

2020 GAME BIRD HUNTING GUIDE REGULATIONS AND HUNTING AREAS *South Island*



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- Safely secure firearms in the Mai Mai to avoid accidents.
- Be aware of your firing zone when shooting.
- Avoid alcohol until after the hunting when everything is safely locked away.

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NEW ZEALAND
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NEW ZEALAND DUCK SPECIES



**PARADISE
SHELDUCK**



SHOVELER



**BROWN
TEAL**

GAME SPECIES
(NAMED IN BLACK)

PROTECTED SPECIES (NAMED IN RED)

The species are absolutely protected at all times.

These species may be hunted, but only in such regions and during such open seasons as notified in the New Zealand Gazette each year by the Minister of Conservation.

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.



MALLARD

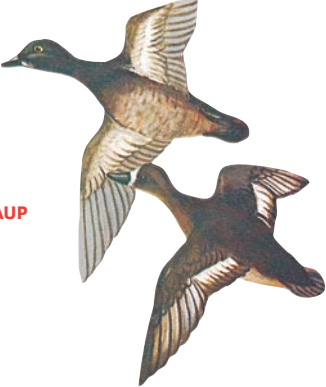
GREY DUCK



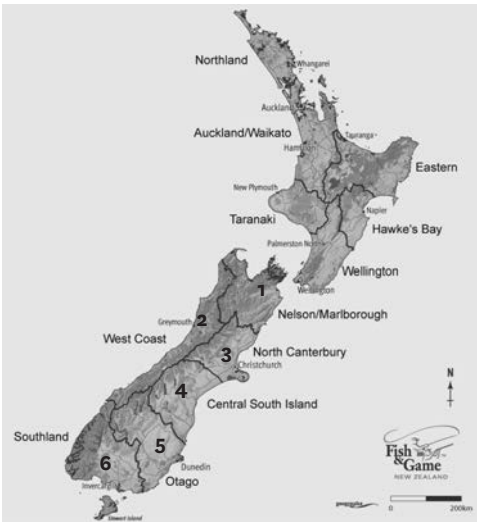
GREY TEAL



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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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GAME BIRD HUNTING CODE OF PRACTICE

Fish and Game New Zealand actively promotes responsible and ethical hunting practices. As game bird hunters we all have the following responsibilities, as detailed in the Game Bird Hunting Code of Practice:

HUNT HUMANELY

- Shoot only within the effective range of our firearm and our capabilities, and only when a quick, clean kill is likely
- Retrieve all shot birds promptly and dispatch wounded game birds quickly and humanely
- Respect the resource, value our game birds and eat what we shoot

PROTECT GAME BIRD RESOURCES AND OUR HUNTING TRADITIONS

- Understand and observe all hunting regulations and licensing requirements
- Support game bird management and habitat enhancement activities
- Take no more than our immediate needs
- Share our knowledge and foster ethical attitudes and behaviour in hunting companions and youth

CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- Remove all rubbish from the hunting area and dispose of offal and carcasses responsibly
- Use non-toxic shot and biodegradable products
- Use established tracks and roads

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

- Respect private property and always ask for access permission
- Be considerate of non-hunters
- Be aware of our safety and the safety of others when hunting
- Comply with the Arms Act 1983 and always follow the 7 Firearms Safety Rules:
 1. Treat every firearm as loaded
 2. Always point firearms in a safe direction

3. Load a firearm only when ready to fire
4. Identify your target beyond all doubt
5. Check your firing zone
6. Store firearms and ammunition safely
7. Avoid both alcohol and drugs when handling firearms

For further guidance about responsible game bird hunting read the full Code of Practice at 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.

HUNTING LICENCE VALID NATIONWIDE

All game bird hunting licences can be used in all Fish & Game regions. Day licences are valid only on or after the second Monday of the new season. It's important to note that if you're hunting in other regions you need to read up on the local regulations in this booklet. Fish & 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 on every licence to hunt or kill game¹. The purpose of the Habitat Stamp Programme is to raise funds for habitat enhancement. Four dollars (\$4)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 stamp programme products. If you own or help manage suitable game bird habitat including wetlands, you are welcome to apply for funds raised from the habitat stamp programme. To apply see the Game Bird Habitat Trust website <https://fishandgame.org.nz/environment/protecting/protecting-nz-game-bird-habitats/the-nz-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 all waterfowl hunting, with very limited

