



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## **New Mexico 4-H Big Game Project**

*Objective: To teach basic wildlife habitat requirements and management concepts for big game species in New Mexico. While developing techniques, this project also allows 4-H'ers and their families, friends, and club to learn skills together.*

### **Materials that are included with this project:**

- Big Game in New Mexico 100.J-26 (N 07)
- New Mexico 4-H Big Game Greentop Project Summary 400.J-26 (N 07)
- Record Form 300.A-7

### **What do I do with my Big Game project material and information?**

#### **SUGGESTED STEPS FOR THE BIG GAME PROJECTS:**

1. Review the project packet, record sheet, and greentop to become familiar with the project before the first meeting or practice.
2. Participate in club, county, district, and state contests (see list below).
3. Participate at county and state fairs (see list below).
4. For completion of the project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent. (Throughout your project, check the boxes if you complete the item listed. This will help you when you fill out your record book.)

### **What can be done?**

#### **CLUB:**

- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks on the various Big Game species and their management in New Mexico.
- Exhibit leadership by helping other members with the same project.
- Enroll in the New Mexico 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP).
- Attend club practices with adult supervision.
- Perform community service and citizenship activities such as:  
Speaking to other youth organizations on identification and management of Big Game species in New Mexico.

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### **COUNTY:**

- Go to the county contests and participate in the 4-H WHEP.
- Go to the county contests and give a demonstration or prepared speech on Big Game in New Mexico.
- Be a junior leader and help other 4-H'ers in wildlife throughout the county.
- Participate in the county fair by making a poster of things such as: techniques to manage Big Game species, develop a photo album with Big Game species, make track casts of Big Game species, and/or develop a wildlife management plan for a farm or ranch.
- Complete a county record book to show completion of the project.

### **DISTRICT:**

- Participate in 4-H WHEP District Contents if you qualified at the county level (for Novice and Junior 4-H'ers).

### **STATE:**

- Complete a state record book (for Senior 4-H'ers).
- Participate at State Conference in 4-H WHEP, if you have qualified at the county level (for Senior 4-H'ers).
- Participate at the State Fair with an indoor exhibit, if you have qualified at the county level.

### **NATIONAL: (For Senior 4-H Members)**

- Participate in national 4-H WHEP competitions, if you have qualified at the state level and a trip is available to you.
- Participate in a trip to National 4-H Congress, if you have won the State Record Book competition.

### ***What additional projects can I do next year that would still relate to the Big Game Project?***

1. Leadership..... Help other 4-H members in wildlife projects.
2. Photography.....Take pictures of Big Game species and their habitat in New Mexico.
3. Wildlife Projects .....Learn how to identify or track wildlife (Identifying and Preserving Wildlife Tracks Publication Circular 561).  
.....Learn how to prepare a pelt and tan hides (How to Prepare Pelts Publication Guide L-101, Tanning Deer Hides and Small Fur Skins Guide L-103)  
.....4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program ( 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program National Manual, revised September, 2001)
4. Shooting Sports .....Learn about hunters safety and regulations for hunting Big Game in New Mexico