

2019

GAME BIRD HUNTING GUIDE REGULATIONS AND HUNTING AREAS

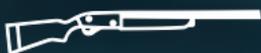
North Island



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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.

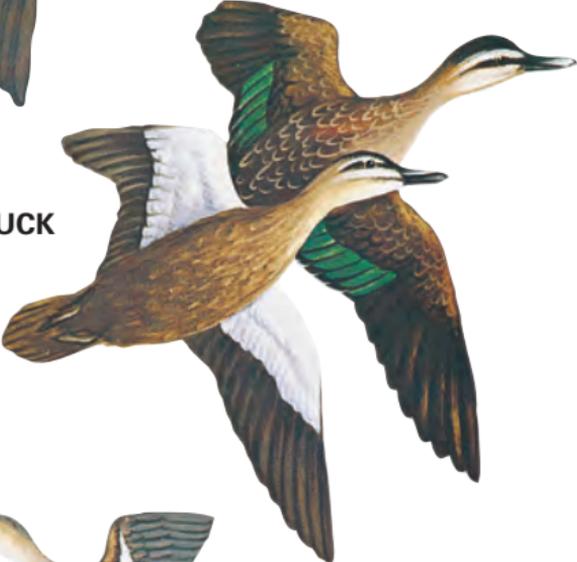
These species may be hunted, but only in such regions and during such open seasons as notified in the New Zealand Gazette each year by the Minister of Conservation.

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

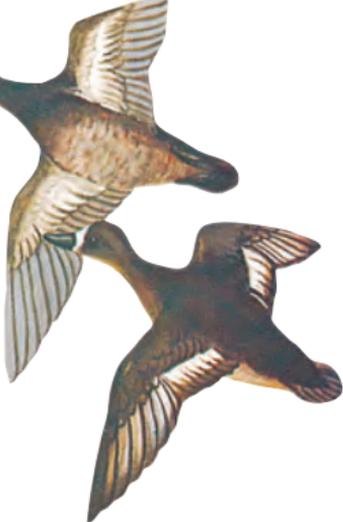
GREY DUCK



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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CODE OF CONDUCT

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

ACCESS

- Always ask permission to cross private land, unless a Fish and Game access sign is visible.
- Make sure it's OK to take your dog across private (or public) land and keep the dog under firm control.
- Don't interfere with livestock, crops, machinery or other property.
- Always use gates, stiles or other recognised access points.
- 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.

HUNTING

- Always ask permission to hunt on private land
- Check whether a hunting permit is needed on public land
- Carry a current game bird hunting licence and comply with the relevant bag limits and conditions of hunting.
- 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 species may be lawfully hunted from protected ones.
- If a game bird is wounded, take all reasonable steps to locate it and kill it quickly and humanely.
- If possible use a trained gundog, and help another hunter to retrieve their game.
- Promote ethical hunting of gamebirds. If you don't want to eat them, don't shoot them.
- Certainly, don't dump or abandon shot carcasses.
- Remove empty cartridge cases and all litter from the hunting area.

- Wear a high-vis hat and outer garment whenever possible when hunting upland game.
- Remember that all hunters will be judged by your actions, so:
 - always hunt in a sporting manner and ensure your conduct is above reproach.
 - Encourage the same attitude in your hunting companions.
 - Above all, be safe and be sensible.

FIREARM SAFETY

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

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 alcohol or drugs when handling firearms

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 on¹ every licence to hunt or kill game.

The purpose of the Habitat Stamp Programme is to raise funds for habitat enhancement.

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

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 stamp 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 all **waterfowl hunting** (see **1st Schedule, condition 5 below**).

2019 is the second year of a 4-year phase-out period for the use of lead shot in smaller gauge shotguns. For this season, a voluntary use of non-toxic shot in sub-gauges (excluding exemptions) applies for shooting over and within 200 metres of all waterways and wetlands.

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

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

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

³ Schedule 1 Wildlife Act 1953

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.

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

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 5 May 2019, when that person may have in his or her possession twice the number of game birds specified as the daily bag limit for Saturday 4 May 2019.
- 1.2 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

⁴ Section 17 of the Wildlife Act 1953

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 calibre 10 gauge or less, 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

5.1 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.

5.2 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;
- 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 rhynchos*);

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

- 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 are encouraged not to use lead shot in shotguns of a bore smaller than 12 gauge (including 16, 20, 28 gauge) or muzzle loaders within 200 metres of all waterways and wetlands for the 2019 season.

This remains voluntary in 2019 but will become mandatory (lead shot prohibited) for the 2020 season across all Department of Conservation and Fish and Game administered lands. In 2021 lead shot will be prohibited for all licence holders (irrespective of gauge used) across all lands (public and private) hunting gamebirds within 200 metres of all waterways and wetlands.

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 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Eastern** – excluding 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Hawke’s Bay** – excluding 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Taranaki** – no excluded period
- **Wellington** – excluding 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Nelson/Marlborough** – no excluded period
- **West Coast** – no excluded period
- **North Canterbury** – excluding 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Central South Island** – excluding 4 and 5 May 2019
- **Otago** – excluding Clutha River 4 to 12 May 2019 inclusive
- **Southland** – excluding the Matarua, Aparima, Oreti, Waiau and Waimatuku rivers and their tributaries 4 to 31 May 2019 inclusive.