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

² Section 72(3A)9e) of the Wildlife Act 1953

exceptions (see 1st Schedule, clause 5 below). 2020 is the third year of a 4-year phase-out period for the use of lead shot in smaller gauge shotguns. For this season, on land administered by DOC or Fish & Game, the requirement is that no person may possess or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water with any shotgun (with the exception of .410). Lead shot can still lawfully be used in smaller gauge shotguns (but not 10 or 12 gauge) on any land that is not administered by DOC or Fish & Game, but ideally even there, when hunting waterfowl within 200 metres of any water, hunters are encouraged to use non-toxic shot. The ban on lead shot is not mandatory for upland game (e.g. pheasant and quail) hunting or for other game bird hunting away from waterways. For more information refer below or to www.fishandgame.org.nz

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.

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 shelduck (*Tadorna variegata*).
 - Australasian shoveler duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchosotis*).
- Pukeko (*Porphyrio melanotus*) (except on Chatham Islands).

³ Schedule 1 Wildlife Act 1953

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:
 - Brown quail (*Coturnix*).
 - 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.

USE OF LEAD SHOT AMMUNITION OVER WATER

(S5, Open Season for Game Notice)

It is an offence to possess, or hunt waterfowl with 200 metres of open water using lead shot ammunition otherwise than within the exceptions allowed (see use of non-toxic shot above).

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.

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.

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.

GAME HUNTING EXCLUSION AREAS

Closed game areas means a part of a region that is for the time being excluded from the 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 take a dog or a gun onto Wildlife Refuge land, unless specifically permitted 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

- 1.1** 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 3 May 2020, when that person may have in his or her possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday 2 May 2020.
- 1.2** A person may possess more game than specified in clause 1(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 person 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.⁴ 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 calibre 10 gauge or less, which includes magazine extensions,⁵ 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

5.1 No person may possess lead shot, or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water on Department of Conservation or Fish and Game administered lands with any shotgun, except those using a .410 cartridge. Non-toxic alternative shot must be used, including steel.

5.2 No person, with any shotgun using a 10 or 12 gauge cartridge, may possess lead shot, or use lead shot, while hunting or killing waterfowl within 200 metres of open water. Non-toxic alternative shot must be used, including steel.

5.3 For the purposes of this requirement, "waterfowl" means any of the following game species:

- Black swan (*Cygnus atratus*);
- Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*) and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck;

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.

- 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;
- Australasian shoveler duck (New Zealand shoveler) (*Anas rhynchotis*);
- Pukeko (*Porphyrio porphyrio melanotus*).

5.4 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 (4)(a).

5.5 In 2021 lead shot will be prohibited for all licence holders (irrespective of gauge used, excepting .410) across all lands (public and private) when hunting waterfowl within 200 metres of all waterways and wetlands.

6 Camouflaged Rowboats

A person 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:⁶

- **Northland** – no excluded period
- **Auckland/Waikato** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Eastern** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Hawke’s Bay** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Taranaki** – no excluded period
- **Wellington** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Nelson/Marlborough** – no excluded period
- **West Coast** – no excluded period
- **North Canterbury** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Central South Island** – excluding 2 and 3 May 2020
- **Otago** – excluding Clutha River 2 to 10 May 2020 inclusive
- **Southland** – excluding the Mataura, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku rivers and their tributaries 2 to 31 May 2020 inclusive and excluding that part of the Oreti River below the Dunn’s Road bridge for the whole season.

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

7 Restriction on Taking of Game

No person shall use any vehicle propelled by mechanical power (including motorised watercraft) to chase or kill game, except in such circumstances and at such times as authorised by the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953.⁷

8 Pegging Day

- 8.1** Stand claimants who claimed and occupied a stand during the 2019 Game Season may claim that stand at any time prior to pegging day (up to 10.00 a.m. on 5 April 2020) following the purchase of the 2020 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.
- 8.2** Otherwise, unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00am on 5 April 2020 in all Fish and Game Regions.
- 8.3** 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.
- 8.4** The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking it up.
- 8.5** No one can claim more than one stand.
- 8.6** A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
- 8.7** 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.

9 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.

