



WILD GAME PLANNER



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JANUARY CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant trees and shrubs for deer, turkey and quail			A, B, C, E
Keep bird feeders full			A, B, C, D, E
Erect nesting boxes for ducks and bluebirds			A, B, C, D, E

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for a complete mixture of
grains for a healthy diet**

Recommended Shrubs and Trees:

Sawtooth Oak	Dogwood	American
Apple	Hawthorne	Chestnut
Crabapple	Honeylocust	Wild Pear
Persimmon	Honeysuckle	
Wild Plum	Grapes	

FEBRUARY CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-28th	All Month
Plant trees and shrubs for deer, turkey and quail			A, B, C, E
Plant cool season reseeding annual and/or perennial mixtures for deer, turkey and rabbits (frost seed or drill)		C, E	A, B
Plant legumes for quail			A, B, C, E
Control burn for deer, turkey and quail			A, B, C, E
Fertilize existing food plots			A, B

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Plant cool season food plots for deer, turkey, rabbits, and other wildlife:

1. Rackmaster Clover Trio (10)
2. Rackmaster Deluxe (50)
3. Rackmaster Elite (50)
4. Pennington - Buckmasters Ultimate (8)
5. Pennington - Buckmasters Feeding Frenzy (50)

Plant legumes for quail:

1. Bicolor lespedeza (15)
2. Kobe lespedeza (30)
3. Kobe (20), with partridge peas (5)
4. Bicolor (10), with partridge peas (5)

Fertilize:

Use Pennington's Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer (400)

MARCH CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant cool season reseeding annual and/or perennial mixtures for deer, turkey and rabbits (see February)	B		C, D, E, F
Plant legumes for quail and songbirds (see February)	B		C, D, E, F
Control burn for deer, turkey and quail	B,C		
Fertilize existing food plots and/or existing vines and trees	A	C, D, E, F	B
Mow bicolor lespedeza for quail			A,B, C, D, E, F
Put out minerals/salt for deer	A	D, E, F	B, C

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Fertilize:

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1. Japanese honeysuckle
2. Oak trees
3. Mature fruit trees

Minerals/Salt:

Use Rackmaster Deer Mineral

Select a clay soil area near a food plot or other food source. Clear leaf litter and dig a shallow hole. Mix 50 lbs. of mineral/salt mixture with an equal amount of soil. Recharge as needed.

APRIL CHECKLIST	ZONES		
	1st-15th	16th-30th	All Month
Plant warm season food plots for deer, turkey and rabbits		B, C	A, E
Plant warm season food plots for quail or turkey		B, C	A, E
Plant cool season reseeding annual mixtures (see February)			D, F

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Warm season food plots for deer, turkey and rabbits:

1. Rackmaster Deluxe Spring/Summer Deer Mix (50)
2. Rackmaster Summer Extreme Deer Mix (50)
3. Rackmaster Deer Vetch Plus (20)
4. Wingmaster Wild Turkey Mix (40)
5. Wingmaster Chufas (40-50)
6. Grain sorghum (5), with corn (10)
7. Grain sorghum (5), with iron clay peas (40)
8. Grain sorghum (5), with lab lab (10)
9. Chufa (40-50)

Warm season for quail:

1. Wingmaster Quail Mix (40)
2. Browntop millet (40)
3. Penngrain DR Grain sorghum (10)
4. Soybeans (60)
5. Iron clay peas (60)

MAY CHECKLIST	ZONES		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant warm season food plots for deer and turkey (see April)			A,B, C, D, E, F
Plant warm season food plots for quail or turkey (see April)			A,B, C, D, E, F
Plant dove fields		A,B, C, D	
Mow perennial food plots for weed control if needed		A,B	

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Plant dove fields:

1. Wingmaster Dove Mix (40)
2. Browntop millet (40)
3. Grain sorghum (10), (yellow or white endosperm)
4. Peredovik sunflower (40-50)
5. Sesame (6)

Mowing:

1. When mowing in spring, start in the middle of the plot and work out to the edges to preserve turkey nests and insects
2. Mow perennial clover mixes for weed control
3. Mow perennial grasses to promote regrowth and provide for turkey brood rearing

Fertilize:

Fertilize warm season grasses with Pennington's Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer (400)

JUNE CHECKLIST	ZONES		
	1st-15th	16th-30th	All Month
Plant warm season food plots for deer and turkey (see April)	A, B		C, D, F
Plant warm season food plots for quail or turkey (see April)			A, B, C, D
Plant dove fields (see May)	C, D		A, B, C, D
Plant food plots for ducks			A,B, C, D, E, F
Mow perennial food plots as needed for weed control or turkey brood rearing			A,B, C, D, E, F
Get soil tests for fall food plots			A,B, C, D, E, F
Apply lime according to soil tests or as needed			A,B, C, D, E, F

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Soil test: contact local county extension agent for soil test bags and instructions.

