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South Island



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The species are absolutely protected at all times.

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NOTE: Important recognition features are the large areas of white under the wings of the game ducks and the smaller overall size of the protected ducks.



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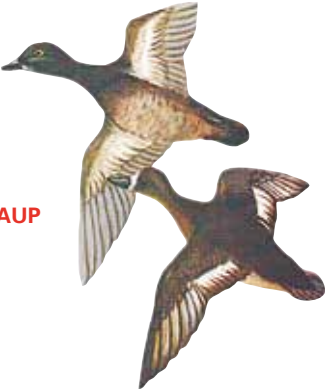
GREY DUCK



GREY TEAL



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The regulations printed in this guide booklet are subject to the Minister of Conservation's approval. A copy of the published game notice in the New Zealand Gazette is available on www.fishandgame.org.nz along with further information on game bird hunting.



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CODE OF CONDUCT

Please consider the rights of others and observe the hunters' code of conduct

ACCESS

- If no Fish and Game access sign is present, always ask permission from the land occupier before crossing private property (also check if it's OK to take your dog across their land).
- Don't interfere with livestock, crops, machinery or other property.
- Keep your dog under firm control or on a lead when on private property.
- Always use gates, stiles or other recognised access points and avoid damage to fences.
- Leave everything as you found it. If a gate is open or closed leave it that way.
- Don't park vehicles so they can obstruct gateways or cause a hazard on the road or access way.
- When driving on riverbeds keep to marked tracks or park on the bank and walk to your hunting spot.
- Always respect the environment, wildlife, other hunters and members of the public.

FIREARM SAFETY

Practise the seven Police-approved principles of firearm safety (see NZ Police Arms Code):

- i. Treat every firearm as loaded
- ii. Always point firearms in a safe direction
- iii. Load a firearm only when ready to fire
- iv. Identify your target beyond all doubt
- v. Check your firing zone
- vi. Store firearms and ammunition safely
- vii. Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms

HUNTING

- Carry a current game bird hunting licence and comply with the relevant bag limits and conditions of hunting.
- Wear a high visibility hat and outer garment whenever possible when hunting upland game.
- Be a competent shooter, estimate ranges, and be aware of you and your shotgun's limitations.
- Select appropriate shot size for the target.
- Be able to distinguish what may be lawfully hunted from protected species.
- If a game bird is wounded, take all reasonable steps to locate it and kill it quickly and humanely.
- Use a trained gundog, or other means to ensure the prompt retrieval of game, and help another hunter to retrieve their game.
- Promote ethical hunting of gamebirds. If you don't want to eat them, then don't shoot them. Certainly don't dump or abandon carcasses.
- Remove empty cartridge cases and all litter from the hunting area.
- Remember that all hunters will be judged by your actions.
- Always hunt in a sporting manner and ensure your conduct is always above reproach.
- Encourage the same attitude in your hunting companions.
- Above all, be safe and be sensible.

Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself!

HUNTING LICENCE VALID NATIONWIDE

All game bird hunting licences can be used in all Fish and Game regions. Day licences are valid only on or after the second Monday of the new season.

It is important to note that if you are hunting in other regions you need to read up on the local regulations in this booklet.

Fish and Game sports fish and game licences are issued online, are processed electronically and comply with the Electronic Transactions Act 2002.

Licences are issued centrally by a person authorised to issue licences on behalf of each Fish and Game Council.

GAME BIRD HABITAT STAMP

A game bird habitat stamp must be displayed on¹ every licence to hunt or kill game. The purpose of the Habitat Stamp Programme is to raise funds for habitat enhancement. Three dollars (\$3)² of the game licence fee is assigned to the stamp as income for the programme. See towards the back of this booklet for other programme products.

If you own or help manage suitable game bird habitat, you are welcome to apply for funds raised from the habitat stamp programme. To apply see the Game Bird Habitat Trust website <http://www.fishandgame.org.nz/new-zealand-game-bird-habitat-trust> for details. Applications close June 30.

SHOTGUNS AND USE OF NON-TOXIC SHOT

Game bird hunting can only be undertaken with a shotgun of a 10 gauge or smaller (including 12, 16, 20, 28, 410). Mandatory use of non-toxic shot applies to **waterfowl hunting only (see 1st Schedule, condition 5 below)**.

Non-toxic shot is not mandatory for upland game (e.g. pheasant and quail) hunting or for all game bird hunting using sub-gauges (smaller than 12 gauge) or black powder muzzle-loading shotguns.

For more information refer to www.fishandgame.org.nz

STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC PESTS

Protect our waters: **CHECK, CLEAN, DRY**. Check dogs, boots, decoys and boats before you leave the area.

WILDLIFE ACT 1953

The hunting of game is governed by the provisions of the Wildlife Act 1953. The Minister of Conservation declares an open season for game annually in the New Zealand Gazette (see below). Some important provisions of the Wildlife Act are covered here. The Act and its companion Wildlife Regulations 1955 can be viewed in full online: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

WILDLIFE DECLARED TO BE GAME³

Hunters are reminded that only the following lists of species are game birds that they are permitted to hunt and kill.

1 Section 19A(1) of the Wildlife Act 1953

2 Section 72(3A)(e) of the Wildlife Act 1953

3 Schedule 1 Wildlife Act 1953

WATERFOWL

- Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*) (except on Chatham Islands).
- Duck
 - Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck (except on Chatham Islands).
 - Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck (except on Chatham Islands).
 - Paradise duck (*Tadorna variegata*).
 - Spoonbill duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchotis*).
- Pukeko (*Porphyrio melanotus*) (except on Chatham Islands).

UPLAND GAME

- Chukar (*Alectoris graeca chukar*).
- Red-legged partridge (*Alectoris rufa rufa*).
- Pheasant (any bird not being a domestic bird, of the genus Phasianus and any cross of any such bird with any other species, variety, or kind of pheasant).
- Quail
 - Australian or brown quail (*Synoicus*).
 - Californian quail (*Lophortyx californica*).
 - Virginian or bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*).

RESTRICTIONS ON THE TAKING OF GAME

(S18, Wildlife Act 1953)

No person shall use more than one shotgun or any live decoy. The maximum penalty is \$5,000 or community work.

USE OF LEAD SHOT AMMUNITION OVER WATER

(S5, Open Season For Game Notice)

It is an offence to possess, or hunt waterfowl within 200 metres of open water using lead shot ammunition otherwise than within the exceptions allowed (see use of non-toxic shot above). The maximum penalty is \$5,000 fine, and forfeiture of shotgun used.

LICENCE TO HUNT OR KILL GAME

(S19, Wildlife Act 1953)

It is an offence to hunt or kill game unless the person holds a current game licence, except in some circumstances where that person is a resident occupier as defined in the Wildlife Act. The maximum penalty is \$5,000 fine or community work.

OCCUPIER OF ANY LAND

(S19(3), Wildlife Act 1953)

“...the occupier of any land, and [the spouse or partner] and any one son or daughter of the occupier, may, during an open season, hunt or kill on that land without a licence (but subject to all other restrictions imposed by game regulations.” The occupier of the land is normally the owner if she/he personally resides on the land but this privilege can be transferred to farm manager or sharemilkers by a written statement indicating such to Fish and Game if the owner does not personally reside on the land. Note that the Act allows for hunting by three people; the occupier, his/her wife/husband/civil union partner or de facto partner and one son or daughter on that land - but no other land.

SHOOTING OF GAME NOT IN FLIGHT PROHIBITED

(S22, Wildlife Act 1953)

It is an offence for a person to shoot or attempt to shoot at any game bird not in flight except where a game bird is already wounded by shooting) The maximum penalty is a \$5,000 or community work.

OBSTRUCTING RANGERS

(S40, Wildlife Act 1953)

It is an offence to obstruct a ranger. The maximum penalty is 2 years imprisonment and/or \$100,000 fine.

TAKING PROTECTED WILDLIFE

(S63, Wildlife Act 1953)

It is an offence to hunt or kill protected wildlife. The maximum penalties for hunting or killing absolutely protected wildlife is up to two years imprisonment or \$100,000 and \$5,000 (plus up to \$100 for each head or egg of game) for Schedule 1 game birds. The maximum penalty for hunting or killing grey teal or white swan is a \$5,000 fine or community work.