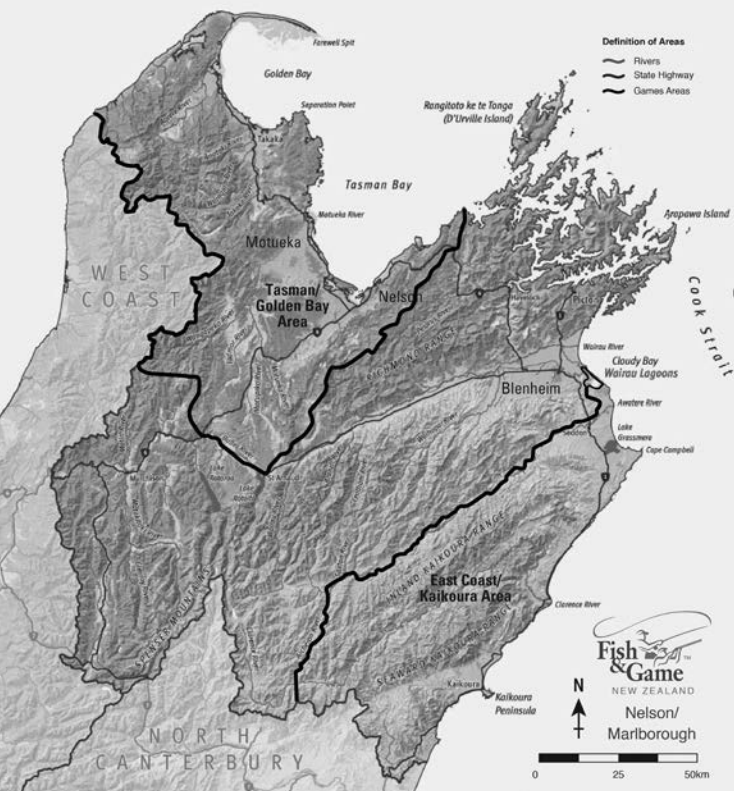
SECOND SCHEDULE

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



NELSON/MARLBOROUGH - Fish & Game Region⁸

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⁸ Nelson/Marlborough Fish and Game Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 24 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of the 2020/2021 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	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	8	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	10	All areas, except Tasman/Golden Bay area
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	15	Tasman/Golden Bay area
Pukeko	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	10	Except East Coast/Kaikoura & Tasman/Golden Bay area
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	20	Tasman/Golden Bay area
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	East Coast/ Kaikoura area only
	29 Jul to 27 Oct 2020	20	Tasman/Golden Bay area only
	1 Jan 2021 to 28 Feb 2021	20	Tasman/Golden Bay area only
Black swan	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	10	All areas
	8 Aug to 30 Aug 2020	10	All areas
California quail	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	Except Motueka and Waimea River Bermland
	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	Motueka and Waimea River Bermland only
Cock pheasant <i>(subject to clause 5(4) for this region)</i>	30 May to 1 Jun 2020	1	All publicly administered land including Rabbit Island (Fish & Game organised hunt only) (excludes Crown Forest land)
	27 and 28 Jun 2020	1	
	11 and 12 Jul 2020	1	
Cock pheasant <i>(subject to clause 5(4) for this region)</i>	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	1	All privately owned land as well as Crown Forest Land

Chukar (subject to clause 5(7) for this region)	1 Jul to 31 Jul 2020	2	All areas
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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 Alexander 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 30 August 2020. For the remaining pukeko season, sunrise to sunset.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

- 5.1** 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.

- 5.2** 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.
- 5.3** 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.
- 5.4** The pheasant season for all Crown Forestry land has been increased subject to usual forestry access hunting permit requirements.
- 5.5** Waimea Estuary. Due to the proximity of the cycleway, those hunting Pearl Creek and Neiman Creek are advised to use caution.
- 5.6** 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).
- 5.7** Chukar hunting by permit only and subject to access conditions. Permits are available on request from the Fish and Game Council office in Richmond at no cost..

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN NELSON/ MARLBOROUGH

TASMAN/GOLDEN BAY/MURCHISON

Populations of mallard duck occur throughout this area, including coastal estuaries and lower country farm ponds. While most of the ducks are a mallard/grey (greylard) cross, there are reasonable populations of grey type ducks in Golden Bay and the Murchison/Maruia area. Paradise shelduck can be found throughout this area in good numbers, especially on dairy farms in Golden Bay, Tasman and the Murchison area. Hunters are encouraged to approach owners of farms who are often willing to allow access in order to reduce the shelduck population. Black swan are in large numbers around Western Golden Bay, including Westhaven Inlet. 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 try alleviating the problems in Nelson/

Tasman/Golden Bay only. There are balloted hunting opportunities for Challies Island, Kainui Dam and Gibbs Road – please apply to the Richmond office.