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

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

- 9.1 Stand claimants who claimed and occupied a stand during the 2018 Game Season may claim that stand at any time prior to pegging day (up to 10.00 a.m. on 7 April 2019) following the purchase of the 2019 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.
- 9.2 Otherwise, unclaimed stands can only be claimed any time after 10.00am on 7 April 2019 in all Fish and Game Regions.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 The licence holder claiming a stand must be present in person at the stand when marking it up.
- 9.5 No one can claim more than one stand.
- 9.6 A stand cannot be claimed closer than 90 metres to a stand already claimed by another person without that person's consent.
- 9.7 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.



Photo: Ian Hadland

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed—Duration of the 2019/2020 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 that species	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	12	All areas
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	3	All areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 4 Aug 2019	25	All areas
	22 Feb and 23 Feb 2020	20	All areas
Black swan	4 May to 4 Aug 2019	15	All areas
	22 Feb 2020 to 1 Mar 2020	15	All areas
Pukeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	12	All areas
	22 Feb 2020 to 1 Mar 2020	12	All areas
California and brown quail	4 May to 4 Aug 2019	10	Area A
	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	Rest of region
Cock pheasant	4 May to 4 Aug 2019	3	Area A
	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	Rest of region

2 Definition of Area A

All lands north of a line along the north-western shoreline of the Whangape Harbour, then to and along the main ridgeline of the Maungataniwha Range, and then to and along the north-western shoreline of the Whangaroa Harbour.

3 Shooting Hours

3.1 6.30am to 6.30pm, except the hunting of:

- (a) Paradise shelduck on 22 February and 23 February 2020 will be from 6.00am to 8.00pm.
- (b) Pukeko and black swan from 22 February to 1 March 2020 inclusive will be from 6.00am to 8.00pm.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

- 5.1 No person shall wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game bird(s) shot.
- 5.2 Camouflaged Rowboats: Persons may hunt or kill game from an unmoored camouflaged rowboat.
- 5.3 During the 22 February and 23 February 2020 special paradise shelduck open season, no person shall hunt within 300 metres of any urban sewage oxidation ponds.
- 5.4 During the 22 February to 1 March 2020 inclusive special pukeko and black swan season, no person shall hunt within 300 metres of any urban sewage oxidation ponds.
- 5.5 Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take game birds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each game bird species in Clause 1 of this notice and any other special conditions for the Northland Fish and Game region and also subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHLAND

The Northland Fish and Game Region extends north from a line midway to a point between the North Head and South Head of the Kaipara Harbour, then runs due east to a point just North of Wellsford and then a line running northeast to cross the coastline approximately 4.6km north of Te Arai Point.

To hunt on Forestry lands, a permit must be obtained through the office of Northland Fish & Game. The permit is a legal requirement which enables the hunter to enter the forest, carry a firearm and use a dog on those properties.

Applications can be made either by logging onto the Fish & Game Website: <http://northland.fishandgame.org.nz/>

Email: northland@fishandgame.org.nz

Or writing a letter addressed to this office.

PERMITS

Hunters must provide details and payment for permits when applying for permits. A permit is required for each licence holder and is not issued for a party or any group of hunters. Permits are issued for the full length of the open game season (May to August).

Part of the fee for permits issued to Flaxmill Wetlands and Jack Bisset Wetlands are used as a contribution towards predator control operations within those areas.

Hunters requiring a permit must provide the following details:

- Name, address and phone numbers
- Date of birth
- Game bird licence number
- Firearms licence number
- Vehicle registration
- Dog's name, Breed and Registration number.

All permits issued to licence holders will be accompanied with a map detailing the areas open to hunting.

<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Place name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Permit fee</i>
NFGC	Jack Bisset Wetland	Whangarei	\$25.00
	Flaxmill Wetlands	Dargaville	\$45.00
	Kawakawa Wetlands	Kawakawa	\$6.00
	Borrow Cut Wetland	Kerikeri	\$6.00
	Waitangi Wetlands	Kerikeri	\$6.00

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

For the 2019 game bird hunting season, licence holders wishing to hunt on Department of Conservation administered lands must obtain their permit from their local DOC office in Dargaville, Whangarei, Kerikeri or Kaitaia.

Please note that the lakes and associated wetlands in the Te Pahi Reserve (Te Werahi) will be closed due to the invasive aquatic weed, Gypsywort, until further notice.

IWI AND LANDCORP FARMS

Some hunting will be allowed on the Ngāti Kuri owned Te Pahi Farm.

Rangiputa Landcorp Farm is allowing some limited hunting access. Because of the M-Bovis outbreak, hunting will be strictly controlled and inductions will be necessary. Licence holders will need to contact John Macpherson the field officer at Kaitaia to arrange for a permit.

FORESTRY PERMITS

Northland Forestry Managers Ltd, Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd, Matariki Forests (Glenbervie, Puhipuhi, Topuni).

Permits for all forestry permits can be obtained from the

Northland Fish and Game office in Whangarei. The cost of the permit for the whole season is \$50.00 and covers all forests managed or owned by the forestry companies as stated above. This fee covers all processing fees; coloured maps detailing the areas open to hunting plus Public Liability insurance while hunting in any of these forests.

TE HIKU FOREST

Te Hiku Forest is a privately owned pine Forestry Block that extends along the 90 mile beach. The permit fees covers all processing fees, colour maps, as well as a Public Liability Insurance that is required by the owners of the forest while hunting in any part of their forest.

A portion of the permit fee is also a contribution towards a predator control operation that is co-ordinated and managed by Summit Forests who administers and manages the forest on behalf of the Iwi owners.