GAME HUNTING EXCLUSION AREAS

Closed game areas

Closed game areas means a part of a region that is for the time being excluded from the operation of an open season in the region, but does not include a wildlife sanctuary or a wildlife refuge or any area in which the shooting or hunting or killing of animals is prohibited under or pursuant to paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of this [Wildlife] Act or any other Act.

There is no open season for game birds on property in a closed game area. It remains legal to have a dog or a gun on such land,

but not to use them to hunt game birds (which also applies to the landowner). (s2. *Wildlife Act 1953*).

Each closed game area is administered by a Fish and Game Council.

Wildlife Refuges.

It is illegal to have or take a dog or a gun onto Wildlife Refuge land, unless specifically exempt in writing to do so, or to harm or disturb any wildlife including game birds on that land (s14(3) *Wildlife Act 1953*).

Wildlife Refuges are administered by the Department of Conservation.

The remainder of this hunting guide is made up of regional details and hunting conditions contained in the Gazetted Game Notice.

These conditions are set out in the:

FIRST SCHEDULE:

Hunting conditions generally common to all Fish and Game regions.

SECOND SCHEDULE:

Regionally specific hunting conditions, including bag limits, closed and open game areas, shooting hours and the like.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Hunting conditions generally common to all Fish and Game regions.

1 Bag limits

- (1) No person shall possess on any one day, more than the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for the Fish and Game Region in which the game is taken, except on Sunday, 7 May 2017, when that person may have in his or her possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday, 6 May 2017.
- (2) A person may possess more game than specified in sub-clause (1) of this Schedule, if all such game is labelled with the following details:
 - (a) The name and address of the person by whom the game was taken;
 - (b) The number of the licence to hunt or kill game held by the person by whom the game was taken;

- (c) The name of the Fish and Game Region by which that licence was issued;
- (d) The name of the Fish and Game Region in which the game was taken; and
- (e) The date on which the game was taken.

2 Waiver of Restrictions on Baiting for Waterfowl

A person⁴ may hunt or kill game of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) during the open season for game in all Fish and Game Regions, except Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region, where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted any time during the year. In the Second Schedule, Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region, Special Condition 4(9), applies to restrictions on baiting.

3 Magazine Shotguns

A person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, in any Fish and Game Regions with any magazine shotgun of a 10 gauge or smaller, which includes magazine extensions⁵, other than in the:

- (a) Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region;
- (b) Eastern Fish and Game Region;
- (c) Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Region;
- (d) Wellington Fish and Game Region;
- (e) Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Region;
- (f) West Coast Fish and Game Region.

For these six Regions special conditions in the Second Schedule apply.

4 Shot Size

No person shall use, in any shotgun used for the purposes of hunting and killing game, any cartridge containing any shot size having a larger retained, per-pellet energy at 90 metres than lead BB.

5 Use of Lead Shot Prohibited

- (1) No person may possess lead shot, or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water, with any gun using a 10 or 12 gauge cartridge. Non-toxic alternative shot may be used, including steel.
- (2) For the purposes of this requirement, "waterfowl" means any of the following game species:
 - Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*)

⁴ Section 17 of the Wildlife Act 1953

⁵ Amended notification to section 18(1)(c) (iii) and (v) of the Wildlife Act 1953 as authorised by the Minister of Conservation under section 18(1) of that Act

- Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck
 - Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck
 - Paradise shelduck (*Tadorna variegata*) also known as Paradise duck.
 - Spoonbill duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchos*)
 - Pukeko (*Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*)
- (3) For the purposes of this requirement, “open water” means either:
- (a) any area of land or seabed covered permanently or seasonally by water wider than 3 metres; or
 - (b) any area which is temporarily covered by water wider than 3 metres at the time of such possession or use, and that is contiguous to an area referred to in paragraph (3)(a).

6 Shotguns of a Bore Smaller Than 12 Gauge and Muzzle Loaders Exempt in Relation to Use of Lead Shot

Hunters may use lead shot in shotguns of a bore smaller than 12 gauge (including 16, 20, 28, 410) or muzzle loaders for the 2017 season.

7 Camouflaged Rowboats

A person⁶ may hunt or kill game within the following Fish and Game Regions, from unmoored camouflaged rowboats, subject to the excluded periods for the regions specified below:

- **Northland** – no excluded period
- **Auckland/Waikato** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017
- **Eastern** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017
- **Hawke’s Bay** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017
- **Taranaki** – no excluded period
- **Wellington** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017
- **Nelson/Marlborough** – no excluded period
- **West Coast** – no excluded period
- **North Canterbury** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017
- **Central South Island** – excluding 6 and 7 May 2017

⁶ Section 18(1)(f)(vi) of the Wildlife Act 1953

- **Otago** – excluding Clutha River 6 to 14 May 2017 inclusive
- **Southland** – no excluded period

8 Restriction on Taking of Game

No person shall use any vehicle propelled by mechanical power (including motorised watercraft)⁷ to chase or kill game, except in such circumstances and at such times as authorised by the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953.

9 Pegging Day

- (1) Stand claimants who claimed and occupied a stand during the 2016 Game Season may claim that stand at any time prior to pegging day (up to 10.00 a.m. on 9 April 2017) following the purchase of the 2017 game licence. If you are in the Auckland/Waikato Region, then the above mentioned applies **only to Adult Whole Season Licence Holders** and does not apply to Junior Licence Holders as it does in all other Fish and Game Regions.
- (2) Otherwise, unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00am on 9 April 2017 in all Fish and Game Regions.
- (3) A stand may be claimed by planting on it a stake having either a board or identifying label attached, plainly identifying the name of the claimant and the number of his/her licence. The hunting stand claim tag provided with the licence must be completed with the name of the claimant and affixed to the board or identifying label.
- (4) The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking it up.
- (5) No one can claim more than one stand.
- (6) A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
- (7) Any stand not occupied by the claimant within one hour after the opening hour of hunting, on any day, can be occupied by another licence holder for the remainder of the day.

10 Conditions

These conditions will expire at the end of the open season for game specified under the Second Schedule for each Fish and Game Region.

⁷ Section 18(1)(f)(v) of the Wildlife Act 1953

SECOND SCHEDULE

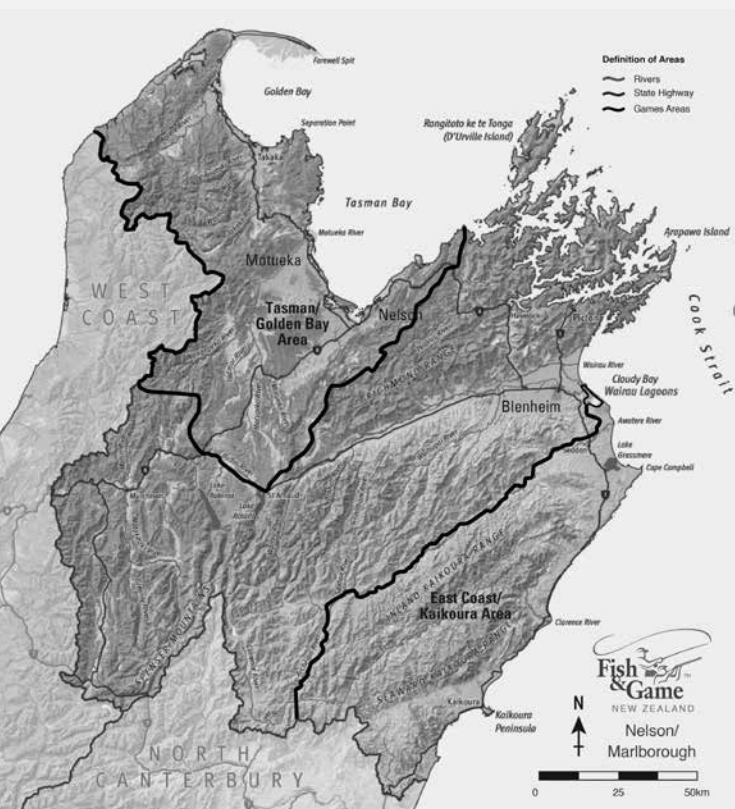
Regionally specific hunting conditions, bag limits, closed and open game areas, and the like.



