

**97B.701 PROTECTED BIRDS.**

Subdivision 1. **Taking of birds, nests, and eggs must be authorized.** Protected birds, their nests, and their eggs may be taken only as authorized under the game and fish laws.

Subd. 2. **Prohibited methods of taking.** A person may not take protected birds:

- (1) with a trap, net, or snare;
- (2) using bird lime;
- (3) with a swivel or set gun;
- (4) by dragging a rope, wire, or other device across a field; or
- (5) by using fire.

Subd. 3. **Recapture of released bobwhite quail.** Released bobwhite quail may be recaptured without a license. In Houston, Fillmore, and Winona Counties, this subdivision applies only to birds that are banded or otherwise marked.

Subd. 4. **Great horned owl.** A person who is authorized to take a great horned owl under a federal permit does not need a state permit to take a great horned owl.

**History:** 1986 c 386 art 2 s 57; 1987 c 149 art 1 s 51; 1994 c 623 art 1 s 34; 2005 c 104 s 2