphibians, or reptiles.
- RESEARCH** (Letter of authority required for new applicants)  
Authorized activities will be attached to this permit based on information provided within the applicant's letter of authority.
- LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAMS** (Letter of authority required for new applicants)  
Authorized activities and a list of animals authorized for possession will be attached to this permit based on information provided within the applicant's letter of authority.
- BIRD BANDING** (Copy of Federal permit required with new, renewal, or amended applications)  
Provided the applicant/permittee named above possesses a current and valid Federal Bird Marking and Salvage Permit, he/she may engage in activities authorized by that permit in Michigan. In addition to all conditions listed on the Federal permit, the applicant/permittee shall notify the DNR, District Law Enforcement Supervisor, prior to such activity.

*I have read and understand the front and back of this form and Information Circular IC 2192-3 and agree to abide by the requirements presented, including maintaining any Federal permit that may be required. If I am a new applicant in the salvage, research, or live animal program category, I have attached a letter of authority prepared in accordance with the instructions within IC 2192-3. To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied by me is true and correct. I understand this permit does not provide any authorization to circumvent any Federal, State, local zoning, or any other local laws and ordinances. I understand it is my responsibility to know and comply with the requirements of this permit and Federal, State, and local laws.*

Mail completed application and all required attachments to:

**PERMIT SPECIALIST - WILDLIFE DIVISION  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30444  
LANSING MI 48909-7944**

_____ Applicant's Signature		_____ Date
FOR DNR USE ONLY		
PERMIT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
_____ Permit Specialist's Signature of Approval		_____ Date

## SCIENTIFIC COLLECTOR'S PERMITS

A complete explanation of scientific collecting regulations appears within the Information Circular for Scientific Collector's Permits (IC 2192-3). Much of the information presented below is covered in more detail within

IC 2192-3. Applicants must read and understand IC 2192-3 before applying for this permit. Questions may be directed to: Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, (517) 373-9329.

Applicants must be affiliated with an educational institution that qualifies for this permit. A complete description of qualifying institutions, and acceptable forms of affiliation, appear within IC 2192-3. New applicants for this permit must attach a letter of authority to their completed application. This letter must be prepared in accordance with the instructions within IC 2192-3. For bird banders, a copy of the Federal permit will serve as the letter of authority. All permitted activities must be for legitimate research or educational purposes for the qualified educational institution.

A Scientific Collector's Permit is required for the collection, possession, handling, transportation, or disposition of wild birds or mammals, living or dead, or parts thereof (including nests or eggs of wild birds) for scientific or educational purposes, off the premises of a qualified scientific or educational institution.

The possession of wild bird or wild mammal specimens remaining on the premises of a qualified institution is exempt from the requirement of obtaining a Scientific Collector's Permit. Only when specimens are handled off the premises or transported is a permit required. A Scientific Collector's Permit is not required for the collection or handling of animals defined as non-protected in Michigan including non-threatened and non-endangered species of shrews, voles, chipmunks, moles, and mice. A Scientific Collector's Permit is not required for the possession of carcasses of game animals, or parts thereof, lawfully taken in season under the authority of a hunting or trapping license.

If more than one person will be working on one collection or research project, all subordinates involved with handling animals away from the qualified educational institution must be named as subpermittees of the principle permit holder. No private maintenance or disposition of any animal collected under authority of this permit is allowed. This does not apply to the temporary holding of animals being prepared for deposit into a collection. Specimens held may not be sold.

Scientific Collector's Permits are issued on a three year renewal cycle, expiring on the third March 31 after the date of issue. Prior to the expiration of a permit, Activity/Renewal Report forms are distributed to permittees. An Activity/Renewal Report, summarizing a permittee's collection activities, and a completed renewal application, is required prior to permit renewal.

For the purposes of the information on the front and back of this form; the word *animal(s)*, the word *specimen(s)*, and the term, *wild birds and mammals*, means wild birds or wild mammals (living or dead, or parts thereof) defined as game or protected in Michigan. A complete list of such birds and mammals appears within IC 2192-3. A separate permit is required for the collection of fish, amphibians, or reptiles. For more information regarding the collection of fish, amphibians, or reptiles contact: Fisheries Division, Michigan DNR, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-1280.

Any person who will be handling any species of protected migratory birds, or their nests or eggs, is also required to obtain a Federal permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). For more information regarding Federal permits contact: USFWS, Region Three, Migratory Bird Permits, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111, (612) 713-5436.

The handling of State or Federally listed threatened or endangered species is not authorized by a Scientific Collector's Permit. A list of such animals appears within IC 2192-3. Involvement with State listed threatened or endangered species requires a State Threatened/Endangered Species Permit. For more information regarding State listed threatened or endangered species contact: Michigan DNR, Wildlife Division Endangered Species Coordinator (517) 373-1263. For more information regarding Federally listed threatened or endangered species contact: USFWS, Endangered Species Section (612) 713-5350.

Additionally, Scientific Collector permittees agree to the following:

**LIABILITY** - Permittee hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the State of Michigan, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability to permittee, its officers, employees and agents, for all losses, injury, death or damage, and any claims or demands thereto, on account of injury to person or property, or resulting in death of permittee, its officers, employees or agents, in reference to the activities authorized by this permit.

**INDEMNIFICATION** - Permittee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless, the State of Michigan, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims and demands, for all loss, injury, death or damage, that any person or entity may have or make, in any manner, arising out of any occurrence related to (1) issuance of this permit; (2) the activities authorized by this permit; and (3) the use or occupancy of the premises which are the subject of this permit by the permittee, its employees, contractors, or its authorized representatives.