## **2024 Bowhunter Observation Record**

## \* Acorn Crop and Weather Codes:

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources	Name:	Acorn Crop:	1) none	2) light	3) moderate	4) heavy
	Address:	Precipitation:	1) none	2) drizzle	3) moderate	4) heavy
Please see instructions on back of form.	City and Zip Code:	Wind:	1) none	2) light	3) breezy	4) strong
	-	Temperature:	1) <40° F	2) 4	0-70° F	3)>70° F

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Date	Number of Hours Hunted	County	Public Owned Land? (Yes or No)	Deer (antlered)	Deer (does)	Deer (fawns)	Deer (unknown)	Gray Squirrel	Fox Squirrel	Turkey (bearded)	Turkey (no beard)	Turkey (unknown)	Grouse	Bear (adult)	Bear (cub)	Red Fox	Gray Fox	Coyote	Bobcat	Raccoon	Opossum	Striped Skunk	Elk	Feral Hog	Dog	House Cat	Hunter	Other Animals & Number Seen	Acorn Crop*	Precipitation*	Wind*	Temperature*
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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. If you wish to participate in next years survey, and do not wish to maintain your confidentiality, please fill in your name and address at the top of the form <u>and</u> in the return address box below.
- 2. Enter *number of hours* for each <u>date</u> you hunted **between Oct. 5 and Nov. 2** (early season) **only.** Do not separate morning and evening hunts on different lines (combine data from both hunts).
- 3. Write in the *county* where you hunted. If you hunted in more than one county on a single day, record different counties on different lines of the form.
- 4. Report whether or not you were hunting on *public owned land* (state or federal).
- 5. Enter the *number* of animals and other hunters you observed <u>while hunting</u>. Begin observations upon leaving your vehicle and end observations when you return to your vehicle.
- 6. If you saw a species *not listed* at the top of the chart, enter the *name* and *number* of animals in the "Other Animals" column near the right side of the form.
- 7. On the last four columns of the chart, record *acorn abundance* and *average weather* conditions for the time period hunted. Use the *number codes* at the top right corner of the form.
- 8. Fold this form along the lines below so that our address shows, and tape it together.
- 9. Please mail this form to us by **January 1, 2025**. No postage is needed.



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If you wish to continue to participate in the Virginia Bowhunter Survey, and do not wish to maintain confidentiality, please enter your name and address in the return address box. Thank you.

RETURN ADDRESS (OPTIONAL).

DO YOU KNOW OF OTHER HUNTERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOWHUNTER SURVEY? IF SO, PLEASE ENTER THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES BELOW:

Name:	
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!