

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

* Acorn Crop and Weather Codes:

Temperature: 1) $<40^{\circ}\text{F}$ 2) $40-70^{\circ}\text{F}$ 3) $>70^{\circ}\text{F}$

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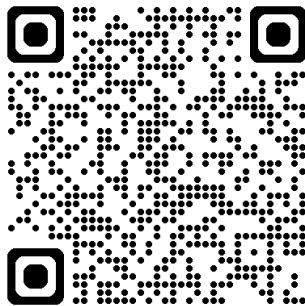
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Beginning this year, VDWR is transitioning to an all-electronic Bowhunter Survey. Instructions are found in the cover letter. A paper form is provided this year for convenience, but this will be the final year a paper form will be provided.
2. Enter *number of hours* for each *date* you hunted **from Oct. 3 through Nov. 13** (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 while hunting. 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. **2026 Observation data must be submitted through the Survey123 mobile or web app.**

Scan the following QR code to complete the survey through the mobile app (if it's downloaded to your mobile device):



Scan the following QR code to complete the survey through the web app on your mobile device:



Links to online survey submission and detailed instructions are also posted on the VDWR website, here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/surveys/bowhunter-survey/>