Permits can be obtained at Hunting & Fishing Kaitaia, Riders Sports Kaitaia and through Northland Fish and Game office. The cost of the permit for the whole season is \$50.00.

Please note a **Kiwi Aversion Certificate** is required for all hunting dogs that enter forests managed or owned by Hancock Forest and the Northland Forest Managers Ltd.

Kiwi Aversion Certificates can be obtained through the Department of Conservation office in Whangarei. A register of people trained to train dogs to avoid kiwi is being developed by Kiwis for kiwi. If you are interested in your dog being trained, please contact your local DOC office or search: <https://www.kiwisforkiwi.org/what-we-do/how-were-saving-kiwi/avoidance-training-for-dogs/trainers-directory/>

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO - Fish & Game Region⁹

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Indicative only: please contact the regional office for a detailed map of Northern/Southern boundaries.

⁹ Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83 of 22 May 1990, as amended by *Gazette*, No. 129, of 29 August 1991, at page 2787

1 Game That May be Hunted or Killed—Duration of 2019/2020 Season

<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 bag not exceeding 10 birds for all species combined and no more than the individual bag limit for each species.</i>			
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May to 3 Jun 2019	10	All areas, except that no duck may be hunted on Great Barrier Island
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 3 Jun 2019	2	All areas, except that no duck may be hunted on Great Barrier Island
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 23 Jun 2019	10	The region south of Auckland Harbour Bridge
	4 May to 23 Jun 2019	20	The region north of Auckland Harbour Bridge
Pukeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All areas
Black swan	4 May to 23 Jun 2019	20	The region west of State Highway 1 and north of State Highway 22 (Glenbrook Road), Constable and Karioitahi Roads
	4 May to 23 Jun 2019	5	In the Otorohanga, Waitomo and Ruapehu District Council areas within the A/WF&GC region including the Aotea Harbour.
	4 May to 23 Jun 2019	1	All other areas (except that no Black swan may be hunted or killed on the Waikato Hydro Lakes: Karapiro, Arapuni and Waipapa)

Bobwhite (Virginian) quail, California and Brown Quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	3	All areas
Red legged partridge	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All Areas

2 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.30pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit, except on Lake Waikare and Lake Rotokauri – a total decoy limit of 50 decoys per stand and no decoys to be placed within 50 metres of those placed by another hunter. Furthermore, on Lake Rotokauri a total limit of no more than 2 battery powered decoys per stand.

4 Special Conditions

- 4.1 No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Waikare, any drifting or temporarily moored floating stand or any stand, hide or maimai which is permanently fixed to the lake bed except within 180 metres of the outer margin of the lake or the shoreline of Motu Nui Island (Grape Island).
- 4.2 No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Ngaroto any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai except within 85 metres of the margin of the lake.
- 4.3 No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Rotokauri any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai on any open water of the lake.
- 4.4 No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game birds shot.
- 4.5 No person may herd or drive waterfowl for the purpose of hunting or killing them.
- 4.6 No person may shoot game from any unmoored boat on the Waikato River north of the boat ramp at the confluence of the Mangawara Stream and the Waikato River at Taupiri on any of the first three days or the second weekend of the open season.
- 4.7 No person may possess a firearm in or on any unmoored vessel, except a rowboat, unless the firearm is dismantled or secured in a case, gunslip or other secure

compartment, except when in use to retrieve wounded game.

- 4.8** On public land, the last tagged owner must remove any maimai not tagged up for 2 years from the date of the last mark-up.
- 4.9** No person may hunt or kill game¹ of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) in all the area contained within a distance of 100 metres from the margins of any waters together with the area covered by those waters where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted any time during the period 4 April to 23 June 2019 inclusive.
- 4.10** No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the Auckland/Waikato region with any magazine shotgun of 10 gauge or smaller (including 12, 16, 20, 28, 410) 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 2 shells in the magazine, with no more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined, at any one time.
- 4.11** Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take gamebirds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each gamebird species in clause 1 of this notice for this region and subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.
- 4.12** No person may shoot game on Lake Cameron and Lake Mangakaware except from fixed stands authorised by the Waipa District Council.

5 Closed Game Areas

- 5.1** All that area of the Waikato River below Mean High Water Spring Tide from the Tasman Sea inland to an imaginary line commencing from a marker at the exit of the Fisherman's Road drain on the north-western side of the river in Block VII Maoro Survey District, bearing

¹ Section 7 of the Wildlife Act 1953

126 degrees true to a marker on the south-eastern side of the river.

- 5.2 All DP 23519, being part Maungatapu Block, Blocks II and VI Maungakawa Survey District, being 15 hectares, the property of A. C. Allen, "Riverdale", Piako, Morrinsville.
- 5.3 The township of Te Aroha.
- 5.4 All that area lying to the east of the Southern Motorway and known as Pahurehure Inlet.
- 5.5 129 hectares, being part of the Manukau Harbour known as Waimahia Creek.
- 5.6 Lots 1–6 DPS 81922, subdivision of part Lot 7 DP 9441 and part Section 19 Block II Whitianga Survey District, 53.3353 hectares. Property of Andrew Hill.
- 5.7 Lake Puketirini (Weavers Lake) at Huntly.

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HUNTING IN AUCKLAND/WAIKATO

Hunting today suffers many threats; wetland drainage, habitat degradation, pollution, the animal rights lobby, ecofundamentalists, paranoia over firearms and worst off all, indifference.

There are groups who safeguard and share your interests. To join a group concerned with game bird hunting and the outdoors, please contact your local user group.