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NELSON/MARLBOROUGH - Fish & Game Region⁸

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8 Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 24 May 1990, at page 1861

1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2017/2018 Season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	8	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	10	All areas, except Tasman/Golden Bay area
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	15	Tasman/Golden Bay area
Pukeko	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	10	Except East Coast/Kaikoura area
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	East Coast/ Kaikoura area only
	31 Jul to 29 Oct 2017	10	Tasman/Golden Bay area only
	1 Jan 2018 to 25 Feb 2018	10	Tasman/Golden Bay area only
Black swan	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	10	All areas
California quail	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	10	Except Motueka and Waimea River Bermland
	3 Jun to 30 Aug 2017	10	Motueka and Waimea River Bermland only
Cock pheasant (subject to clause 6(4) for this region)	3 Jun to 5 Jun 2017	1	All publicly administered land (excludes Crown Forest land)
	1 Jul and 2 Jul 2017	1	
	29 Jul and 30 Jul 2017	1	
Cock pheasant (subject to clause 6(4) for this region)	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	1	All privately owned land as well as Crown Forest Land
Chukar	Closed season	0	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

2.1 Wairau Lagoons: That area defined as all open waters, islands and the peninsula between Chandlers Lagoon and Big Lagoon, south of the Wairau River mouth,

including Te Aropipi Channel and south to the White Bluffs.

2.2 Tasman/Golden Bay area: The area west of the Bryant/Gordon Range, north of State Highway 63 from St Arnaud to Kawatiri Junction encompassing Tasman & Golden Bays.

2.3 Motueka River Bermland: The area adjacent to the Motueka River downstream of the Alexandra Bluff Bridge within the boundaries of State Highway 61 and Old Wharf Road to the east and the Motueka River West Bank Road, Umukuri Road and Lodder Lane in the west.

2.4 Waimea River Bermland: That area known as the Waimea Bermland contained within the stopbanks (or a 200 metre strip from both riverbanks where stopbanks are not present) of the Waimea and Wairoa Rivers up to the junction of the Lee River and the Wai-iti River up to State Highway 6 (Wai-iti Bridge). Hunters are advised not to hunt the area between Pugh Road and Brightwater due to safety issues with the proximity of the cycleway and roads.

2.5 East Coast/Kaikoura Area: The area to the south of the Awatere Valley/Molesworth Road and the Redwood Pass Road.

3 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.30pm during May, then 6.45am to 6.15pm until 27 August 2017. For the remaining pukeko season, sunset to sunrise.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Magazine Extension

No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game region with any magazine extensions on a shotgun of a bore smaller than 10 gauge (including 12, 16, 20, 28, 410).

6 Special Conditions

6.1 All permanent hunting stands/maimais used for the purposes of hunting of game on the Wairau Lagoons must be situated above the mean high water level.

6.2 Moored camouflaged boats are permitted for hunting or killing game in the Wairau Lagoons, but shall not be

within 200 metres of any other hunting stand.

- 6.3 Farmers who hunt their own property under section 19 of the Wildlife Act 1953 are allowed to do so without having to purchase a licence, although they are subject to this notice and the Regulations. Those farmers who wish to do so can receive a current copy of the regional newsletter and national magazine. Contact the Nelson Fish and Game Council office to place your address on the mailing list.
- 6.4 The pheasant season for all Crown Forestry land has been increased subject to usual forestry access hunting permit requirements. Although a permit/diary is required when hunting Crown forestry land, pheasant hunting on private land is no longer subject to diary/permit requirements. Permits are available on request from Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Council offices at no cost.
- 6.5 Waimea Estuary. Due to the proximity of the cycleway, those hunting Pearl Creek and Neiman Creek are advised to use caution.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN NELSON/ MARLBOROUGH GOLDEN BAY

Golden Bay is under-utilised as a game hunting area and is well worth a visit. Although traditionally a grey duck stronghold, mallards are present, particularly in the coastal areas of the Aorere and Takaka valleys. Black swan are in large numbers around Farewell Spit/Puponga and good numbers are also found in Westhaven. On modified and developed country paradise shelduck can be plentiful. Quail are concentrated around the edge of broken bush and scrub land margins in the warm drier country, especially towards the east of Golden Bay and the fringes of Abel Tasman National Park. Pukeko abound in wetlands adjoining developed pasture, particularly in the lower Aorere Valley.

NELSON/MOTUEKA

Populations of mallard duck are found in the coastal estuaries and lower country with farm ponds also productive at times. Paradise shelduck can be found throughout the region in good numbers. Populations of quail exist on forest margins, recently felled forest areas and rough land throughout the district. This

hunting is often challenging due to thick scrub that makes any follow-up (after the initial flush) very difficult. There are high populations of pukeko in the Tasman/Golden Bay areas and as a result of increases in the population and crop damage complaints in the past few years, the pukeko season length and area have been extended to alleviate the problems. Limited numbers of pheasant can be found scattered throughout orchards, foothills, forestry edges and river bermlands, particularly in the Waimea, lower Motueka/Riwaka plains and the Moutere.

With a cycleway nearby, those hunting the Pearl Creek and Neiman Creek on the Waimea Estuary are advised to use caution.

BULLER/MURCHISON/MARUIA

The Buller/Murchison/Maruia area contains reasonable populations of grey duck. Paradise shelduck can often be found feeding on newly sown pasture.

MARLBOROUGH LOW COUNTRY

The many rivers and streams, flats, estuaries, wetlands, and Marlborough Sounds offer excellent hunting opportunities. Mallard are the dominant species with lower numbers of native ducks depending on location. Higher numbers of grey ducks are found in the Marlborough Sounds and Pelorus Valley, but please take care to identify your target because the area is home to a large grey teal population. Black swans occur in moderate numbers in estuarine reaches. Quail can be found scattered throughout most river beds, notably the Awatere, Wairau (upstream of Renwick) and Waihopai catchments, where broken cover and scrub-lands exist. Most quail hunting requires permission to hunt on private land.

KAIKOURA AND MARLBOROUGH HIGH COUNTRY

These areas offer some of the country's prime quail hunting. The East Coast has localised populations of mallard and further inland, grey duck. There are moderate numbers of paradise shelduck, particularly on the East Coast and inland Kaikoura.

PHEASANT HUNTING

Attempts to increase hunting opportunities for pheasants in the Nelson Marlborough Region remain in place and to provide an incentive for landowners and hunters to undertake pheasant enhancement. These can be habitat enhancement, predator trapping or breeding and releasing (pursuant to sections 53 & 56 of

the Wildlife Act 1953 requires permit). Extended season pheasant hunting on private land in the Nelson Marlborough region no longer requires a diary. Extended season pheasant hunting on Crown forestry land is by diary only. Diaries are available on request from Fish and Game at no cost.

Hunters who wish to access the Waimea Bermlands can obtain a map showing all the lessee boundaries and contact details from our office in Nelson.

QUAIL HUNTERS

Hunters please note that quail hunting is not permitted within the Motueka or Waimea Bermlands until the public land pheasant season opens. Access permission and permits are required from forestry companies. For more information contact the Richmond Office.

HUNTING ON THE WAIRAU AND WAIMEA BERMLANDS

Marlborough District Council generally allow quail hunting in the Wairau above the Waihopai but please check out WAMS maps for private land boundaries prior to hunting. Hunters wanting access to the Waimea berms must contact the Richmond Office prior to hunting there for advice on which areas are available, and information on other issues.

PARA SWAMP GAME MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Council now manages approximately 85% of the swamp. Hunters are invited to make an application to hunt in this area on a ballot form available from the Blenheim office. Para swamp is being developed to improve game bird hunting opportunities and new sites are becoming available with time.

