

EASTERN - FISH & GAME REGION¹¹

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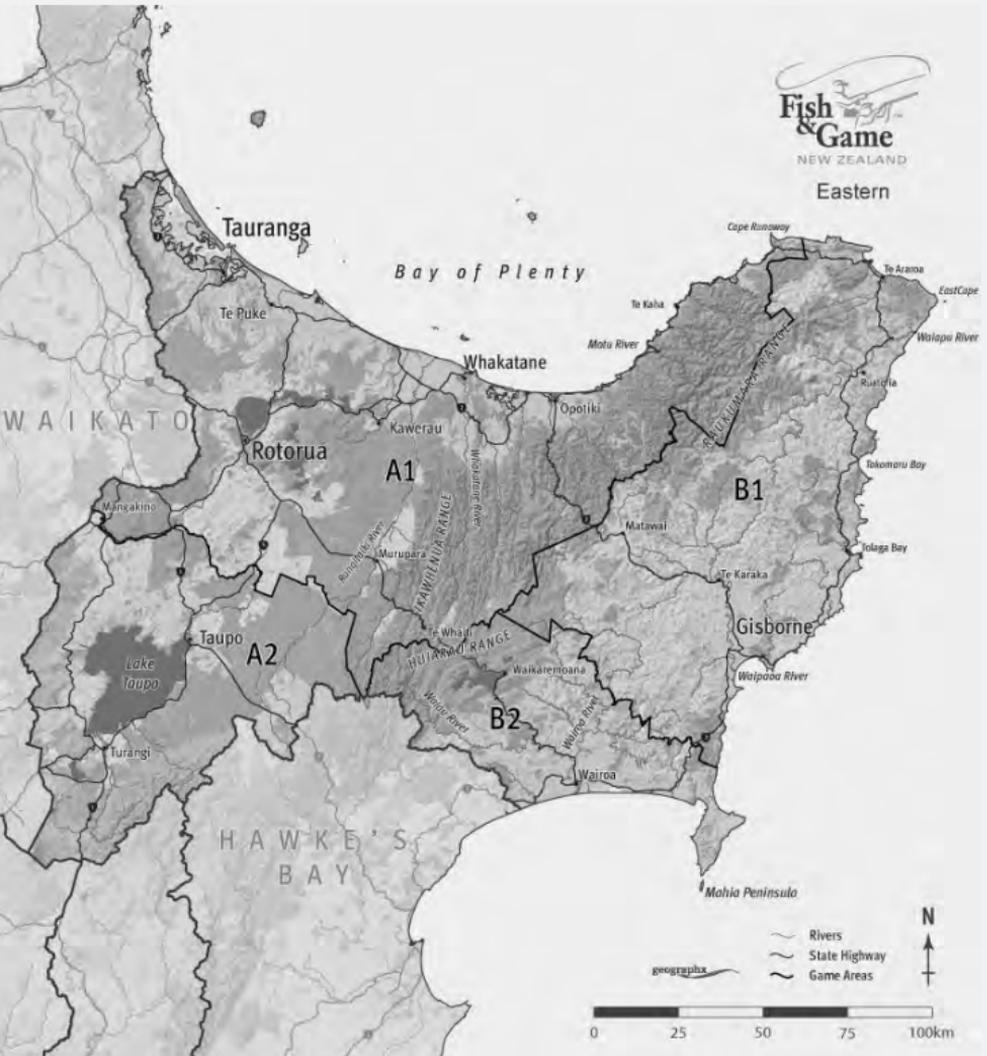
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¹¹ Eastern Fish and Game Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 26 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861

1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of the 2024/2025 Season

| <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 2024 | 6 | All areas |
| NZ shoveler duck | 4 May to 3 Jun 2024 | 2 | All areas |
| Paradise shelduck | 4 May to 30 Jun 2024 | 6 | Area A1, A2 |
| | 4 May to 30 Jun 2024 | 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 2024 | 20 | That part of B1, which lies north of the true right bank of the Uawa River Mouth, Tolaga Bay |
| Pūkeko | 4 May to 25 Aug 2024 | 10 | All areas |
| | 1 Feb to 9 Feb 2025 | 10 | All areas |
| Black swan | 4 May to 25 Aug 2024 | No limit | Area A1 |
| | 1 Feb to 9 Feb 2025 | No limit | Area A1 |
| | 4 May to 30 Jun 2024 | 5 | Area A2 |
| | Closed season | 0 | Area B1 & B2 |
| Bobwhite (Virginian) quail | Closed Season | 0 | All areas |
| Brown quail | Closed season | 0 | All areas |
| California quail | 4 May to 25 Aug 2024 | No limit | Area A1 & A2 |
| | 4 May to 25 Aug 2024 | 5 | Area B1 & B2 |
| Cock pheasant | 4 May to 25 Aug 2024 | 5 | All areas |

2 Definition of Areas

The following descriptions refer to Management Units within the Eastern Region (described on Infomap 242B-2 Land Information New Zealand). The Management Units are defined using both District Council and Eastern Region Fish and Game boundaries.

The coastal boundaries of Management Units A1, B1 and, B2 follow the coastline as per Infomap 242-2.

- 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.

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** Any game bird licence holder who has a Department of Conservation authorisation to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking or falconry 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.

5.3 No person shall wilfully within the Eastern Fish and Game Region, in or on any public place, or in or on any private land without consent of the land occupier:

- (a) deposit any type of litter, including any carcass or part of it, of any shot game.
- (b) having deposited any type of litter, including carcasses or parts thereof, of any shot game, leaves it after having been deposited.
- (c) for the purposes of this regulation litter includes any refuse, animal or game remains, or waste matter or items of any type used in the course of hunting, which is abandoned or intended to be abandoned.

5.4 A person must not use a drone to disturb game birds.

6 Hunting From a Boat Under Power

No person may possess a firearm that can be rapidly deployed in or on any unmoored vessel, except (1) where the unmoored vessel is not being propelled at the time by a motorised device, or (2) the firearm is needed to retrieve wounded game. For the purpose of this subclause a firearm is considered unable to be rapidly deployed if it has been dismantled or secured in a case, gunslip or other secure compartment.

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 <https://fishandgame.org.nz/game-bird-hunting-in-new-zealand/where-to-hunt/regional-info/eastern/>



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. https://www.tll.co.nz/recreational_access_permits



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.