- **Eden/Papakura/Clevedon/Miranda:** Bill Gordon, wjgordon@xtra.co.nz
- **Franklin:** William Howard, william.howard@xtra.co.nz
- **Hamilton:** Michelle Houghton: mehoughton@xtra.co.nz
- **Helensville:** Keith Hargraves, keith-sandra@clear.net.nz
- **Huntly:** Wayne Rendall, wayne@huntlyjoinery.co.nz
- **Kumeu:** Mike Shepherd, mikeshuntfish@xtra.co.nz
- **Mercury Bay:** Bruce McWilliams, 078664436

- **Morrinsville:** Merv Douglas, dotandmerv@slingshot.co.nz
- **Ohinemuri:** Josh Firth, jcfirth@xtra.co.nz
- **Otorohanga:** Charlie Owens, chas.mau@actrix.co.nz
- **Putaruru:** Martin Bennett, mjbennett@xtra.co.nz
- **Te Aroha:** Daniel Needham, needham@gmail.com
- **Te Awamutu:** Les Connor, lesc@xtra.co.nz
- **Te Kauwhata:** Robert Bodley robert.bodley@gmail.com
- **Upper Piako Management Assoc.:** Mike O'Donnell, mike.odonnell@xtra.co.nz
- **Waitemata:** Ian Le Maitre, ian.lm1965@gmail.com
- **Wellsford Gameshooters Club:** Jocelyn Tolley, tonyjoss@xtra.co.nz

HUNTING ON FISH & GAME AND CROWN LAND

A General Authority (free to all licence holders) is required to hunt on Fish & Game Land – some 1700ha being owned by the Auckland/Waikato Region purchased from hunters' and angler's funds. The Authority can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game, 156 Brymer Rd, RD 9, Hamilton 3289.

To hunt on Crown land managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) you require a similar permit (also free) from DOC.

FORESTRY PERMITS

Rayonier Forests: Tairua (Whangamata); Maramarua (Te Kauwhata); Waihou (Te Aroha); and Mahurangi (Warkworth).

Permits for Rayonier Forest blocks can be obtained from our office. The cost of the permit for the season is \$50 and covers all four forests. This fee is to cover all processing fees, colour maps, as well as a Public Liability Insurance while hunting in any of their forests.

Hunters requiring a permit must provide the following details & send into our office with payment (chq/cc) to the above address:

- Name, address and phone numbers
- Date of Birth
- Game bird licence number
- Firearms Licence number
- Vehicle registration
- Dog Registration number.

TAKE A MATE HUNTING — FOR ONLY \$3

Do you have a mate, relative, friend, co-worker or know somebody who is keen to give duck hunting a go, but doesn't want to pay the full cost of a licence? If so, on a strictly first come, first served basis, limited to the first 100 hunters who write into the Auckland/Waikato office with their 2019 Game bird Licence number, we will let you take your mate hunting on opening weekend for the \$3 cost of the Habitat Stamp which is displayed on the licence – which as you will recall is used solely to create, protect and restore wetland habitat.

The offer is strictly limited to those people (i.e. the mate) who have not purchased a licence before (and we can check via extensive database records going back over the last decade) – the offer is only for opening weekend – recipients of the mate's licence must be accompanied by a whole season licence holder. The offer only applies to the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game region and the mate must of course comply with the Game Hunting Regulations. There is no better opportunity to introduce your friend, spouse, son or daughter to game bird hunting.



