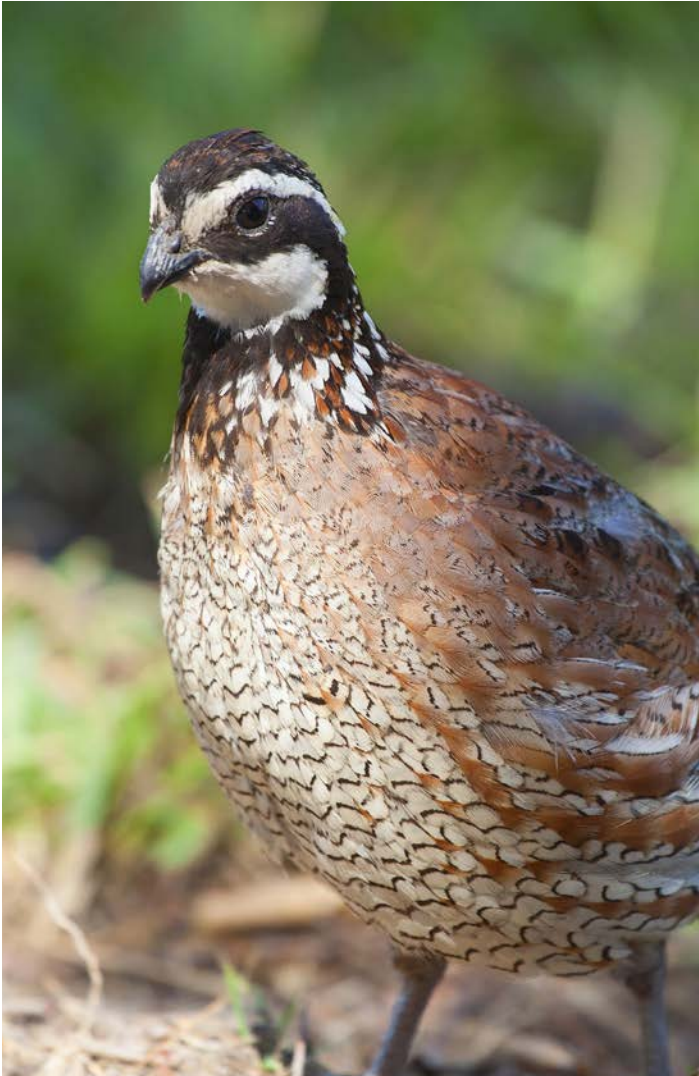


Wildlife Exemptions



While not a true tax exemption, a wildlife exemption confers the same favorable tax implications as an agriculture exemption. It allows owners to pay taxes on the productive capacity of their land, rather than on the market value. Often, property owners see significant savings on expenses related to agricultural enterprises. There are several requirements to meet in order to qualify for a wildlife exemption:

- Must actively use the land to propagate a sustaining breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wildlife animals for human use. This means conducting three of the following practices each year: habitat control, erosion control, predator control, supplemental water, supplemental food, providing shelter, and census counts.
- Must meet a minimum acreage requirement **IF** the tract was reduced in size in the previous calendar year.
- Land must be primarily used for wildlife.
- Must meet level of intensity requirements depending on location. Verify the requirements of your area with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.
- Must meet the application deadline of April 30th. If you miss the deadline, you can still submit, usually before late July, but you will be subject to a 10% penalty.

* Please check with your appraisal district for specifics on the Wildlife Special Valuation. Most appraisal districts will require the property to have an Agriculture Special Valuation before it can convert to Wildlife.

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