HUNTING IN THE WAIRAU LAGOONS

The Wairau Lagoons cover about 2000 hectares of saline marsh and mud-flats between the Wairau River mouth and the Vernon Estate to the south. During the autumn and winter months the predominant species in the Lagoons are game birds. Protected species will also be seen in the lagoons during the open game season. The protected grey teal population in particular is increasing and hunters must take care to positively identify their target. Besides the obvious main channels in the northern part of the lagoons, and Te Aropipi Channel, which runs along inside the seaward Boulder Bank, few parts of the lagoons are more than

a metre deep. The mud in some areas can be very deep and care should be taken in unfamiliar areas. Access can be gained via the end of Hardings Road. Duck hunter access is off Redwood Pass Road, or from the Wairau Bar using a boat. The water is brackish and shotguns require careful cleaning. Fresh water should be taken for gun dogs. The former wildlife refuge status over Big Lagoon has been lifted to provide additional hunting opportunities. The retention of this new hunting area will depend on the behaviour of hunters and adherence to the following code of conduct:

- Fixed shooting stands above mean high water springs only.
- Moored floating stands 200 metres from any other marked stand.
- No plant material likely to drop viable seed to be used for maimai cover.
- No disturbance to archaeological sites, artefacts or native plants.
- No litter including spent cartridges.
- Wheeled vehicles restricted to formed roads.
- All boats restricted to five knots.
- No dogs other than trained retrievers during the open game season.

A permit from the DOC Renwick office is required to hunt this area. An access and information pamphlet is available from either Fish & Game office.

HUNTING ACCESS

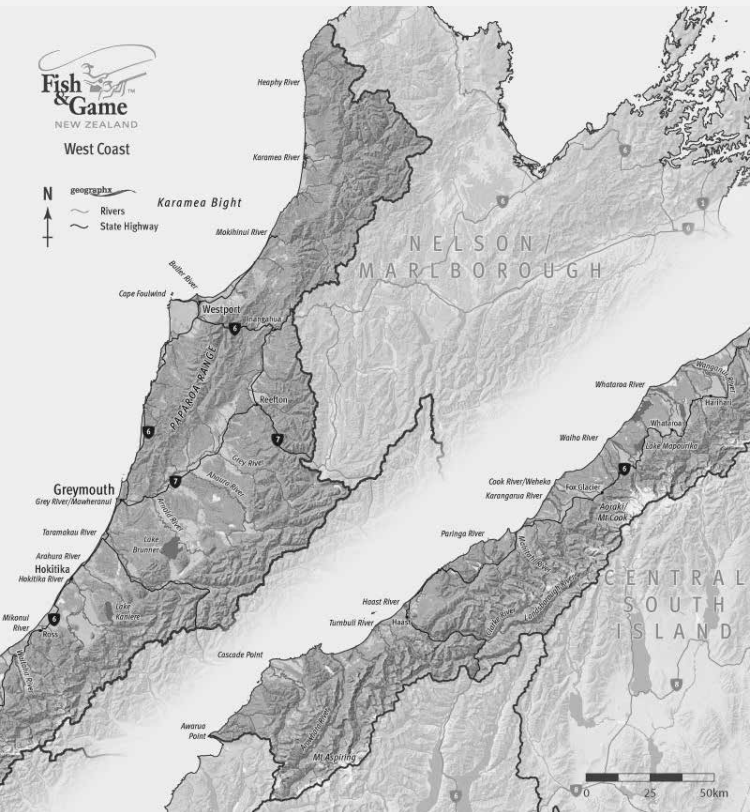
The Nelson/Marlborough Council has jurisdiction over, or owns several reserves where game bird hunting is allowed, subject to ballot. Land administered by DOC requires hunters to gain permission and permits before they hunt. Forestry companies also require hunters to obtain permits to enter their forests to hunt during the game bird season. Forests are closed to hunting during weekdays and the spring and summer months. Due to security problems, some companies require refundable key deposits. Permission to hunt on all private land must be obtained from the land-owner prior to hunting.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS FOR PERMITS

Marlborough District Council, Tasman District Council, Department of Conservation, B.G. Securities (5442829) for forestry hunting access permits.

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1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2017/2018 Season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	Aggregate bag 15	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	15	All areas
	3 Mar to 11 Mar 2018 <i>(Junior licence holders only)</i>	5	All areas
Pukeko	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	10	North of the Taramakau River
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	20	South of the Taramakau River
	3 Mar to 11 Mar 2018 <i>(Junior licence holders only)</i>	5	All areas
Black swan	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	4	All areas
Pheasant, both sexes	6 May 2017 to 4 May 2018	20	Upland game properties with special conditions only specified in clause 5 for this Region
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All other areas

2 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.30pm (May to July inclusive)

6.30am to 8.00pm (March)

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

4 Ammunition limits

No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the West Coast region with any magazine shotgun of a bore smaller than 10 gauge unless the shotgun:

- (a) has a magazine of any type adjusted with a one piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the

gun; or

- (b) the magazine is pinned in accordance with Regulations made under this Act;

so that the magazine shotgun is incapable of holding more than 4 shells in the magazine, with no more than 5 shells in the magazine and chamber combined, at any one time.

5. Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

Upland Game Area A clearly signposted and confined to that part of the Haupiri River Valley upstream of the Haupiri River Bridge and at 82 Wallace Road, Lake Haupiri.

HUNTING ON THE WEST COAST

The primary attractions for game bird hunters on the Coast are the diversity of habitat, providing for a range of species, but mainly grey and mallard duck or hybrids. Shoveler, paradise shelduck and pukeko are also widespread throughout the region.

In general, developed valleys with improved pasture and open drains offer the best waterfowl hunting – particularly for mallards, pukeko and shelduck – however riverbeds, bush ponds and coastal wetlands – most of which are on Department of Conservation (DOC) administered land – also provide excellent opportunities.

Some relatively unexploited hunting opportunities remain in South Westland river valleys south of Harihari.

Anyone planning a trip to hunt the West Coast can contact the Fish and Game Council for advice on key landowners to contact. Currently there are few problems with access to hunting on land administered by DOC, however if in doubt about land tenure contact the nearest DOC office (refer below) for a permit.

Department of Conservation contacts

Greymouth	03 768 0427
Hokitika	03 756 9100
Buller	03 788 8008
South Westland	03 751 0807

Game bird hunting is permitted in six scenic reserves; Hunters wishing to shoot at Lakes Rotokino, Ianthe, Arthur, Swan and Lady, or Saltwater lagoon are required to request a permit from DOC before the end of March. In the event of any problems contact The Fish and Game Council.

If hunting in riverbeds or along bermlands we recommend contacting adjacent landowners. Their advice could well add value to your hunting.

Please note that it is unlawful to use or possess lead shot when hunting waterfowl within 200 metres of any open water wider than 3 metres.

PARADISE DUCK HUNTING

A phone call to one of the contacts listed below will be of great assistance for visitors seeking shelduck hunting opportunities.

Some recommended spots are the Ahaura/Lake Haupiri and Lake Poerua/Taramakau catchments, and the Wanganui, Waiho Waitaha and Whataroa valleys in South Westland. It is so important to do it right the first time, and to this end the following advice is important;

Phone a local contact below to locate birds. If possible observe their movements for a day or two before hunting.

Construct a hide with minimum disturbance and using natural vegetation where available. Paradise ducks will usually avoid a paddock that looks different from the previous visit.

Use plenty of decoys – facing into the wind.

Use camouflaged clothing and keep movement to a minimum.

Often it's best to let an incoming mob land, then flush and shoot.

Although they look like they're moving slowly paradise shelducks can fly at up to 80km/hr. If you are not hitting them increase your lead by swinging through the target more quickly.