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

Upland game

Limited numbers of pheasant can be found scattered throughout orchards, foothills, forestry edges and river bermlands, particularly in the Waimea, lower Motueka plains and the Moutere. Populations of quail exist on bush/forestry margins, recently felled forest areas and rough land in the warm drier country throughout the district. This hunting is often challenging due to thick scrub that makes any follow-up (after the initial flush) very difficult. If hunting within forestry plantations access permission and permits are required from forestry companies. Hunters please note that quail hunting is not permitted within the Motueka or Waimea Bermlands until the public land pheasant season opens. 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. For more information contact the Richmond Office.

MARLBOROUGH

The many rivers and streams, flats, estuaries, wetlands, and Marlborough Sounds offer excellent hunting opportunities. Mallards occur throughout the region, and paradise shelduck can be found in good numbers on farms with improved pasture or crops, including estuary margins and rivers adjacent to these farms. Black swans occur in moderate numbers in estuarine reaches. There are two excellent public land waterfowl hunting areas close to Blenheim being the Wairau Lagoons and Para Wetland (see below). Top Valley wetland is available for balloted hunting opportunities also.

Hunting 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. 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. There is a large population of protected grey teal, and hunters must take care to positively identify their target. Access can be gained via the end

of Hardings Road, off Redwood Pass Road, or from the Wairau Bar using a boat. 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.

Para Wetland

Para Wetland is a Fish & Game owned wetland with a number of balloted hunting sites within the wetland. Hunters who wish to hunt the wetland on Opening Weekend are invited to make an application on a ballot form available from the Blenheim office. Para Wetland is being developed to improve game bird hunting opportunities and new sites are becoming available with time.

Upland game

The Marlborough high country offer some of the country's prime quail hunting, although much of this is on private land and requires permission from the landowner. Populations of quail can also be found scattered throughout most riverbeds, notably the Awatere, Wairau and Waihopai catchments, where broken cover and scrublands exist. Marlborough District Council generally allow quail hunting in the Wairau above the Waihopai but please check out maps on the Walking Access Commission website for private land boundaries prior to hunting.



WEST COAST - Fish & Game Region⁹

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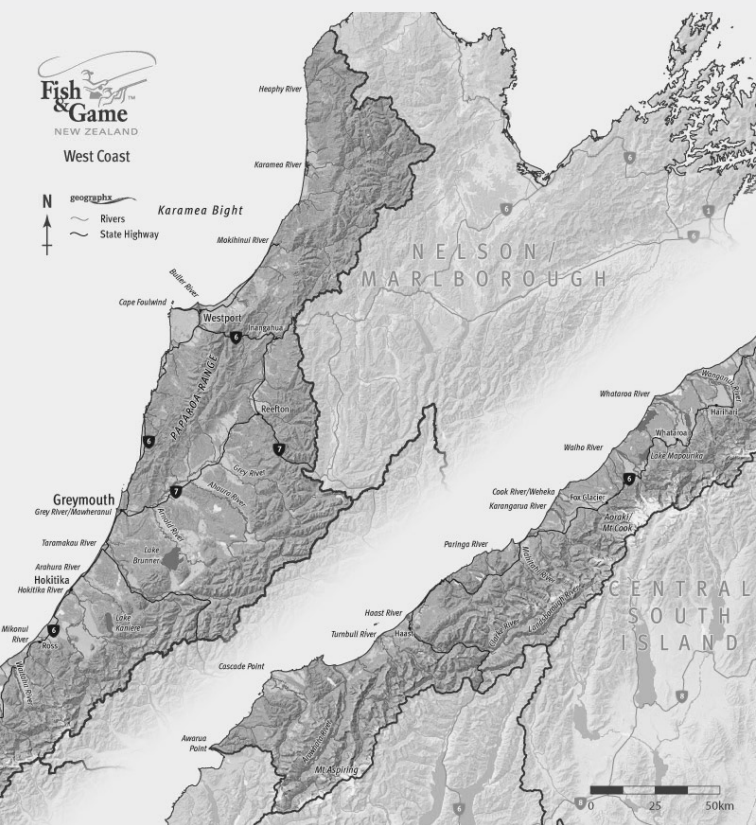
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	6 Mar to 14 Mar 2021	10	All areas
Pukeko	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	10	North of the Taramakau River
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	20	South of the Taramakau River
	6 Mar to 14 Mar 2021	5	All areas
Black swan	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	4	All areas
	6 Mar to 14 Mar 2021	2	All areas
Cock Pheasant	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	All 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 Special conditions

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.