Photo: Robert Sowman

EASTERN - FISH & GAME REGION¹¹

OFFICE: c/- Ngongotaha Hatchery,
1130 Paradise Valley Road, Ngongotaha

POSTAL ADDRESS: Private Bag 3010, Rotorua 3046

PHONE: (07) 357-5501

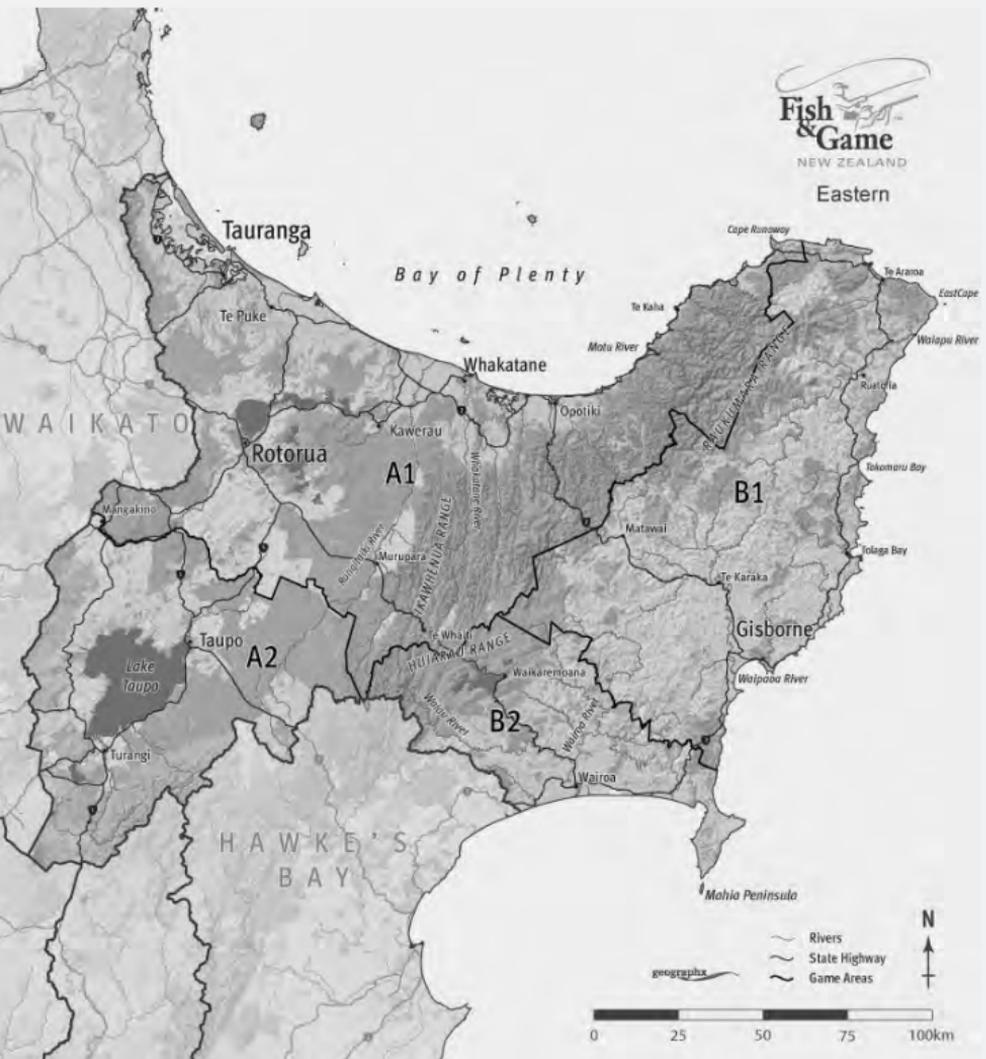
E MAIL: eastern@fishandgame.org.nz

MANAGER: Andy Garrick (021 847 227)

ADMIN STAFF: Kate Thompson, Lynne Sands,
Carmel Veitch

SENIOR F&G OFFICER: Matthew McDougall (021 278 9408)

F&G OFFICERS: Lloyd Gledhill, Eben Herbert, John Meikle,
Matt Osborne, Mark Sherburn,
Nigel Simpson, Anthony van Dorp.



¹¹ Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

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<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey/mallard duck	4 May to 3 Jun 2019	8	All areas except the Reporoa Area
	4 May to 3 Jun 2019	4	The Reporoa Area
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 3 Jun 2019	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	6	Area A1, A2
	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	10	Area B2 and that part of B1, which lies south of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
	4 May to 14 Jul 2019	20	That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay
Pukeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All areas
	29 Feb and 1 Mar 2020	10	All areas
Black swan	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	No limit	Area A1
	29 Feb and 1 Mar 2020	No limit	Area A1
	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	5	Area A2
	Closed season	0	Area B1 & B2
Bobwhite (Virginian) quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	No limit	All areas
Brown quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	All areas
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	No limit	Area A1 & A2
	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	Area B1 & B2
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

The following descriptions refer to Local Authority Boundaries described on the Infomap 242B-2 Land Information New Zealand for the Eastern Fish and Game region.

- 2.1 Area A1:** Tauranga District, Western Bay of Plenty District, that part of the South Waikato District within the Eastern Fish and Game region and east of State Highway 1, Rotorua District, Kawerau District, Whakatane District and Opotiki District.
- 2.2 Area A2:** Those parts of the South Waikato District west of State Highway 1 within the Eastern Fish and Game region, Taupo District and Ruapehu District, which lie within the Eastern Fish and Game region.
- 2.3 Area B1:** Gisborne District.
- 2.4 Area B2:** That part of Wairoa District within the Eastern Fish and Game region.
- 2.5 Reporoa Area:** That area bounded by Waikite Valley Road (Waiotapu) to SH 5 to Settlers Road which becomes Broadlands Roads to SH 1 (Taupo Bypass) to SH 30 to Whirinaki Valley Road (Ngakuru) to Waikite Valley Road.

3 Shooting Hours

6.15am to 6.15pm in all areas for all species during their respective seasons.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

- 5.1** No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the Eastern region with any magazine shotgun 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 2 shells in the magazine, with no more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined, at any one time.

- 5.2** No maimai shall impede the use of navigable channels

in the Tauranga Harbour, Ohiwa Harbour, Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua and Lake Taupo.

- 5.3 Maimais erected in the Little Waihi Estuary, Lake Aniwhenua, Ohiwa Harbour, Stump and Waihi bays of Lake Taupo must be dismantled and removed within 2 weeks of the close of the season (ie by 8 September 2019).
- 5.4 Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take game birds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for game birds specified in clause 1 of this notice for this Region and subject to any condition imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

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HUNTING IN THE EASTERN REGION

We have produced a pamphlet on gamebird hunting in the Eastern Region. Inquire at your local sports shop or the Eastern Fish and Game Office for a copy. Eastern Fish and Game hold annual ballots for hunting sites in wetlands managed by the Council.

Hunters may register for the ballot before the end of the first week of November. All you have to do is phone or write to us with your name, address, and phone number and we will send you a ballot application form before it's held. Hunters from the previous year will automatically be sent an application form.

If you have changed your address, make sure you notify us of the changes. Access information to the reserves can be obtained from the website <http://fishandgame.org.nz/eastern/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/where-to-hunt-game-birds/>

CASUAL PERMITS TO HUNT IN THE WETLANDS

Casual permits, for non-ballot holders to hunt wetlands administered by Eastern Fish and Game, can be obtained by phoning or writing to the office in Rotorua. Casual permits

are available after the first two weeks of the season. This allows successful ballot holders two weeks of undisturbed hunting.