Most private landowners will react favourably to reasonable requests for access to hunt. The contacts listed below are recommended for hunters seeking new areas, particularly to hunt parries. It is essential to phone the landowner before visiting, and respect any reasons they may have for limiting access.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Property contact</i>	<i>Phone number</i>
Ahaura	M Bray	7323576
Ahaura	R Becker	7323879
Ahaura	G Paterson	7323140
Atarau	A Becker	7323576
Atarau	C Brake	7323080
Atarau	A Berry	7323856
Atarau	C Van der Geest	7323718
Atarau	G O'Connor	7323859
Atarau	J Liddell	7323747
Atarau	M Mills	7323001
Atarau	P Berry	7323856
Atarau	R Little	7323034

Atarau	D Kennedy	0276327795
Atarau	G Graham	7323063
Atarau	P Jefferies	7680193
Barrytown	George Coates	7311805
Haupiri	C Egan	7380389
Haupiri	H Temple (G.C.C)	7380224
Ikamatua	G Prendergast	7323518
Ikamatua	R Lemon	7323525
Ikamatua	M Fitzgerald	7323577
Ikamatua	P McLennan	7323755
Kokiri	D Bradley	7625798
Kokiri	(C.M.P)	7625055
Kowhitirangi	T Sheridan	7557227
Mawheraiti	K Harvey	0272228360

TIPS FOR HUNTING ON THE WEST COAST

The key to success in all hunting is to be observant, and recognise that game bird movements and feeding patterns change in response to the time of year and the food available. In the case of shelduck, feeding patterns are largely dictated by the location of preferred pasture. Prevailing weather patterns also have a large influence on where birds congregate at certain times. For example, during wet periods in June/July intensively grazed paddocks are favoured by mallards seeking high protein in the form of worms and grubs. Seed from fed out hay and baleage is also a favoured food source. During frosty periods drains and wet areas with willow (pig) weed infestations may be popular. Observant hunters will notice that birds alter their daily habits and flight patterns in response to the length of daylight hours, prevailing weather and the level of disturbance.

In general, waterfowl tend to avoid large open water bodies during rough windy weather, preferring sheltered swampy margins and farm drains. Similarly, during extended frosty periods there is often good hunting in small running creeks and small ponds with a bush canopy.

Many hunters become frustrated by large congregations of ducks – predominantly mallards – loafing in open paddocks after the first week or two of the season when ducks become more wary. These birds are often difficult to hunt but, for those prepared to chance the odd unsuccessful outing success is more likely to improve later in the season, especially on rough days and at first and last light. Late in the season birds are preparing for breeding and require extra protein in the form of aquatic invertebrates and terrestrial

insects. At this time small creeks, farm drains and wet paddocks often provide favoured feeding habitat. During this period it is often possible to call in ducks that earlier in the season were simply not interested. In intensively farmed areas the daily routine heavily influences hunting opportunities. Look for concentrations of birds near stock feed out pads, and, particularly in the case of shelducks, on saved pasture and green crop.

ORGANISED HUNTS

Complaints about concentrations of game birds such as pukeko and paradise shelduck indicate problem areas that hunters can be directed to. Pukeko and shelduck hunting success often depends on a team of hunters working together.

Organised hunts have become increasingly popular on the West Coast as access to good hunting becomes more difficult in other regions. Such hunts are arranged independently by a number of different clubs and organisations and the Fish and Game Council provides coordination and assistance where possible.

The West Coast Gameshooters club is very active and organises some very successful hunts. For further information on membership contact David Brooks on (03) 762 5604.

Enjoy your hunting on the 'Coast', comply with the few rules we have, and please show respect for landowners and your fellow hunters.



Photo: Graeme Hughes

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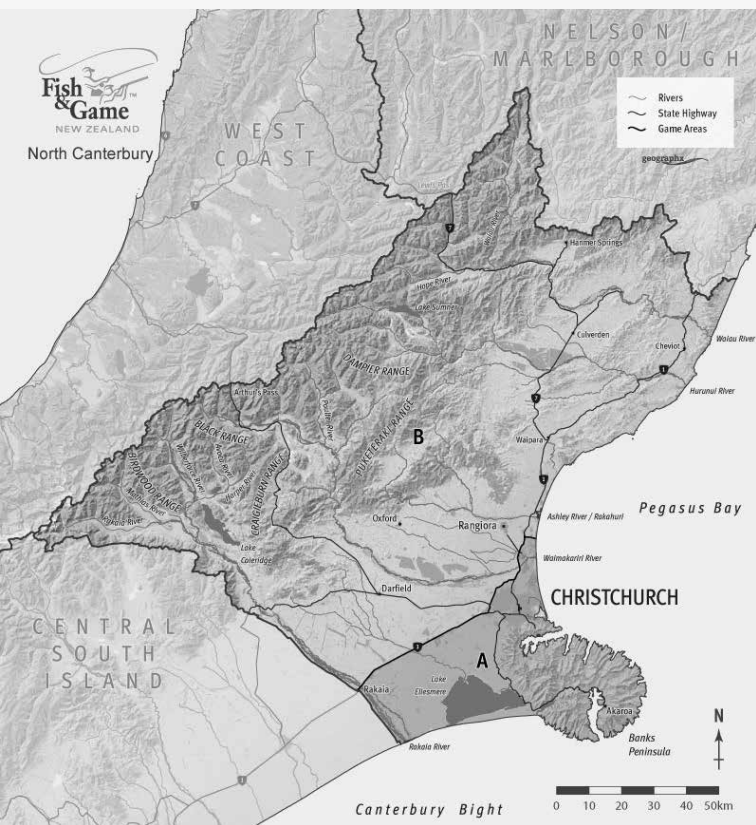
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<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey, mallard and shoveler duck aggregate bag limit		25	All areas
Grey, mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	25	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	20	Area A
	6 May to 24 Sep 2017	20	Area B
	13 Jan 2018 to 4 Mar 2018	20	Area B
	13 Jan 2018 to 4 Mar 2018	5	Area A
Pukeko	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Black swan	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	5	Area A
	31 Jul to 24 Sep 2017	20	Area A
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	Area B
California quail	6 May to 20 Aug 2017	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	10 and 11 Jun 2017 <i>(two days only)</i>	1	All areas
Chukar	Closed season	0	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

2.1 Area A (Paradise shelduck and Black swan): That area east of State Highway 1 from the Rakaia River in the south to Woodend Beach Road in the north.

2.2 Area B (Paradise shelduck and Black swan): The remainder of the region excluding “Area A”.

3 Shooting Hours

3.1 Paradise shelduck

6 May to 24 September 2017

6.45am to 6.30pm during the specified season

13 January to 4 March 2018

5.00am to 10.00pm during the specified season

3.2 All other game birds

6.45am to 6.30pm during the specified season

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

5.1 No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground the body or a part of the body of any game bird shot in this region.

6 Closed Game Areas

There are three Closed Game Areas in the North Canterbury Region: St Anne's Lagoon, the northern end of the Rakaia Lagoon and the Ahuriri Lagoon.

6.1 St Anne's Lagoon: Those parts of St Anne's Lagoon (commonly known as Cheviot Lagoon) situated on part Section 27 Block IV, and part Sections 1 and 4 Block VII Cheviot Survey District together with a strip of land 45.72 metres in width along the margins. On the remainder of this lagoon and land adjoining (being Reserve 3146), shooting is prohibited as it is a reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977.

6.2 Rakaia Lagoon: All that area known as the Rakaia River Lagoon, being an area from a line commencing at the confluence of Boat Creek which flows into the lagoon from the northern shore, then north-easterly to the head of the lagoon and including the foreshore in front of the Rakaia Huts Village, then around the lagoon and south-west along the shingle spit opposite Boat Creek, the area being specifically marked by "Closed Game Area" signage.

6.3 Ahuriri Lagoon: All that area of land in the Canterbury Land District, situated in Block X Halswell Survey District, in the Counties of Ellesmere and Halswell, containing approximately 249 hectares, being Rural Sections 1167 and 31239, part Rural Section 3319, part Reserve 3598, including Lots 1 and 2, and Lots 4 to 11, Crown and road reserves; commencing at the north-western corner of Rural Section 11167 on the eastern boundary of Burke's Drain and road reserve proceeding in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of Rural Section 11167 and Reserve 3598 to the south-eastern corner of Rural Section 11165; then easterly in a straight line crossing Reserve 3598 to the

south-eastern corner of Rural Section 11166; then easterly along the northern boundaries of Reserve 3598 and Rural Section 31239 to the north-eastern corner of Rural Section 31239 at the western side of the Christchurch-Akaroa Highway; then southerly, south-easterly and easterly along the said highway and crossing road reserve, the old course of the Halswell River, and road reserve to the south-east of the road reserve along the south bank of the old course of the Halswell River; then south-westerly along the south side of the said road reserve to the eastern side of the road reserve on the eastern bank of the Halswell Canal; then south-easterly in a straight line across the said road reserve and the Halswell Canal to the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 on the western bank of the said Halswell Canal; then generally westerly along the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 and across Matthews Road and continuing along the southern boundary of Reserve 3598 to the south-eastern side of Davidson's Road; then north-easterly along the south-eastern side of Davidson's Road to the southern bank of the Halswell River.