Please note that information on upland game properties with special conditions will be available on the Fish and Game website under hunting regulations <https://fishandgame.org.nz/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/hunting-regulations/> and on the Government Legislation website <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

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.

Area Property contact Phone number

Area	Property Contact	Phone number
Ahaura	M Bray	732 3576
Ahaura	R Becker	732 3879
Ahaura	G Paterson	732 3140
Atarau	A Becker	732 3576
Atarau	C Brake	732 3080
Atarau	A Berry	732 3856
Atarau	C Van der Geest	732 3718
Atarau	G O'Connor	732 3859
Atarau	J Liddell	732 3747
Atarau	M Mills	732 3001
Atarau	P Berry	732 3856
Atarau	R Little	732 3034
Atarau	D Kennedy	027 632 7795

Atarau	G Graham	732 3063
Atarau	P Jefferies	768 0193
Barrytown	George Coates	731 1805
Haupiri	C Egan	738 0389
Haupiri	H Temple (G.C.C)	(G.C.C) 738 0224
Ikamatua	G Prendergast	732 3518
Ikamatua	R Lemon	732 3525
Ikamatua	M Fitzgerald	732 3577
Ikamatua	P McLennan	732 3755
Kokiri	D Bradley	762 5798
Kokiri	(C.M.P)	762 5055
Kowhitirangi	T Sheridan	755 7227
Mawheraiti	K Harvey	027 222 8360

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. Contact our West Coast Office to register your interest in organised hunting.

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



1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of the 2020/2021 Season

<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	2 and 3 May 2020	25	All areas
Grey, mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May to 26 Jul 2020	15	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	20	Area A
	2 May to 20 Sep 2020	20	Area B
	30 Jan 2021 to 14 Mar 2021	15	Area A
	30 Jan 2021 to 14 Mar 2021	20	Area B
Pukeko	2 May to 27 Sept 2020	5	All areas
Black swan	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	5	Area A
	27 Jul to 27 Sep 2020	20	Area A
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	Area B
California quail	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	6 and 7 Jun 2020 (two days only)	1	All areas
Chukar	Closed season	0	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

2.1 Area A (Paradise shelduck and Black swan): The 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

2 May to 20 September 2020

6.30am to 6.30pm during the specified season

30 January 2021 to 14 March 2021

5.00am to 10.00pm during the specified season

3.2 All other game birds

6.30am 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 riverbeds, 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.

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 7:30 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 riverbeds 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 riverbeds. 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 NC F&G Council office for details.



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Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Hunting Area
<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	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	50	All areas
	6 to 7 and 13 to 14 Feb 2021	10	Area C
NZ shoveler duck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	25	East of State Highway 1
	2 May to 27 Sep 2020	25	West of State Highway 1
	6 to 7 and 13 to 14 Feb 2021	15	Area B
Pukeko	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	10	All areas
Black swan	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	5	Area B
	2 May to 26 Jul 2020	5	Area A
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	No limit	All areas
California quail	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	All areas
Chukar (<i>subject to clause 2(4) for this region</i>)	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	4	All areas

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 2020 inclusive).

5.30am to 10.00pm for the mid-summer mallard and paradise shelduck season 6/7 and 13/14 February 2021.

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.

Please note that information on upland game properties with special conditions will be available on the Fish and Game website under hunting regulations <https://fishandgame.org.nz/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/hunting-regulations/> and on the Government Legislation website <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

HUNTING IN CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND (CSI) PUBLIC LANDS

Many of Central South Island's larger riverbeds 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.

Game bird hunting on Department of Conservation managed land is available in certain areas and to hunt there you require a DOC game bird hunting permit. Unlike big game hunting permits, DOC game bird hunting permits are not available from the website, instead you must obtain them directly by contacting or visiting the relevant DOC office. The permits detail unique restrictions and conditions to the DOC district issuing the permit. Be sure to abide by these conditions as this will ensure hunting continues to be available on DOC land in future.

DOC District Office Contacts:

- Raukapuka / Geraldine District Office: ph. 03 6931010, email geraldine@doc.govt.nz
- Te Manahuna / Twizel District Office: ph. 03 4350802, email twizel@doc.govt.nz

BALLOTTED STANDS

Depending on water levels, the council has between 11 and 15 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.