Duck plantings:

1. Wingmaster Duck Mix (40)
2. Wingmaster Wildlife Rice (40)
3. WGF Grain Sorghum (10)
4. Grain sorghum (10) on prepared seed bed
5. Japanese Millet (40)

Turkey plantings:

1. Wingmaster Chufa (40)
2. Wingmaster Wild Turkey Mix (40)

All numbers in parentheses are lbs./acre broadcast

JULY CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Go fishing!			A,B, C, D, E, F
Take a break!			A,B, C, D, E, F
Take vacation with family (grab those brownie points with spouse or future kitchen passes)			A,B, C, D, E, F

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AUGUST CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant cool season food plots for deer and turkey (see Aug., Sept. & Oct.)		C, D, F	
Plant Japanese millet and/or browntop millet in duck swamps	B, C, D, F		A, E
Mow perennial food plots as needed for weed control			A,B, C, D, E
Mow, rake, and bale dove fields (see below for specifics)		B, C, D, F	
Prepare soil for fall planting			A,B, C, D, E

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Cool season food plots for deer and turkey:

1. Rackmaster Elite (50)
2. Rackmaster Deluxe Fall Deer Mix (100)
3. Rackmaster Clover Trio (10)
4. Rackmaster Deer Greens (10)
5. Pennington-Buckmasters Ultimate (8)
6. Pennington-Buckmasters Feeding Frenzy (50)
7. Rackmaster Refuge (10)
8. Rackmaster Chicory (5)
9. Durana White Clover (8)

Field management:

Mow deer and turkey food plots for weed control and to produce good seed to soil contact for reseeding annuals.

Dove Field management:

Begin mowing strips in dove fields 2 to 4 weeks prior to opening day. Mow additional strips weekly. Lightly disc previous weeks mowed strips to expose bare ground.

Duck plantings in August:

1. Japanese millet (40) on freshly drained wet mud flats
2. Browntop millet (40) on drier drained mud flats
3. Wingmaster Duck Mix (40)

SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant cool season food plots for deer and turkey (see August)	D, F	A	B, C, E
Fertilize and lime perennial food plots for deer and turkey (see October)	D, F	A	B, C, E
Fertilize Japanese honeysuckle	D, F	A	B, C, E
Mow or harvest dove fields for later opening days in the deep South			A

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Fertilize:

Japanese honeysuckle with Pennington Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer 8-12-12 (400)

Cool season food plots for deer and turkey (see August and October)

1. Rackmaster Elite (50)
2. Rackmaster Deluxe Fall Deer Mixture (100)
3. Pennington - Buckmasters Ultimate (8)
4. Pennington - Buckmasters Feeding Frenzy (50)
5. Rackmaster Chicory Blend (3)
6. Birdsfoot trefoil (20) - in zones C, D, F
7. Rape (2), kale (2), turnip (2)

All numbers in parentheses are lbs./acre broadcast

OCTOBER CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant cool season food plots for deer and turkey (see Aug. & Sept.)	C		A, B
Fertilize perennial food plots for deer and turkey (if not done in September)	C		A, B
Fertilize Japanese honeysuckle (if not done in September)			A, B, C, E

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Fertilize perennial food plots:

1. For newly planted clover mixes use 300 lbs./acre Pennington Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer 8-12-12
2. For grasses use Pennington Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer 8-12-12 (400)
3. Use soil test recommendations if available

Cool season food plots for deer and turkey: (see August and September)

1. Rackmaster Elite (50)
2. Rackmaster Deluxe Fall Deer Mixture (100)
3. Rackmaster Deer Greens (10)
4. Pennington - Buckmasters Ultimate (8)
5. Pennington - Buckmasters Feeding Frenzy (50)
6. Pennington Durana White Clover (8)
7. Pennington Patriot White Clover (8)

NOVEMBER CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-30th	All Month
Hunt deer and hogs			
Hunt rabbits and quail	Check state by state		
Hunt raccoon	regulations for exact dates		
Erect and fill bird feeders			A,B, C, D, E, F

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DECEMBER CHECKLIST	Z O N E S		
	1st-15th	16th-31st	All Month
Plant trees and shrubs for deer and turkey			A, B, C, E
Erect and fill bird feeders			A,B, C, D, E, F

