

**TABLE 3 - RING-NECKED PHEASANT  
WILDLIFE HABITAT RATING CRITERIA - DISTRIBUTION OF HABITAT ELEMENTS**

Wildlife Species	Habitat Element	Size	Adjoining Habitat Elements	Component Score <sup>1</sup>		Applicable Score <sup>2</sup>		Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) <sup>3</sup>	
						Existing	Planned		
Ring-Necked Pheasant (Limited Areas)	Grain and Seed Crops	A - Fields average less than 40 acres in size.	A-1 Each field is bordered on at least two sides by wild herbaceous upland plants, wetland plants, deciduous trees and shrubs or coniferous trees and shrubs (or a combination).	A-1	5			380	
			A-2 Each field is bordered on one side as indicated in "A-1" OR by a hedgerow which connects to any of the elements listed in "A-1".	A-2	4			386	
			A-3 Not all fields bordered as in "A-2", some are bordered by domestic grasses and legumes.	A-3	0			422	
			A-4 One or more field(s) is entirely bordered by grain and seed crops.	A-4	0			612	
		B - Fields average more than 40 acres in size.	B-1 As in "A-1".	B-1	3				
			B-2 As in "A-2".	B-2	2				
			B-3 As in "A-3".	B-3	1				
			B-4 As in "A-4".	B-4	0				
	Domestic Grasses and Legumes	A - Majority of fields (> 50%) are 20 acres or less in size.	A-1 Each field is bordered on at least two sides by wild herbaceous upland plants, wetland plants, deciduous trees and shrubs or coniferous trees and shrubs (or a combination).	A-1	3			342	
			A-2 Each field is bordered on one side as indicated in "A-1" OR by a hedgerow which connects to any of the elements listed in "A-1".	A-2	2			380	
			A-3 Each field is not bordered as in "A-2".	A-3	0			382	
								386	
		B - Majority (> 50%) of fields are larger than 20 acres in size.	B-1 As in "A-1".	B-1	2			390	
			B-2 As in "A-2".	B-2	1			391	
			B-3 Each field is not bordered as in "A-2".	B-3	0			422	
		C - No domestic grasses and legumes.				C	0		612
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Ring-Necked Pheasant (Continued)	Wild Herbaceous Upland Plants	A - In field borders having a minimum width of 10 feet between crop, hay or pasture fields and field borders having a minimum width of 25 feet between crop, hay or pasture fields and a stream or woodland.	A-1 Border is primarily for wildlife use and is not utilized as access. Borders are maintained by mowing every two years with 2 acres or more of borders available.	A-1	4			380 386 422 391 472
			A-2 As in "A-1" except 1-1.9 acres of borders are available.	A-2	3			647
			A-3 As in "A-1" except 0.5 - 0.9 acres of borders are available.	A-3	0			
			A-4 As in "A-1" except 0.25 - 0.4 acres of borders are available.	A-4	1			
			A-5 Less than 0.25 acres of border is available; OR not maintained by mowing OR if used as access areas and frequently used by vehicles or equipment.	A-5	0			
		B - Fields less than 3 acres in size.	B-1 Fields maintained by mowing every two years in mid-summer.	B-1	2			
			B-2 Fields not maintained by mowing every two years in mid-summer.	B-2	0			
		C - In fields 3-6 acres in size.	C-1 As in "B-1".	C-1	1			
			C-2 As in "B-2".	C-2	0			
		D - In fields < 6 acres in size OR No wild herbaceous upland plants.	-	D	0			
	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	A - Consist of hedgerows at least six feet in width.	A-1 One acre or more of hedgerow is available.	A-1	4			380 386 422 472
			A-2 0.5 - 0.9 acres of hedgerow is available.	A-2	3			612
			A-3 0.25 - 0.4 acres of hedgerow is available.	A-3	2			
			A-4 Less than 0.25 acres of hedgerow is available	A-4	0			
		B - Consists of blocks of woodland less than 3 acres in size.	-	B	2			

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Ring-Necked Pheasant (Continued)	Deciduous Trees and Shrubs (Continued)	C - Consists of blocks of woodland greater than 3 acres in size.	-	C      1			612 380
		D - No deciduous trees and shrubs.	-	D      0			
	Coniferous Trees and Shrubs	A - Stand size is inconsequential.	A Occur as scattered plants or clumps of plants within hedgerows or blocks of deciduous trees and shrubs.	A      2			422 612
		B - Occur in plantations or blocks less than 2 acres in size.	-	B      1			
		C - Occur in blocks or plantations more than 2 acres in size <b>OR</b> no coniferous trees and shrubs.	-	C      0			
	Wetland Plants	A - Parcel(s) of 2 acres or more .	A-1 One or more parcels adjoin grain and seed crops at one or more location(s).	A-1      3			314 378 644 646
			A-2 One or more parcels adjoin wild herbaceous upland plants <b>OR</b> domestic grasses and legumes.	A-2      2			657 658
			A-3 One or more parcels adjoin deciduous or coniferous trees and shrubs on only one side.	A-3      1			659
			A-4 Parcel is surrounded by deciduous or coniferous trees and shrubs.	A-4      0			
		B - Parcel(s) of less than 2 acres in size .	B-1 As in "A-1".	B-1      2			
			B-2 As in "A-2".	B-2      1			
			B-3 As in "A-3"	B-3      0			
			B-4 As in "A-4"	B-4      0			
	C - No wetland plants	-	C      0				
<b>TABLE 3 TOTAL SCORE</b>							

<sup>1</sup> Component Score - This is the value of the Habitat Element with certain species composition and under a certain management.

<sup>2</sup> Applicable Score - To determine the proper rating, use the "highest" component score for the line entry which applies most closely or where all conditions have been met. Only one component score may be used per habitat element.

<sup>3</sup> Applicable Practice(s) or Job Sheet(s) - These are relevant practice codes in Section IV of the FOTC or additional references that could potentially be

**ELEMENT DISTRIBUTION RATING KEY**

**Total Score is:** 0 - 5 = Poor  
6 - 10 = Fair  
11 - 16 = Good  
17 - 21 = Excellent

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