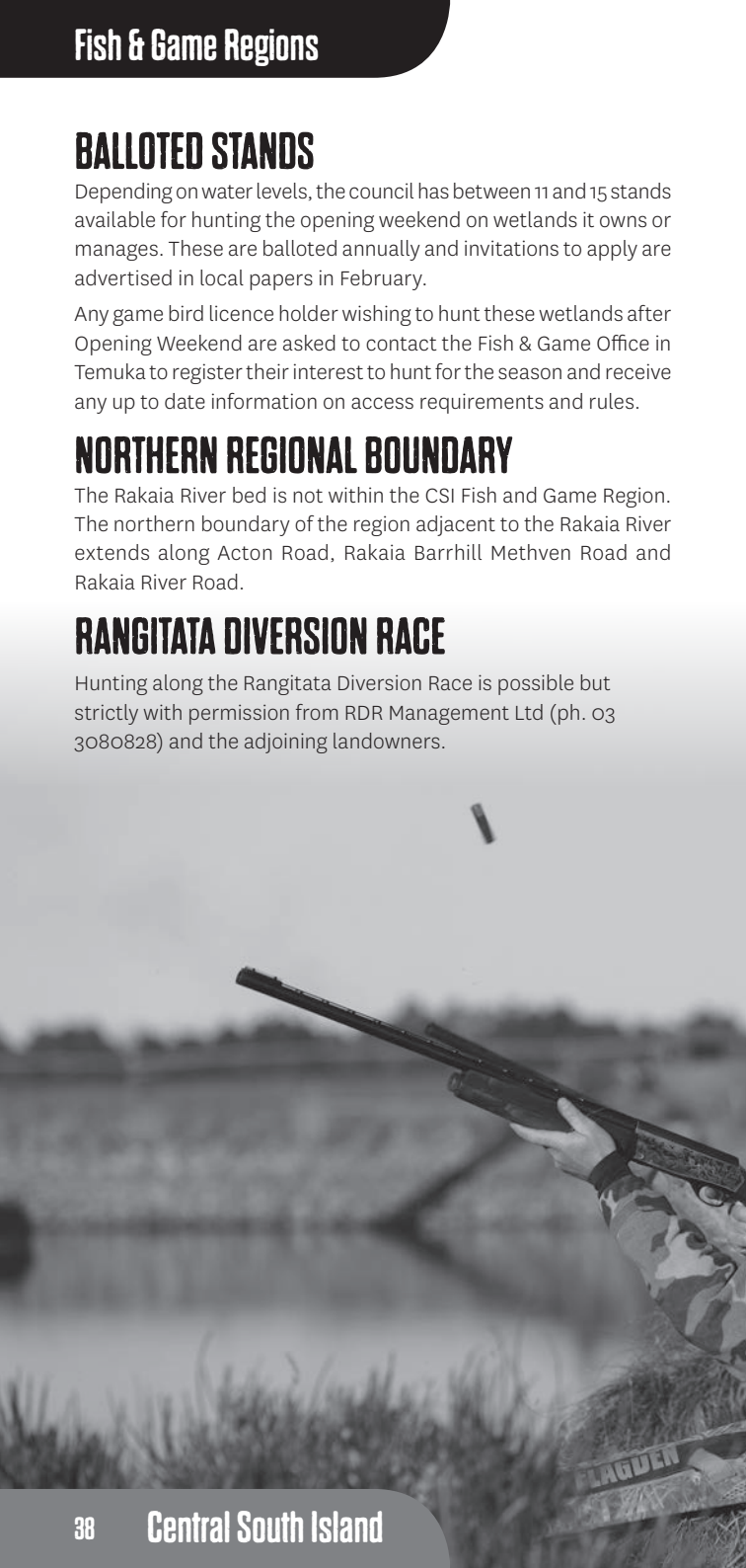
Any game bird licence holder wishing to hunt these wetlands after Opening Weekend are asked to contact the Fish & Game Office in Temuka to register their interest to hunt for the season and receive any up to date information on access requirements and rules.

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.



WAINONO LAGOON AND WAINONO WETLAND RESERVE

Wainono Lagoon is near the township of Waimate and some 35 km south of Timaru. Adjacent to the coastal shingle beach barrier, the lagoon (lake) at its normal water level (1m above sea level) covers about 350 hectares. The beach barrier, lagoon, and surrounding wetlands provide habitat for some 57 different bird species, many resident and others migratory. Wainono Lagoon is a 'Conservation Area' managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Hunting is permitted and DOC game bird hunting permit is required. This can be obtained free of charge from the DOC Raukapuka Field Centre in Geraldine. Wainono Wetland Reserve adjoins Wainono Lagoon at its southern end and is separated by a stop bank. CSI Fish & Game Council owns the reserve and administer a ballot for eight hunting stands each year. There is no ballot system for the lagoon 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 lagoon and wetland reserve:

- **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 Wetland Reserve.



