

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS
APPLICATION FOR SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT**

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ TELEPHONE NO.: _____

EMPLOYER ADDRESS: _____

Briefly describe your project (research/ consulting work/activities involving listed species):

List taxa you wish to collect:

THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION ACTIVITIES REQUIRE A FEDERAL PERMIT FROM THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE IN ADDITION TO A STATE COLLECTION PERMIT:

- 1. COLLECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS, THEIR NESTS, OR THEIR EGGS,***
- 2. COLLECTION OF FEDERALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES,***
- 3. COLLECTION OF FEDERALLY THREATENED SPECIES BY INDIVIDUALS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AGENTS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS.***

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ANY REQUISITE FEDERAL PERMITS TO THIS APPLICATION.

What methods (seines, nets, etc.) will you use in collecting? Collecting with chemicals, electro-shocking, or with firearms requires special permission.

Where will you be collecting? List counties, watersheds, etc.

Where will your specimens be deposited? (See **Additional Requirements, Item 2**)

Dates when collecting will occur:

Starting date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Ending date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. List below or attach a list of persons who will be working with you under your direct supervision while you are collecting; or, if a class of students, list the course title (please note that individuals who collect independently of you must apply for their own permit):

2. Specimens retained after collection must be placed in a public museum or collection where they will be available for examination by the scientific community. The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (MMNS), 2148 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202-1353, ph: (601) 354-7303, is the principal repository of terrestrial and freshwater vertebrates, freshwater mollusks, and crayfish collected in Mississippi, and welcomes additional specimens. **Unless alternative arrangements are made with the MMNS Collections manager (Scott Peyton, 601-354-7303) or curatorial staff at the MMNS, all collections of federally listed and state listed species will be deposited at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.**

3. **A collecting permit report must be filed within 15 days of the expiration of the permit. A new permit will not be issued until the report has been received.** Collection reports should list taxa collected, number of individuals of each, exact collection locality and date of collection. Locality information must include the county of collection, and it is preferred that precise locality information be provided in latitude/longitude (GPS) or in the township, range, and section (TRS) system. If the TRS system is used, precise location within a section should be indicated (e.g.: NW4 of SE4 of Sec 11), if possible. If GPS or TRS information is not provided, include instead a clear and precise description of the location of the collection site relative to the nearest named or numbered road, town, intersection, and/or other feature(s) likely to be mapped on a USGS quad map. For aquatic species, provide the name of the stream in which collections were made.

4. **Those collecting federally listed species must submit an additional report to the state, due the first week of October, detailing collections of listed species made between 1 October of the previous year and 30 September of the current year.**

5. A \$1.00 permit fee is required for persons who are not affiliated with public educational or scientific institutions, or with governmental agencies. Checks should be made payable to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, and should be mailed with this application form. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

TERMS FOR ISSUANCE OF A SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT

Scientific collecting permits are issued under the authority of laws relating to game and nongame animals. These laws are published in the Mississippi Code and cumulative supplements. Permits are issued if the proposed collecting activity or research will provide biological or ecological data that enable the Department to determine management measures appropriate for the game or nongame resources of the state, or will assist efforts to conserve endangered species.

All wildlife, including fish and invertebrates, collected under the permit are considered to be a natural resource of the State of Mississippi. Collected specimens should be handled humanely, and live, uninjured specimens not needed for permanent collections should be returned to appropriate habitat at the capture locality when no longer required. Specimens that die incidental to collection activities or which are intentionally preserved must be maintained in a scientifically acceptable fashion in a study/research collection where they will be available for examination by the general scientific community, or should be offered to a museum. The intent of the scientific collecting permit is to encourage meaningful study and to discourage the loss of specimens and information. **Collection of species listed as endangered by the State of Mississippi is prohibited except when specifically authorized on a scientific collection permit.**

The issuance of a permit does not authorize trespass by the permittee. Permit is also void if permittee has not obtained other necessary permissions/permits for collection activities on public lands. Collection of migratory birds, their nests, or eggs, collection of federally listed endangered species, and collection of federally listed threatened species (when the collector is not an agent of the State of Mississippi) requires a federal permit in addition to a state permit..

I have read and understand the terms for issuance of a scientific collection permit.

Applicant's signature

Major professor (required if student)

Send completed form and check, if required, to:

Scientific Collecting Permits
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks
Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
2148 Riverside Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39202-1353
ATTN: Scott Peyton or Tom Mann