HUNTING IN NORTH CANTERBURY

The North Canterbury Fish and Game Region stretches from the south bank of the Rakaia to the headwaters of the Waiau, from the Southern Alps to the sea. Habitats range from coastal dunes, through to shallow wetlands and wide river beds, high country lakes and mountain valleys. Mallard ducks are the most abundant and popular game bird in the region. They have adapted well to the developed agricultural land which dominates the North Canterbury landscape. Paradise shelduck is the next most popular species among local hunters and like the mallard, also does well in developed land. The region also sustains a reasonable black swan population, most of which are found on coastal wetlands. Grey and shoveler ducks are found in the region but do not favour open, developed land and tend to be concentrated onto wet, swampy areas and irrigation storage ponds.

Upland game birds are less prolific than in some other Fish and Game regions but reasonable California quail numbers are present in the lower and middle reaches of the braided riverbeds. Small pheasant populations are also present, but are not sufficiently abundant to withstand heavy hunting pressure. There is a two day open season for cock pheasant hunting on the second weekend in June in the North Canterbury region.

A number of pheasant hunters in particular, confuse the exact location of the boundary between the North Canterbury and Central South Island Fish and Game Regions. This can cause problems for hunters as there is a longer open season and a higher daily limit bag for pheasant in the Central South Island Region. A number of hunters have been caught in breach of the North Canterbury rules, thinking they were hunting in the Central South Island region. To set the record straight, the North Canterbury boundary with the Central South Island Region is the Acton Road, which runs from Rakaia Township east to the sea and the Rakaia Barr Hill Road which runs from the Township west towards the Rakaia Gorge. Essentially, the entire Rakaia riverbed and its Southern margins that extend to the main parallel roads, are in the North Canterbury region and North Canterbury Fish and Game Council regulations apply.

The North Canterbury region is a mix of public and private land. Most of the public land is administered by Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation (DOC). Either of these organisations, or North Canterbury Fish and Game Council, will be able to assist you with any access inquiries relating to public land.

A *'Lake Ellesmere Access'* publication is available to assist hunters with access issues and can be obtained from the Fish and Game Council office or the main hunting retail stores.

THE MAJOR HUNTING AREAS

Here is a brief summary of the major hunting areas in the North Canterbury region:

Lake Ellesmere: Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora), a 20,000ha wetland of national and international significance, is the major game bird hunting area in the region. Mallard ducks are the most popular quarry during the traditional hunting months of May, June and July, black swan and shoveler duck are also present. It is important to note that Lake Ellesmere is home to a large grey teal population which are protected wildlife. It is important that hunters take time to properly identify their target, especially during periods of low light. The best time to hunt Ellesmere is during a strong southerly wind. Birds which usually roost in the middle of the lake are pushed off by the rough conditions and tend to fly to the downwind shore. The lake can also shoot well during strong northwest or northeast winds; once again the downwind shoreline is the best place to hunt. Lake Ellesmere has a good number of maimais located around the shoreline and most Ellesmere regulars have one of their own.

However, any hunter is free to use any maimai sited on public land which has not been occupied by 7:45 am in the morning. This is a great option for new or inexperienced hunters who want a taste of open water game bird hunting without having to commit to the time and expense involved in constructing their own maimai.

Please note that a hunting permit is required to hunt on DOC managed land on the shores of Lake Ellesmere. These are available at the DOC Christchurch Visitor Centre now located in the Mahanui area office at 31 Nga Mahi Road Sockburn (03) 341 9113, or email christchurchvc@doc.govt.nz

MAIMAIS ON LAKE ELLESMERE

The construction of permanent maimais on public land and Ngai Tahu lakebed at Lake Ellesmere is subject to a number of conditions. Approved maimai construction techniques are available on the North Canterbury page of the Fish and Game website. Hunters need to obtain permission from Fish and Game and DOC Robin Smith (03) 341 9100 before beginning work on a new maimai. We encourage hunters to refurbish an unused existing maimai first. Hunters with existing maimais which have yet to be registered should contact staff at the Fish and Game office to obtain a maimai registration tag. There is no charge for these services.

THE BRAIDED RIVERBEDS

The Rakaia, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Waiau rivers are also popular hunting locations. Many of these rivers have large tidal lagoons which provide good hunting opportunities. Further upriver, ducks can be targeted using traditional decoy setups in open water areas. Good duck shooting is also available in places by flush hunting small springs and ponds, which are often found on the margins of major riverbeds. Licensed game bird hunters are able to hunt in most of the North Canterbury braided river beds except parts where they lie close to population centres. The Waimakariri River Regional Park, administered by Environment Canterbury, recognises game bird hunting as a legitimate activity, with areas designated for such use. An access map is available.

Please do not shoot outside these areas which may put the future of game bird hunting at risk. Hunters need to be aware of rabbit poisoning operations in Canterbury river beds. While poison operations are of little threat to humans or to the safe consumption of any game birds killed, it is of real concern to hunters' dogs which are susceptible to 1080 poison found in carcass remains, for some months after a poisoning operation.

HIGH COUNTRY LAKES

Some of the region's high country lakes offer good game bird hunting opportunities. In some cases hunting can be pursued without the owner's permission but it is highly recommended that you put in the effort and talk to the farmer or manager concerned in advance. Please note that lakes Grasmere and Pearson are wildlife refuges and all hunting is prohibited.

PRIVATE LAND

Private land also offers good game hunting opportunities but the owner's permission needs to be sought in advance.

BOGGY CREEK GAME BIRD HUNTING AREA

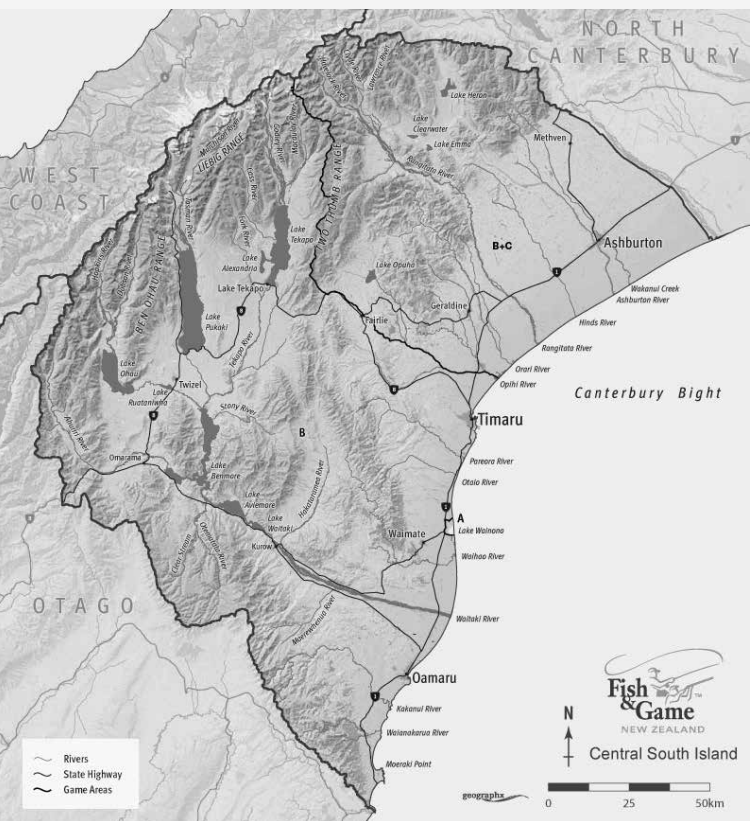
The Boggy Creek Game Bird Hunting Area is located at the end of Collets Road on the western shore of Lake Ellesmere. The property is now owned by DOC, however annual ballots are held by North Canterbury Fish and Game Council for shooting stands in this area and are open to all licensed hunters. Contact the Council office for details.



