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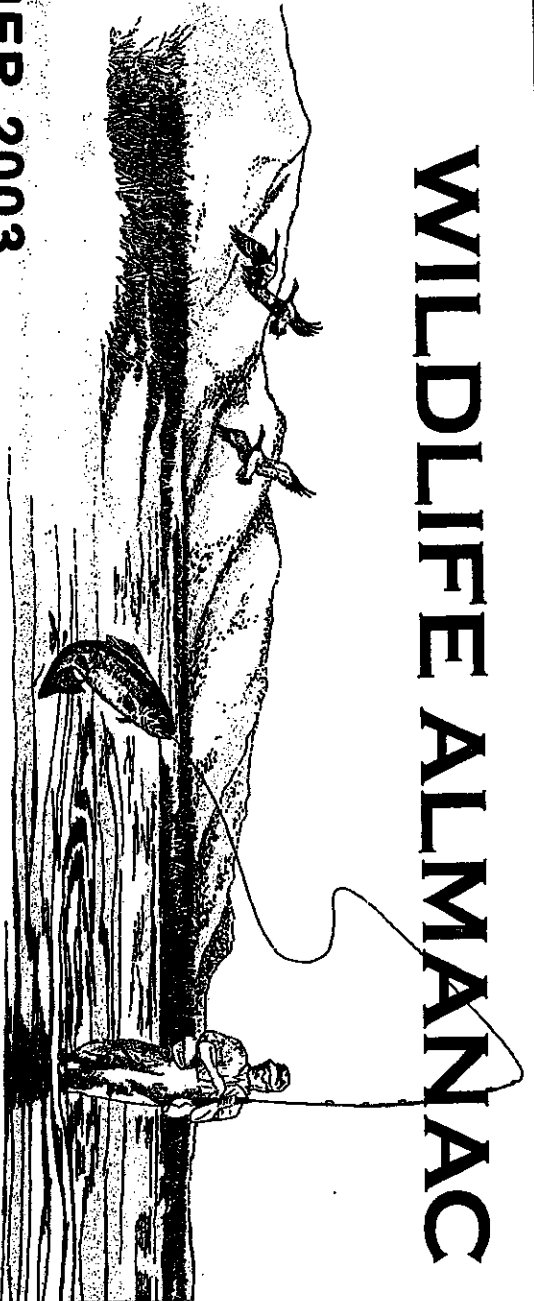
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# WILDLIFE ALMANAC



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## Welcome to the Wildlife Almanac

Dear Citizens of the Great State of Nevada,



One of the most valuable assets of our great state is its extensive and diverse wildlife. From the smallest frog in a high mountain lake to the largest bull elk bugling in a pinion-juniper forest, Nevada's wildlife is important to us all. Wildlife adds to the beauty of the Nevada landscape. Whether you're a bird-watcher, hiker, fisherman, or hunter your outdoors experience is incomplete without wildlife. The Division of Wildlife is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of that wildlife, and your outdoor recreational experiences.

The Division is a user-funded state agency with statutory responsibility for conservation of Nevada's wildlife. We are under the umbrella of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Programs of the Division address the needs of big game such as deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. Fish species include warm water bass, catfish and sunfish and coldwater trout, as well as those less remembered sculpins, chubs and suckers. Wardens travel the hills to enforce wildlife laws and to just help folks out. Our Conservation Education staff works diligently to keep you informed through radio and television programs, pamphlets and brochures, the Internet and published mediums such as this *Almanac* you are reading right now. Our Diversity folks

are dedicated to conservation of those less-visible species such as lizards and bats, not to forget hawks, eagles and songbirds. Frogs, snails, mussels, and crayfish all have a place in the ecosystem, and we keep an eye on them too! Last, and most importantly, is our involvement in preserving and enhancing habitats for all these critters. That's part of our job, too!

Your Division of Wildlife is a small agency of 200 dedicated professionals, but we can't do it all alone. We depend upon you for financial support through hunting and fishing license fees and excise taxes on sporting equipment. Our Annual Report on pages 10-11 explain our revenues and expenditures for 2002. The Division also has a Volunteer Program to enlist your help on wildlife projects throughout the state. Volunteers collect valuable native seeds, survey sage grouse, help to capture and transplant antelope, spawn fish and enter data in a computer among other things. Probably the most important thing you can do for wildlife is to appreciate it and support it. Speak up for wildlife in land use planning and legislative processes. Most importantly though, enjoy it with respect.

I hope this special edition of the Nevada Wildlife Almanac not only helps you plan to enjoy your wildlife resources, but gives you an idea of how you might help your Division of Wildlife protect it. We are trying a new distribution method to reduce mailing costs. This publication is paid for by anglers, hunters, boaters and members of the general public. It costs about .16 per copy to print and distribute. I look forward to seeing you in the hills.

Sincerely,

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