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. A natural sandbar acts as a weir and provides a small lagoon habitat for both waterfowl and wading birds. The sandbar forms and washes away with changing environmental conditions. At times the lagoon is drained and will only refill once the natural sand bar reforms. 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. Three 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

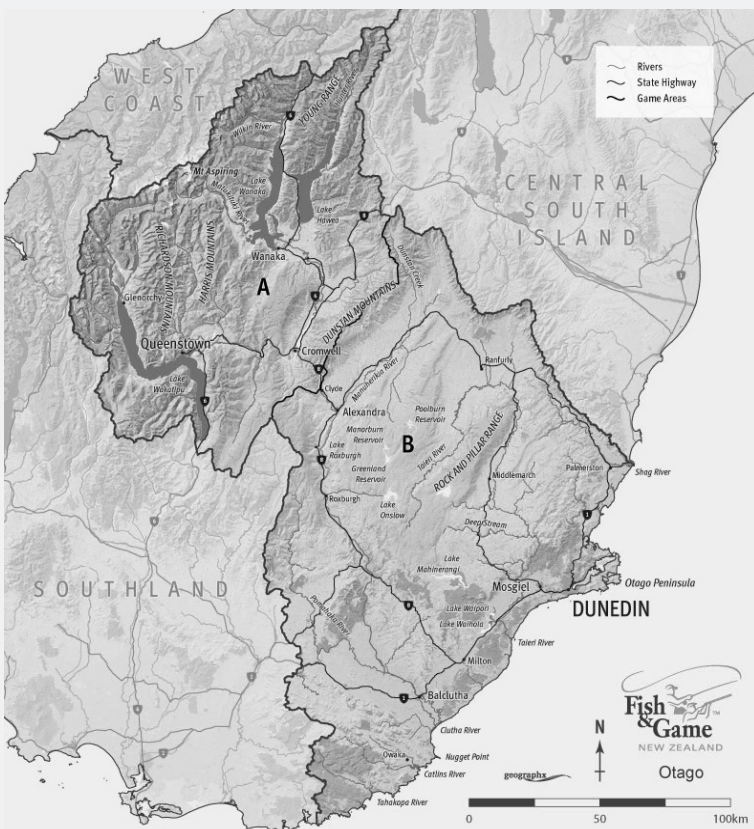
When hunting on or near public land be aware of two relevant sections of the Arms Act 1983. Section 45 states "Every person commits an offence who, except for some lawful, proper, and sufficient purpose carries; or is in possession of...any firearm." And "...the burden of proving the existence of some 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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¹² Otago Fish and Game Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 24 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861

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NZ shoveler duck	2 May to 12 Jul 2020	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	12	All areas
	6 Mar to 14 Mar 2021	5	All areas junior season (refer to clause 5(4) for this Region)
Pukeko	Closed season	0	All areas
Black swan	Closed season	0	Area A
	2 May to 30 Aug 2020	5	Area B
California quail	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	10	All areas
Chukar	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	2	All areas
Cock Pheasant	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	5	All areas
Red-legged partridge	Closed season	0	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

- 3.1 Area A:** 7.00am to 6.45pm
- 3.2 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 2 May to 10 May 2020 (refer to First Schedule clause 6).
- 5.4** The summer paradise shelduck season is open from 6 March to 14 March 2021. Firearm licensed Junior game licence holders can hunt independently (under supervision where required) but an adult game bird licence holder must be accompanied by a junior hunter, and hunting 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 highway	Queenstown/Arrowtown
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

Please note that information on upland game properties with special conditions will be available on the Fish and Game website under hunting regulations <https://fishandgame.org.nz/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/hunting-regulations/> and on the Government Legislation website <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>

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.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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¹⁹ Southland Fish and Game Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 24 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861

Fish & Game Regions

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of the 2020/2021 Season

The respective daily bag limits in the following table apply throughout the Southland Fish and Game Region during the corresponding periods under the heading 'Season Duration'.

Species	Season Duration (dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	2 May and 3 May 2020	20
	4 May to 12 Jul 2020	10
NZ shoveler duck	2 May to 12 Jul 2020	2
Paradise shelduck	2 May and 3 May 2020	10
	4 May to 12 July 2020	6
Pukeko	Closed season	0
Black swan	2 May to 12 Jul 2020	5
California quail	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	5
Cock pheasant	30 May to 30 Aug 2020	5
Chukar	Closed season	0



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2 Shooting Hours

7.00am to 6.30pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

4 Special Conditions

4.1 Shooting from boats is prohibited during the month of May 2020 on the Mataura, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku rivers and their navigable tributaries.