Photo: Richie Cosgrove

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Refer to section 2 for precise definition of areas

11 Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, as amended by *Gazette*, No. 129, of 29 August 1991, at page 2789

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<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
<i>Grey, mallard and shoveler duck: A maximum total aggregate bag not exceeding 50 birds for all those species including hybrids combined, except that within the aggregate bag a limit of 5 grey duck and 2 shoveler duck must apply.</i>			
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	50	All areas
	3, 4 and 10, 11 Feb 2018	10	Area C
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	25	East of State Highway 1
	6 May to 24 Sep 2017	25	West of State Highway 1
	3, 4 and 10, 11 Feb 2018	15	Area B
Pukeko	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	10	All areas
Black swan	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	5	Area B
	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	Area A
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	No limit	All areas
California quail	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	10	All areas
Chukar (subject to clause 2.4 for this region)	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	4	All areas excluding Craigmore, Pinegrove and Waituna Game Birds properties with special conditions specified in clause 5 for this Region
Pheasant (both sexes)	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	No limit	Craigmore, Pinegrove and Waituna Game Birds properties with special conditions only specified in clause 5 for this Region
	1 Apr 2017 to 4 May 2018		

Red-legged partridge	Closed season	0	All areas excluding Craigmore property with special conditions specified in clause 5 for this Region
	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	No limit	Craigmore property with special conditions only specified in clause 5 for this Region
	1 Apr 2017 to 4 May 2018		

2 Definition of Areas

- 2.1 Area A:** All that part of the region encompassing Lake Wainono and Wainono Reserve and bounded to the north by Hook Beach Road, the west by State Highway 1, the south by Poingdestres Road and the east by the Pacific Ocean.
- 2.2 Area B:** That part of the region not included in Area A.
- 2.3 Area C:** That part of the region north of the Opihi River only over agricultural grain crops and green feed paddocks and more than 200 metres from any water body.
- 2.4 Chukar Hunting:** Chukar hunting is by permit only. Permits are available on request from the Fish and Game office in Temuka.

3 Shooting Hours

- 6.45am to 6.30pm (May to September 2017 inclusive).
- 5.30am to 10.00pm for the mid-summer mallard and paradise shelduck season 3/4 and 10/11 February 2018.

4 Decoy Limit

- 4.1 Lake Wainono and the Wainono Reserve:** From opening day to the second Sunday after opening day, no person or persons sharing a stand shall use more than 25 decoys. No decoys to be placed within 50 metres of those placed by the occupant(s) of another stand.
- 4.2 Rest of season:** No limit.

5 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

- 5.1 Craigmore:** That fenced area of Craigmore Station between Craigmore Valley, Timaunga, Limestone and Pareora Gorge roads near Timaru, that includes Lots 1–3 DP 14945 and Lots 1 and 2 DP 315289 and marked

with signposts reading Craigmore Game Preserve. The “Craigmore” property is owned by Forbes and Bridget Elworthy.

5.2 Pinegrove: That fenced area of Pinegrove Station at 532 Rosewill Valley Road, Assessment Number 24840/067.00, Lot 2 DP 321973. The Pinegrove property is owned by Bruce Washington.

5.3 Waituna Game Birds: Those areas of fenced land identified as 343 Whitneys Road: Legal Description No: RS17391 owned by Centrewood Farm Limited, Jamie Sutherland. 273 Whitneys Road: Legal Description No: RS4347 5516 10116 Blocks X XIV Waimate Survey District owned by Neill Dick. 72 Kennards Road: Legal Description No: Section 2 Reserve 143 Block X Waimate Survey District, Section 2 Reserve 143 X Waimate Survey District owned by Steve Muir. 753 Parkers Bush Road: Legal Description: Lot 3 DP 416130 Lots 2 and 3 DP 63040 Lots 1–3 DP 20008 Lots 1–3 DP 13752 Lots 3 and 4 DP 1150 Sections 1 4 Reserve 143 RS 2984–2988 12650 12654–12655 20344 20545 21366922759 22772 25710 26569 27617 39597 Parts 2980–9283 3851 4338 5082 28448 37801 Blocks IX X XII XIV Waimate Survey District owned by Athol Smith.

Included in Waituna Game Birds, is that fenced area of Ngahere Station at 617 Upper Mill Road near Waimate that includes Lots 1-7 DP 335572 and marked with signposts reading Waituna Game Birds. The Ngahere property is owned by Nick Ruddenklau.

HUNTING IN CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND (CSI) PUBLIC LANDS

Many of Central South Island’s larger river beds and lakes are public lands. It is still important to advise the adjoining landowner when you wish to hunt these areas. This common courtesy often results in the farmer providing useful information and better access.

BALLOTTED STANDS

Depending on water levels, the council has between 9 and 12 stands available for hunting the opening weekend on wetlands it owns or manages. These are balloted annually and invitations to apply are advertised in local papers in February or early March.

NORTHERN REGIONAL BOUNDARY

The Rakaia River bed is not within the CSI Fish and Game Region. The northern boundary of the region adjacent to the Rakaia River extends along Acton Road, Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road and Rakaia River Road.

RANGITATA DIVERSION RACE

Hunting along the Rangitata Diversion Race is possible but strictly with permission from RDR Management Ltd (ph 03 3080828) and the adjoining landowners.

LAKE WAINONO AND WAINONO WETLANDS

Lake Wainono is near the township of Waimate and some 35 km south of Timaru. Adjacent to the coastal shingle beach barrier, the lake at its normal water level (1m above sea level) covers about 350 hectares. The beach barrier, lake, and surrounding wetlands provide habitat for some 57 different bird species, many resident and others migratory. Lake Wainono is a 'Conservation Area' managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Hunting is permitted and a permit to carry a firearm is required. This can be obtained free of charge from the DOC Raukapuka Field Centre in Geraldine. Within the Wainono Wetlands area, eight hunting stands are balloted each year. There is no ballot system for the lake and many of the existing stands are reserved for traditional hunters. Other than possibly during opening weekend, there is still plenty of opportunity for visiting hunters. Access to the lake and wetland:

- **North side** – via Hook Beach Road and then a 4WD track along the beach
- **Middle** – via Wainono Lake Road; a track opposite Waimate turnoff on SH1
- **South side** – via Foleys Road and then Poindestres Road over the Dead Arm Bridge to the beach and then a walking track along the beach past Maori Lake and the Wainono wetlands.

ALL DAY BAY LAGOON

This small coastal lagoon, 11 ha in area, is located 15 km south of Oamaru on the Kakanui-Waianakarua coastal road. The area was purchased by CSI Fish and Game in 1989. Planting of vegetation and a natural sandbar that acts as a weir maintaining stable water levels has secured the lake as a wetland habitat for both waterfowl and wading birds. The lagoon and its birdlife are readily observed from the road. Visits from the occasional white heron or royal

spoonbill are not uncommon, and add to the scenic attraction of the area. All Day Bay Lagoon is also protected by a QE II National Trust Open Space Covenant. Four hunting stands are balloted annually by CSI Fish and Game Council.

DEVIL'S BRIDGE WETLAND

Owned by the Meikle Family Trust, this 15 ha lake and associated wetland is situated on Devil's Bridge Road some 6 km north west of Oamaru. By agreement between the owner and CSI Fish and Game, the area is managed by the Devil's Bridge Management Committee. Three stands are balloted each year by CSI Fish and Game. Should you wish to hunt at the wetland please contact the Trust representative Aaron Meikle Ph 0274 989 703 or aaron.meikle@gmail.com.

MID SUMMER DUCK SEASON

In February 2005, a two-weekend summer duck hunting season was trialled, on condition that it was monitored to ensure there was no adverse impact on the traditional May duck season opening.

The season is now well established and provides opportunities to hunt mallards and paradise shelduck that congregate around grain and green feed crops in February.

ON OR NEAR PUBLIC LAND

When hunting on or near public land be aware of two relevant sections of the Arms Act 1983. Section 45 states "Every person commits an offence who, except for some lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose carries; or is in possession of...any firearm." And "...the burden of proving the existence of some lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose shall lie on the defendant." Section 48 states "Every person commits an offence ... who, without reasonable cause, discharges a firearm ... in or near:

- (a) a dwelling house; Or
- (b) a public place, - so as to endanger property or to endanger, annoy, or frighten, any person."

