

ATTENTION PTARMIGAN HUNTERS!!

UDWR NEEDS YOUR HELP COLLECTING SAMPLES

- The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, in cooperation with USGS, is conducting a White-tailed ptarmigan genetics study.
- UDWR is asking hunters for help collecting genetic samples
- Steps to help UDWR:
 1. Obtain a hunting or combination license
 2. Obtain a free ptarmigan hunting permit and follow all regulations
 3. Learn how to find ptarmigan at:
http://wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame/ptarmigan/uinta_wt.php
 4. Get excited about the adventure here:
<http://wildlife.utah.gov/blog/2013/the-ultimate-upland-game-hunting-experience/>



If you are successful in harvesting one or more ptarmigan take a genetic sample from each bird.

Samples can be one of the following:

A wing cut near the body (see picture below)

The head of the bird

The heart of the bird (if bird is to be mounted)

- 1) place each genetic sample into a CLEAN ziplock bag (not your trail mix or sandwich bag!),
- 2) keep cool in the field as much as possible (in a cooler, in the shade, etc.),
- 3) get into a freezer as soon as possible,
- 4) keep sample frozen,
- 5) place a sheet of paper in or stapled to the ziplock bag with the following info:
 - a) location (drainage) the bird was harvested (this info is VERY important)
 - b) date of harvest,
 - c) your name
 - d) your phone #, and
 - e) GPS location, if possible,
- 6) **Contact UDWR at 801-538-4786 to arrange pick-up** of the genetic sample (s).