4.2 Shooting from boats is prohibited below the Dunn's Road bridge on the Oreti River.

4.3 No person shall in or on a public place, or in or on private land without the consent of its occupier, in the Southland Fish and Game Region:

- (a)** deposit any litter, including shotgun cartridge cases and/or the bodies or parts of the bodies of shot game; or
- (b)** having deposited any litter, including shotgun cartridge cases and/or the bodies or parts of the bodies of shot game, leave it.

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 wetlands 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 five 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, our Facebook page or contact Fish & Game's Southland Office (admin@southlandfishgame.co.nz).



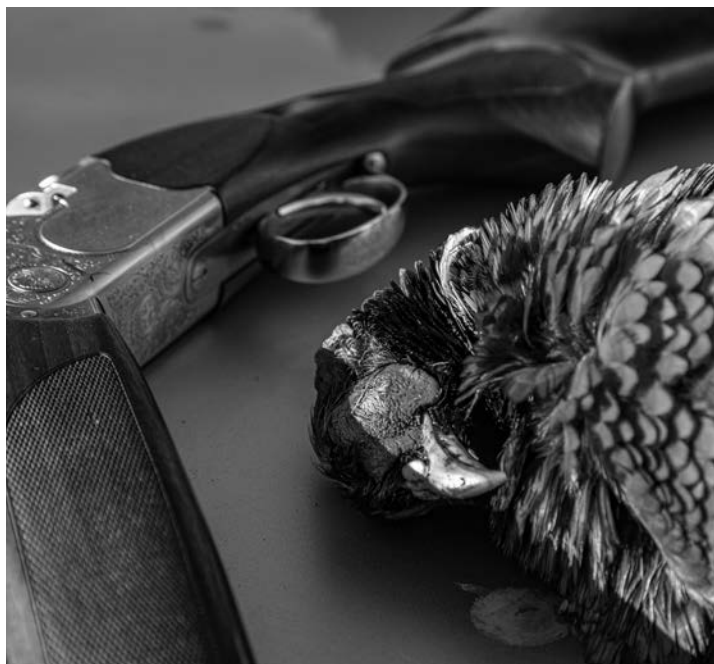


Photo: Barry Harcourt



BLUE DUCK - WHIO, A THREATENED SPECIES.

In parts of the country whio (blue duck) populations are increasing in response to predator control, and birds are being seen from time to time on farmland in the vicinity of forested streams. They commonly do low level flights up and down streams in early morning and evening meaning a quick shooter can easily mistake them in low light. This threatened species is fully protected, and apart from setting conservation efforts back a step, killing one can mean a \$10,000 fine.

Please take care to identify your target beyond all doubt so whio, along with all of our other protected birds, are not mistakenly shot.



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REST OF WORLD - 5-10 working days	NZ\$4.00	NZ\$14.00	No charge

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World Wetlands Day, held every year on 2 February, marks the date of the adoption of the intergovernmental treaty the Convention on Wetlands. The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Collection is issued every year on this date; the 2020 issue is the 27th in the series and features the paradise shelduck (*Tadorna variegata*).

This image was captured by Matt Winter, the winner of Game Bird Habitat Trust's inaugural photo competition for the annual stamp. Winter's perfectly timed image capturing the hen and drake together was the standout of 72 entries.

Despite being hunted as a gamebird, the paradise shelduck population has dramatically increased in recent decades. It is currently New Zealand's most widely distributed waterfowl, and the second most common after the mallard. They have become so populous that farmers occasionally conduct legal culls.



Stamp RRP: \$10.00

Larger than the average duck, this species could be mistaken for a small goose. The female of the species is the more striking bird, with chestnut colouring and a white head and neck, while her mate's head is black and his body dark with tawny tints.

The paradise shelduck has benefited from the human modification of natural landscapes, another characteristic that makes this bird stand out from other native duck species. They are herbivorous, with a preference for pasture grasses and clover, but are known to eat a broad range of leaves and seeds, insects, and some aquatic plants and invertebrates.



These birds usually mate for life, and pairs create a two-tone cry with their alternating calls. Pūtangitangi, their Māori name, refers to this call; a tangi is a lamentation for the dead.



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