The message is clear – be careful and considerate around other people and their property.

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1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2017/2018 Season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	25	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 Jul 2017	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	12	All areas
	3 Mar 2018 <i>(one day only)</i>	5	All areas junior hunting day (refer to clause 5.4 for this Region)
Pukeko	Closed season	0	All areas
Black swan	Closed season	0	Area A
	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	5	Area B
California quail	3 Jun to 27 Aug 2017	10	All areas
Pheasant	3 Jun to 27 Aug 2017	5	All areas excluding upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 7 for this Region
	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 7 for this Region
Red-legged partridge	6 May to 27 Aug 2017	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 7 for this Region
Chukar	3 Jun to 27 Aug 2017	2	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

2.1 Area A: The Clutha River catchment upstream from the Clyde Dam.

2.2 Area B: The Clutha River catchment downstream from the Clyde Dam; the Taieri River catchment and all the coastal catchments between Shag Point and The Brothers Point on the east coast of the South Island.

3 Shooting Hours

Area A: 7.00am to 6.45pm

Area B: 7.00am to 6.30pm

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

5.1 No person shall use or cause to be used on any water within the region for the hunting or killing of game, any fixed stand, pontoon, hide, loo or maimai, except within a distance of 10 metres from the water margin in non-tidal waters, or from the low water mark in tidal waters, or from the outside edge of the raupo growth where raupo abounds, without the prior consent of the Otago Fish and Game Council.

5.2 No person may leave on the hunting ground the bodies or parts of bodies of Black swan or other game shot in the Otago Fish and Game region.

5.3 Shooting from a boat is prohibited on the Clutha River from 6 to 14 May 2017 (refer to First Schedule clause 7).

5.4 The summer paradise duck season is open for one day on 3 March 2018 for junior licence holders only, and is restricted to locations 200 metres or more from open water.

6 Refuges and Closed Game Areas

The following wetland refuges and closed game areas are closed to hunting:

Refuges	Location
6.1 Lake Hayes	Queenstown/Arrowtown highway
6.2 Hawksbury Lagoon	Waikouaiti – East Otago
6.3 Finegand	Balclutha
Closed Game Areas	Location
6.4 Ashley Downs	Near Clinton, South Otago
6.5 Tomahawk Lagoon	Dunedin
6.6 Kawarau River outlet	From Lake Wakatipu downstream to the Shotover River confluence

7 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

7.1 Rough Ridge: The total area of Rough Ridge Farm with special conditions is described as Rough Ridge and defined as approximately 900 hectares of Rough Ridge Farm near Oturehua that includes Section 24 Block XV1 and Section 2 Block XV11 Blackstone Survey District, Section 3 Block V1 Poolburn Survey District, and Section 42 PT and Section 10 Block XV1 Blackstone Survey District. The boundaries are marked with signposts reading “Rough Ridge Game Preserve”. The property “Rough Ridge” is owned by Fraser and Murray McKnight.

HUNTING IN OTAGO

Otago is a game bird hunters’ paradise. The region offers hunters a wide variety of different experiences – from decoying mobs of mallards over coastal wetlands, to flushing quail in high country scrubland.

HUNTING EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Otago Fish and Game Council has Canada goose decoys, coffin blinds and camouflage nets available for hire. Booking items is recommended.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Otago pages of the Fish & Game New Zealand website for more information or contact Otago Fish & Game’s Dunedin Office (s.milne@fish-game.org.nz) for advice, brochures on hunting or wetland creation.



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<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	6 May and 7 May 2017	20
	9 May to 30 July 2017	10
NZ shoveler duck	6 May to 30 July 2017	2
Paradise shelduck	6 May to 30 July 2017	6
Pukeko	Closed season	0
Black swan	6 May to 30 July 2017	3
California quail	3 Jun to 27 Aug 2017	5
Cock pheasant	3 Jun to 27 Aug 2017	5
Chukar	Closed season	0

2 Shooting Hours

7.00am to 6.30pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

4 Special Conditions

Shooting from boats is prohibited during the month of May 2017 on the Mataura, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku rivers and their navigable tributaries.

HUNTING IN SOUTHLAND

MALLARD DUCK

The Southland region provides some of the best mallard duck hunting in New Zealand. Much of the hunting is carried out on private farm ponds although public water bodies, estuaries in particular, provide good hunting opportunities during the opening weekend and on rough weather days.

PARADISE SHELDUCK

Although widespread across the province, northern Southland provides the best paradise shelduck hunting in the region. Paradise shelduck provide hunting opportunities throughout the season and they are generally a lot easier to hunt than mallards. Once a mob is found they can be chased off, and then decoys put out, suitable camouflage arranged and the birds shot when they return (see our YouTube channel for a how-to).

OTHER SPECIES

Shoveler duck and black swan provide limited hunting experiences and are taken incidentally to the more common species. Black swan numbers are healthy so hunters are encouraged to harvest a swan or three if the opportunity presents. Hunting of pukeko is no longer permitted in Southland. Canada geese remain abundant although they are no longer classified as a game bird, but remain valued by hunters.

WETLAND CREATION

Southland Fish & Game staff are actively involved in surveying sites for the construction of wetlands on private land. Demand continues to grow each year and excellent hunting opportunities are frequently developed. In some circumstances a subsidy may be available and/or appropriate plants may be supplied. The service is free, so please enquire if you are interested.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Southland pages of the Fish & Game New Zealand website for more information or contact Fish & Game's Southland Office (admin@southlandfishgame.co.nz).



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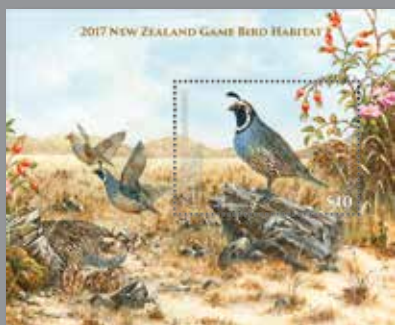
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World Wetlands Day falls on 2 February each year and the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Collection is issued on this day to celebrate. The 2017 issue is the 24th in the series and features the California quail.

California quails (*Callipepla californica*) were first introduced to New Zealand in Papakura in 1862. Since then they have spread rapidly and can now be found in large numbers throughout the country except for the West Coast and Southland. Their preferred habitats in these areas are open shrubland, the thick undergrowth of forests and along the scrubby edges of rivers and roads.

California quails can be easily recognised by the curling black plumes that rise from the tops of their heads. They are relatively stocky birds and are mainly grey and brown in colour. The males have black faces that are rimmed with white, and blue-grey breasts. They also have distinctive black scalloping that merges into white streaks on their dark brown flanks.

The females' markings are much more subdued; they tend to be a duller brown but their white streaks are equally as bold as those of the males.



Miniature sheet RRP: \$11.50

During the breeding season, male California quails can become quite aggressive in their courtships and will often fight each other. When courting, males will puff up or contour their feathers, spread their tail feathers and dip their heads. California quail nests are well concealed amongst dense vegetation, and a flattened grassy area is the telltale sign of a nest.

The striped, walnut-sized chicks are extremely active, and after hatching they will leave the nest as soon as they are dry. The chicks can also fly from a young age, giving them a useful escape tool from potential predators.

The 2017 Game Bird Habitat Collection consists of a stamp, a miniature sheet, a first day cover, a miniature sheet first day cover and a limited edition, hand-numbered and signed Artist Print. Each print includes two stamps, one of which is signed by the artist Jeanette Blackburn.



Jeanette Blackburn has been a professional artist for more than 45 years and is renowned for her wildlife and landscape works. She uses acrylic paint to capture the finest details, such as the fluffiness of a bird's feathers, then adds oil paint to give fullness and a 3D effect to her completed artworks. She aims to promote the appreciation and conservation of New Zealand's wildlife and natural resources. To view more of Jeanette Blackburn's incredible works, visit jeanetteblackburn.co.nz.



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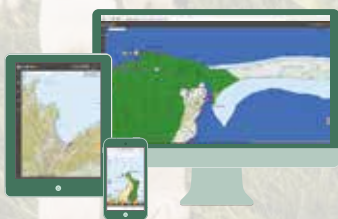
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