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Introduction

In February 2016 the Government enacted Legal Notice 69 of 2016 (Conservation of Wild Birds (Amendment) Regulations), which paved the way for reform of the system of general hunting licences. Instead of the previous *Carnet de Chasse* reporting system, hunting and live-capturing reports were submitted through a telephonic game reporting system. The data in this report was gathered wholly from this game reporting system.

For autumn–winter bird hunting and rabbit hunting/ferreting seasons licensees were legally required to report their bags before leaving the location where their activity was taking place. For seasons opened under derogation (Spring Hunting and Autumn Live-Capturing) licensees were required to report their bags immediately upon making a catch, thus allowing for real-time data to be gathered. The reports were aggregated in a central database which allows the Wild Birds Regulation Unit to monitor the data at any point in time for both scientific and enforcement purposes.

Live-capturing data for finches, song thrush and golden plover pertains to reports made under derogation. The full details for these derogations can be found in the official derogation report accessible at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/livecapturingder.aspx>.

The table below outlines the number of licences issued for each general licence category in 2017. Individual licensees could have one or a combination of multiple categories of these licences. Licensees could only report game caught pertaining to their respective license categories.

Licence Category	Nº of licences
Hunting birds on land	10,467
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Turtle Dove and Quail</i>	6,516
Hunting of birds at sea	256
Hunting of wild rabbit	2,626
Capture of wild rabbit with nets	57
General licence for live-capturing of birds	4,534
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Finches</i>	3,715
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	1,059

In order to practice hunting during the reporting period, in addition to their general hunting licences, licensees were required to have a valid weapons permit issued by the Police, a valid insurance cover, and a membership in a recognised hunting organisation.

During the reporting period, a total of 3,054 specimens belonging to huntable species were reported hunted and a total of 9,422 specimens were reported as captured under live-capturing derogations. The system received a total of 7,729 telephonic reports (telephone calls) from 2,167 individual callers.

Hunting Data

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Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas acuta</i>			
Pintail			
Silfjun			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

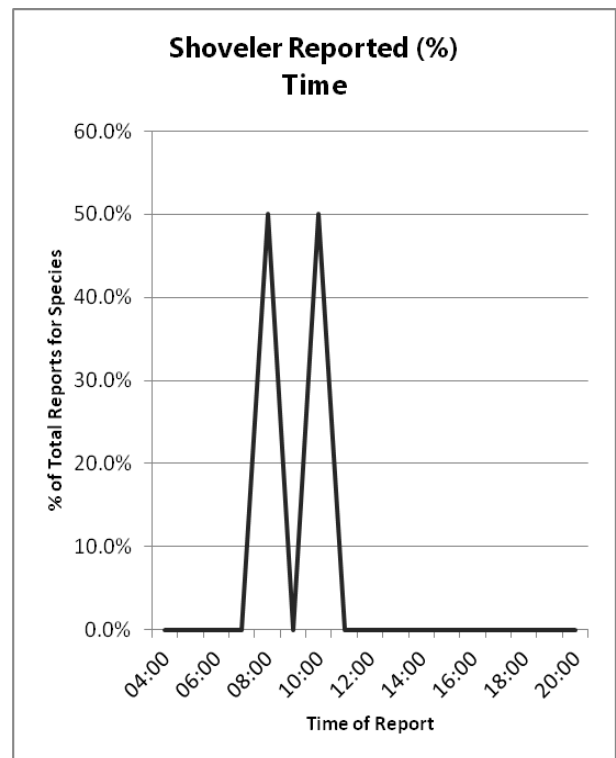
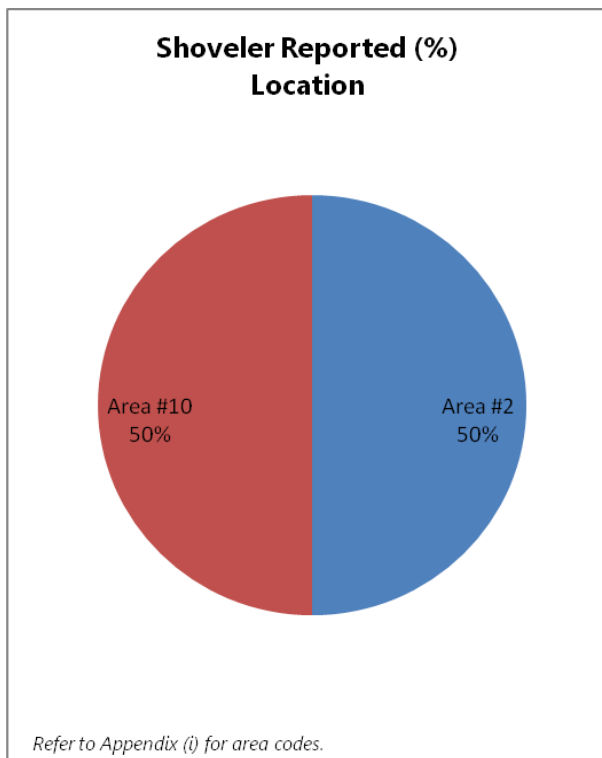
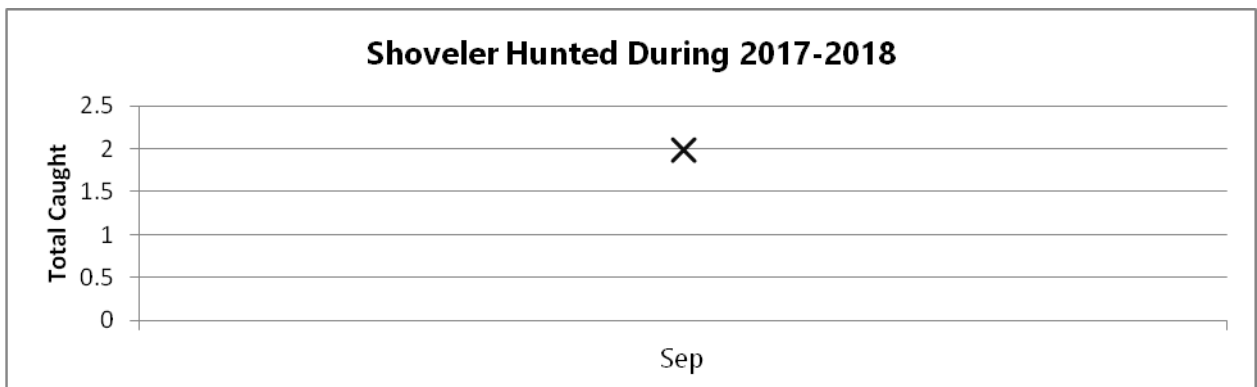
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