UPLAND GAME HUNTING

Some of New Zealand's best pheasant and quail hunting is found in the Eastern Region. A lot of this hunting is in the production forestry areas of the Bay of Plenty managed by Timberlands Limited. Permits to hunt in the forest are issued by FIRST Security 07 347 0297.

WETLAND CREATION

For information and advice on wetland creation contact the staff at your local Fish & Game offices. Wetlands in the Eastern Region are now rare. In some parts less than 1% of the original wetlands remain.

The Habitat Trust fund is one source of funding for enhancement, purchase or development of wetlands.

If you have a proposal to create or enhance a large area of wetland we may be able to assist you obtain funding.



Photo: Rhys Adams

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NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 16 Jun 2019	2	All areas
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 28 Jul 2019	10	All areas
Pukeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All areas
Black swan	4 May to 16 Jun 2019	3	All areas
Brown quail	Closed season	0	All areas
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	2	All areas

2 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.00pm.

3 Decoy Limit

No limit.

4 Special Conditions

4.1 No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the Hawke's Bay region with any magazine extensions on a shotgun of 10 gauge or smaller (including 12, 16, 20, 28, 410).

Magazine shotguns must be restricted in such a way that the shotgun is incapable of holding more than two shells in the magazine, with no more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined at any one time.

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HUNTING IN THE HAWKE'S BAY

The Hawke's Bay Fish & Game region is defined by river catchments, extending north to the Mohaka, west to the Ngaruroro, and southwest to encompass the Tukituki systems, with the southern border reaching the Tautane Stream just south of Cape Turnagain.

WATERFOWL

The mallard, grey duck and hybrids are the most popular game birds of the region. These species respond well to calling and decoying and can be found on most of the region's rivers, streams, dams and lakes. Shoveler are a transient population for most of the season and are renowned for their fast flying and elusiveness.

There are extensive hunting opportunities in the river beds of the region. Access is good and well-marked with signs.

A little time spent checking out backwaters pre-season can pay dividends during the season.

Paradise shelduck are wide-spread and can be hunted successfully in most locations. Low-lying farmland with water nearby is ideal for hunting using silhouette decoys. If you want to target parries, the pasture lands and river beds are a good place to start. Most landowners are only too happy for hunters to target parries on pasture if they are approached and asked first.

The Hawke's Bay region administers a number of Controlled Shooting Areas throughout the region. Periodically vacancies arise, creating a wetland enhancement and shooting opportunity for local shooters. If you want to shoot this season but don't have anywhere to hunt, give our local Fish and Game office a call.

UPLAND GAME

Hawke's Bay hosts a good population of ring-necked pheasant and varying numbers of California quail, with the best results achieved in scrubby river margins and forestry plantations with blocks of young trees. Pheasants are predominantly hunted in our major river systems with the Waipawa, Tukituki, Ngaruroro

and Tutaekuri normally well worth a look. The best hunting is generally where good cover and watering opportunities are found (i.e. river basins), especially where these areas border orchards and/or assorted cropping areas. For most of these areas a dog is recommended as an easy way to cover ground effectively.

Most years forestry blocks are available for use by upland game bird hunters. This is possible through the assistance of Matariki and Pan Pac Forest managers. The blocks offer weekend hunting only, and for this reason are usually productive and worth applying for. Access to these blocks is administered through our Fish & Game office by way of a balloted permit system. Balloting of these blocks will be advertised in early April via Facebook or call into the office to collect a form. If you are interested in applying, fax us a copy of your 2019 game bird hunting licence along with your name, address and phone number - along with the same details for any companions you will take. Include the make, model colour and registration number of the vehicle you will use. For further information contact the Game Farm office.

A COUPLE OF THINGS TO REMEMBER

Access is a privilege not a right so if in doubt, please ask! Land owners frequently have paradise duck and swan problems and often appreciate flocks being dispersed by hunters. Often they might offer the opportunity to shoot a vacant pond. In any case the personal courteous approach is by far your best bet.

Please do not leave the bodies or parts of shot game on the hunting ground. If carcasses are left in the field it can encourage unwanted predators as well as ill feeling from other hunters and the non-hunting public. Please make yourself familiar with the Closed Game Areas and Wildlife Refuges scattered throughout Hawke's Bay.

WILDLIFE REFUGES

1. The bed of the Tuki Tuki River between Waimarama Bridge and a line running from the north of the Mangangara Stream to the road at the southwestern corner of Section 9 and 15 in the Te Mata Survey District (8km upstream)
2. Lakes Tutira, Orakei, and Waikopiro and certain surrounding land
3. Horseshoe Lake, Elsthorpe
4. The property of R H, J R, and T R Hartree, Puketitiri
5. The Westshore Ponds
6. The spit south of the mouth of the Ngaruroro River

7. Rakautana Forest, Waikoau
8. Pauhanui Bush, Gwavas Station, Tikokino Bay

POACHING PROBLEMS?

We have set up a 0800 POACHING (0800-762-244) number. If you witness any offending let us know as soon as possible.

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LICENCES

You can now order your game licence through our website www.fishandgame.org.nz



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	29 Feb and 1 Mar 2020	10	Area C
	7 and 8 Mar 2020	10	Area C
Black swan	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	2	All areas
Pukeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	Areas A&B
	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	10	Area C
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	2	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

2.1 Area A: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owihakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Tawhata; then by Tawhata Road to the boundary; then by the generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

2.2 Area B: That area within the following boundary commencing at Waiaruhe Road; then by that road, Owihakura Road, Whangaehu Valley Road and Fields Track to Kakatahi; then by straight lines to Pipiriki and Makakaho Junction down the eastern bank of the Waitotara River to the sea; then by the sea coast and generally eastern boundary of the region to Waiaruhe Road.