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Fertilize perennial food plots:

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2. For grasses use Pennington Wildlife Food Plot Fertilizer 8-12-12 (400)
3. Use soil test recommendations if available

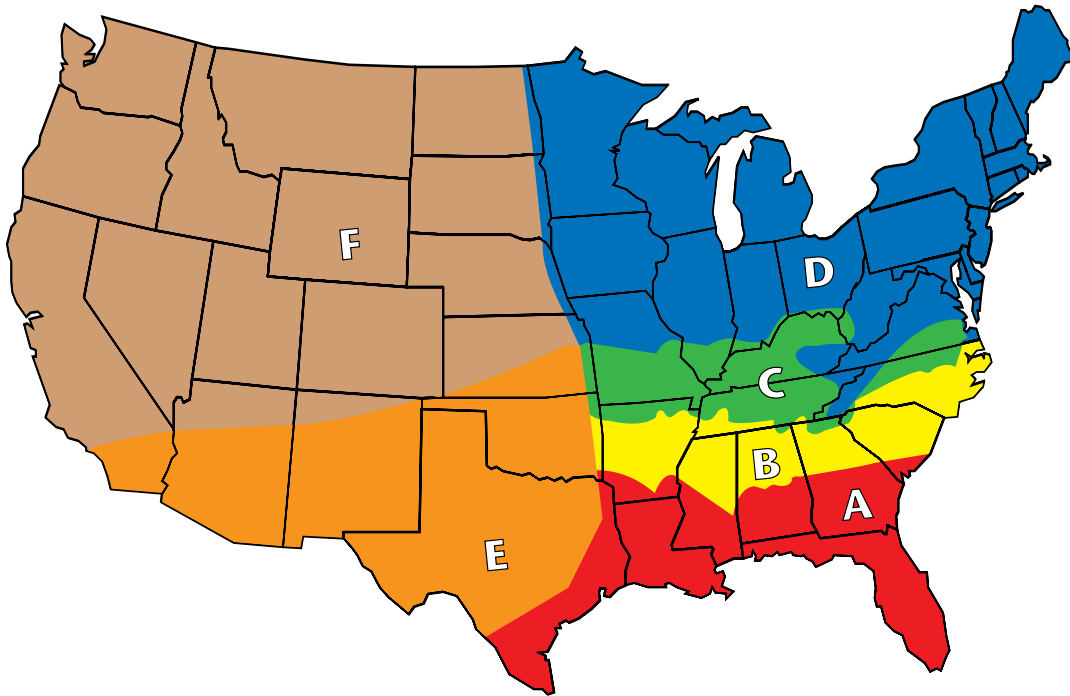
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Wild Game Plot Planting Tips:

1. Always lime and fertilize, because most woodland soils are low in phosphorus and have a low pH (acidic). A soil test will tell you how much to use. Information on taking soil tests can be obtained from your local County Extension Office.
2. Always prepare the soil by plowing, smoothing and firming the seed bed. Good seed-soil contact is essential for a thick, productive stand.
3. Broadcast seeding by hand or with a spreader can produce good results if you are careful to cover most seed no deeper than 1/4 inch. Use a cultipacker, log or a light drag to firm the soil after planting.
4. Select a site that is long and narrow with curves or bends in it to provide a sense of safety for wildlife. A rule of thumb is 2 to 10 acres of food plot for every 100 acres of habitat.
5. Avoid droughty sites such as deep sands or shallow rocky soils. Southwest facing sites are hotter in the summer and tend to dry out faster than bottom land. Morning sun is better than afternoon sun for summer game food plots. The reverse is generally true in the winter.
6. A minimum of 50% sunshine is essential for a healthy, productive food plot.
7. Grow something in your food plots year round to provide adequate nutrition for wildlife. Plowing strips and planting into existing plots is an excellent way to extend the productivity of the plot and hold wild game all year long.
8. You need to keep a record of each plot which can include planting and fertilizer information and number of animals observed or harvested.
9. Exclusion cages placed in the food plots that keep deer from grazing will provide you with valuable information on how productive the varieties are and how much forage is being grazed.

These simple tips along with specific information on seeding rates and times should give you the basics to grow abundant, year round food for your wild game. Growing food plots is an economical and legal way to produce larger, healthier animals and increase your hunting success or wildlife sightings. Planting food plots for wild game is legal in most areas of the United States if you follow normal agricultural practices. Contact your local Cooperative Extension Service Office and State Game Department for specific information.

ZONE MAP



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