Anas clypeata

Shoveler

Palettuna

September '17	2
October '17	0
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	2



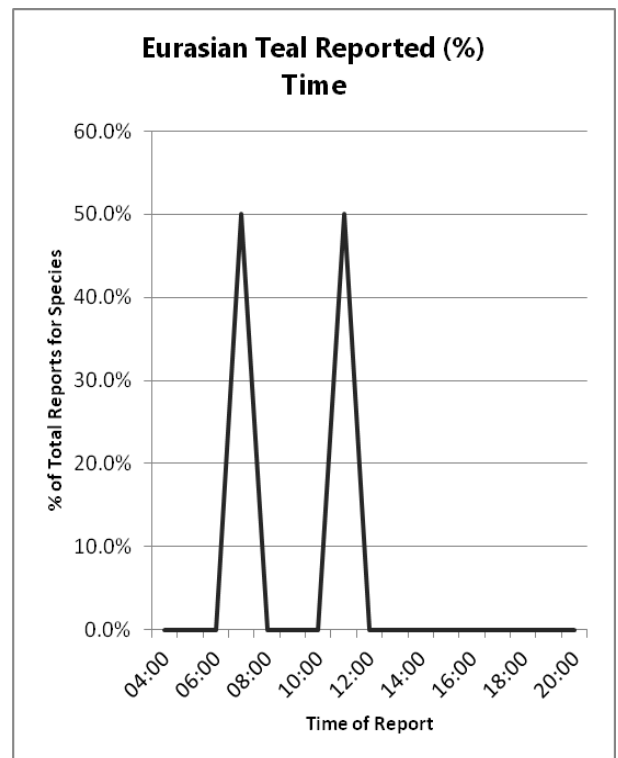
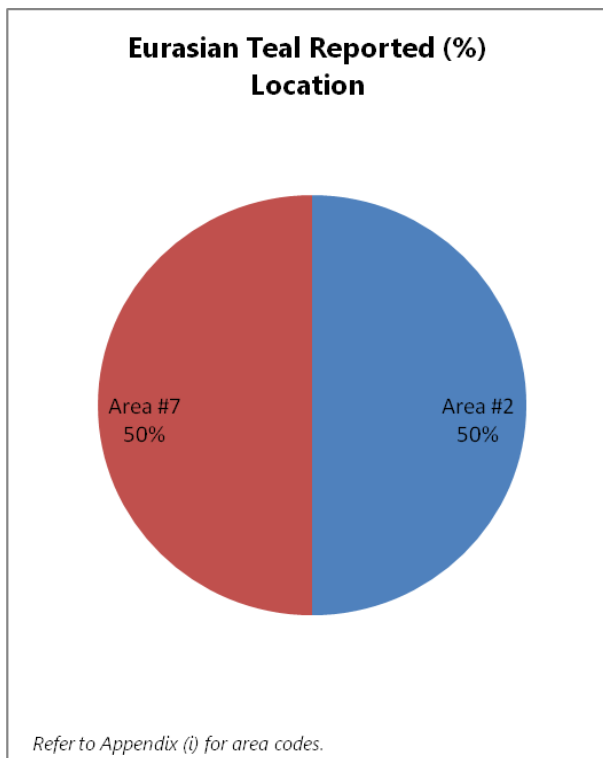
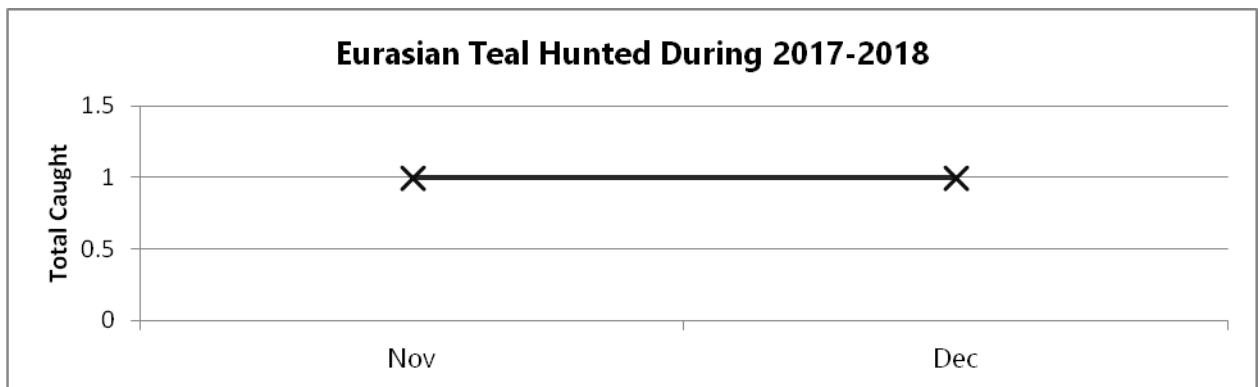
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