2.3 Area C: The balance of the region contained by the westerly boundaries of Area A and B and the sea coast between the Mokau River and Waitotara River mouths.

3 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.15pm.

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special Conditions

5.1 Special Paradise Shelduck Season

Area C only: For the Special Paradise Shelduck Season on 29 February, 1 March, 7 March and 8 March 2020, the hours of hunting are extended to 6.30am to 8.00pm. In addition, all hunters, including land occupiers, must hold a Taranaki Special Paradise Shelduck Season Hunting Permit that has been issued by the Taranaki Fish and Game Council (or authorised agent) to that named person.

5.2 No person shall hunt, as specified, within 200m of any urban sewage oxidation pond.

5.3 No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game birds shot.

5.4 Any licensed game bird hunter who has a Department of Conservation permit to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take gamebirds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each gamebird species in clause 1 of this notice for this region and subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

HUNTING IN TARANAKI WATERFOWL

The Taranaki Region has many rivers and streams, coastal dune lakes and ponds that provide good habitat for waterfowl. This translates into consistently good hunting and Taranaki duck hunters are among the most successful in the North Island.

Mallard duck is the predominant game species and in addition to traditional hunting from maimai on ponds and lakes, jump shooting along streams, rivers, drains and farm oxidation ponds is also productive. Good evening shooting can be had throughout the season on farm dams and wet paddocks, or on recently harvested stubble fields and in paddocks where supplementary feed is being fed to stock.

Paradise shelduck are widespread throughout the region and in particular around the Taranaki ring-plain. Farmers and vegetable growers often welcome hunters harvesting these birds which may otherwise impact on areas of new grass or recovering pasture or crops at other times of the year. To further assist with managing

their impact a special season for paradise shelduck will also be held in early March 2020 in Area C (Taranaki) to disperse birds after the moult. All hunters, including land occupiers are required to hold a permit to hunt during a special season. Please contact the Whanganui or New Plymouth offices of Fish & Game NZ in early February 2020 for details.

Similarly, landowners are often supportive of hunting pukeko from wetlands adjacent to maize growing or other cropping areas, where they can cause damage at planting time. Pukeko numbers are greatest around the Taranaki ring-plain and south along the coast to Whanganui, and the extended season provides an additional hunting opportunity after the duck season has finished.

UPLAND GAME

Scattered populations of pheasant and California quail are present in the coastal sand country and lowland pine plantations. There are also good pheasant populations, which are often overlooked, in the back country, particularly where there are scrubby rough areas adjacent to small streams and rivers. Driving around these areas early or late in the day and particularly in spring is a good way to identify productive spots, and make initial approaches regarding access.

ACCESS

Most hunting opportunities are on private farmland and the appropriate permission should be sought. In this region many farmers are receptive to a polite request; just remember to leave the gun and dog behind when you make your first approach. Often farmers are hunters themselves and while access over opening weekend may not be an option there maybe opportunities later in the season.

Permits are available from the Whanganui office of Fish & Game for upland game hunting in several Whanganui coastal areas, including Harakeke Forest and Nukumaruru Recreation Reserve.

WELLINGTON - Fish & Game Region¹⁴

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FISH & GAME OFFICER: Hamish Carnachan, Adam Canning,
Matt Kavermann
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER: Peter Wilson



¹⁴ Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 83, of 22 May 1990, at page 1861

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Black swan	4 May to 30 Jun 2019	3	All areas
Brown quail	Closed season	0	All areas
California quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	5	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	2	All areas
Red-legged partridge	4 May to 25 Aug 2019	1	All areas

2 Definition of Areas

- (1) **Area A – EAST:** All of the Wellington Region east of main Ruahine and Tararua/Rimutaka ranges.
- (2) **Area B – WEST:** All of the Wellington Region west of main Ruahine and Tararua/Rimutaka ranges.

3 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.30pm

4 Decoy Limit

No limit.

5 Special conditions

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

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HUNTING IN WELLINGTON

Some of the best quality waterfowl hunting in the Wellington Fish and Game region can be found in the public hunting areas. Any game bird licence holder who obtains our \$5 game bird hunting access permit, may hunt the following wetlands after opening weekend for the remainder of the game season, or dates as printed in the permit booklet:

- Lake Wairarapa
- Lake Omanu near Foxton (after Queens' Birthday Weekend)
- Makerua Swamp 25 km south of Palmerston North
- Moutoa Reserve is located 3 km south of Foxton
- Pukepuke Lagoon is located 4 km north of Himatangi Beach
- Waimahora Swamp is located 2 km west of Santoft
- Pheasant and California quail hunting is available in 3 forests and 1 reserve. Waitarere Forest (IFS Forestry); Tangimoana (Rangitane) and Santoft Forests (Ernslaw One Ltd); and Tawhirihoe Scientific Reserve (Department of Conservation).

The Game Bird Hunting Access Permit includes maps and conditions of access and includes a number of areas within the Wellington Fish and Game Region.



Photo: Ian Hadland

1080 WARNING

1080 is highly toxic to dogs. Toxicity can last for several months in the target species. If in doubt and you wish to hunt where 1080 warning signs are erected, check with your Regional Council (Manawatu-Whanganui 06 952 2800; Wellington 0800 496 734) or the land manager.

HUNTING BALLOTS

There are a limited number of balloted hunting stands available each year within some of the named conservation areas. These are advertised in mid-February each year.



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.



YOUR ORDER

NEW PRODUCTS (No product is valid for postage)	Price	Quantity	Total
2019 Chukar Game Bird Habitat stamp	\$10.00		\$
2019 Chukar Game Bird Habitat first day cover	\$12.00		\$
2019 Chukar Game Bird Habitat miniature sheet	\$11.50		\$
2019 Chukar Game Bird Habitat miniature sheet first day cover	\$14.00		\$
2019 Chukar Game Bird Habitat Limited Edition Artist Print	\$65.00		\$

If you have a preference for the Artist Print number, please indicate it here _____.
 Numbers will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, and we will endeavour to meet your requirements where possible.

PREVIOUSLY ISSUED PRODUCTS	Price	Quantity	Total
2018 Mallard Duck Limited Edition Artist Print	\$65.00		\$
2017 California Quail Limited Edition Artist Print	\$65.00		\$
2016 Grey Duck Limited Edition Artist Print	\$65.00		\$
Plus overseas postage (see below)			\$
TOTAL TO PAY			\$

SHIPPING INFORMATION	Stamp & Miniature Sheet	Artist Print	First Day Cover
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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 2019 issue is the 26th in the series and features the chukar (*Alectoris chukar*).

The chukar, or chukor, is named onomatopoeically after its distinctive 'chukar-chukar' crow.

A species of partridge, chukars are found primarily in the high country of the South Island. The current population is presumed to be a hybrid of two forms imported from different parts of Asia in the early to mid-20th century. Despite efforts by Fish and Game New Zealand and other groups to boost the population, numbers appear to be in decline.



Stamp RRP: \$10.00

The chukar has a medium-sized, round body, with a bright red bill and reddish-pink legs. Its plumage is made up of grey, black, white and chestnut feathers, with a distinctive black band that runs across the forehead and eyes and down the side of the neck, joining at the breast.

The 2019 New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Collection consists of a stamp, miniature sheet, first day cover, miniature sheet first day cover and Limited Edition Artist Print. The chukar has been digitally illustrated by Wellington artist Stephen Fuller.



Miniature sheet RRP: \$11.50

Stephen has drawn all his life, from little things such as stamps to illustrations for large billboards. He used to primarily work with paper, card or canvas using conventional mediums. Now 90 per cent is done digitally, with the desire to look as hand-drawn as possible. Stephen achieves this with the experience of conventional practices as well as using a software program that emulates brushes, pencils, paint at an incredibly high quality and in real time.



Chukars inhabit dry hill country, open shrubland and tussock lands with rock outcrops east of the Southern Alps, up to 2,000 metres above sea level. The largest populations are found in the Nelson Lakes National Park, Seaward Kaikōura Range, Mackenzie country and the ranges of Central Otago.

The average clutch of eggs is eight, incubated by the female only. Young are cared for in family groups, accompanied by several adults. They have been known to form coveys of up to 150 individuals.



First day cover RRP: \$12.00



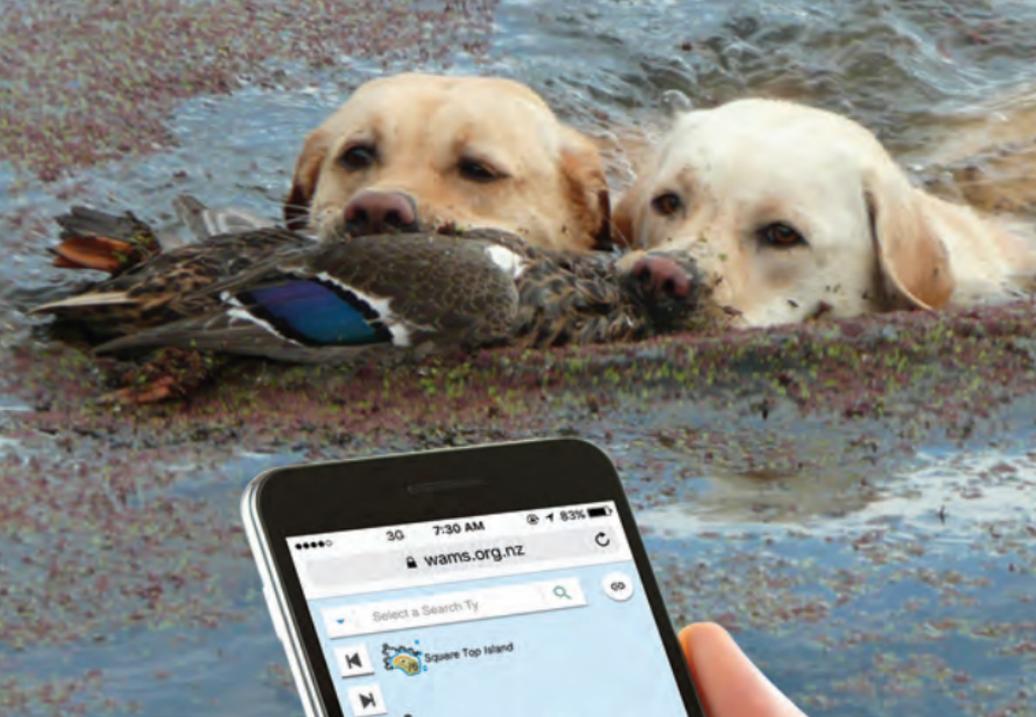
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