Anas crecca

Eurasian Teal

Sarsella

September '17	0
October '17	0
November '17	1
December '17	1
January '18	0
Total	2



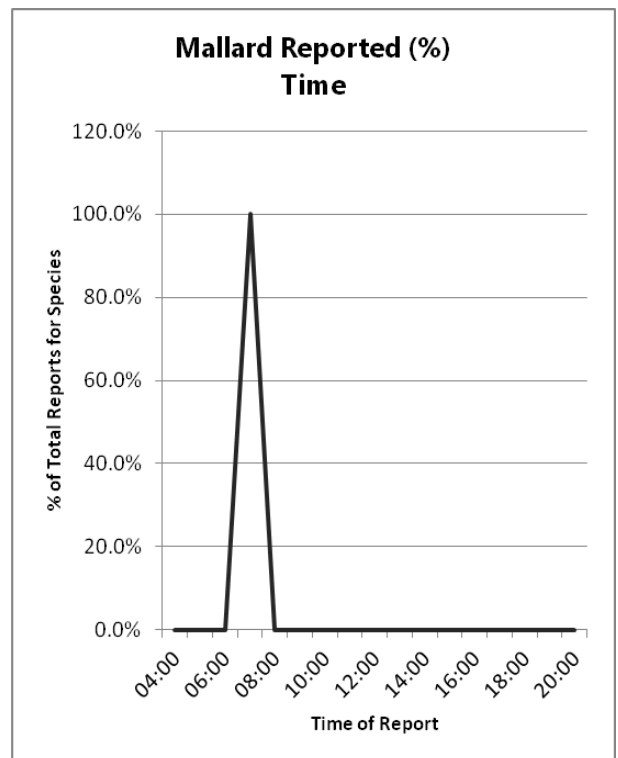
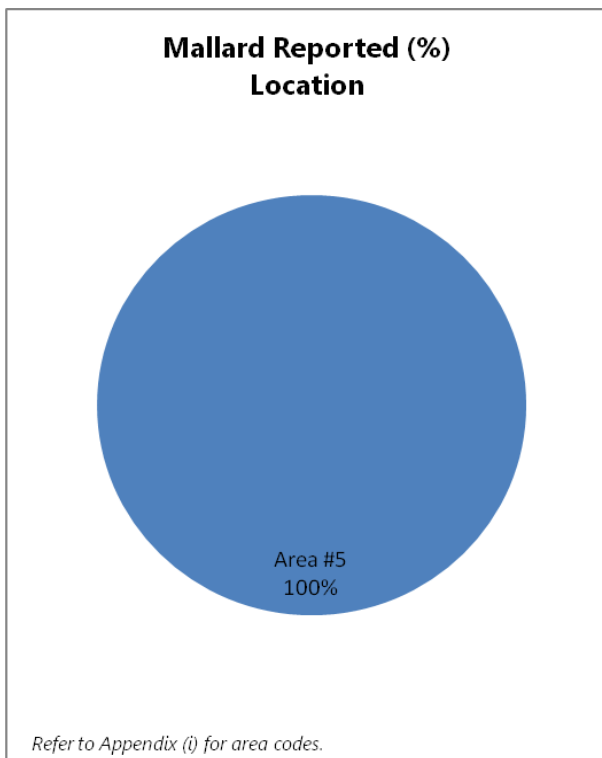
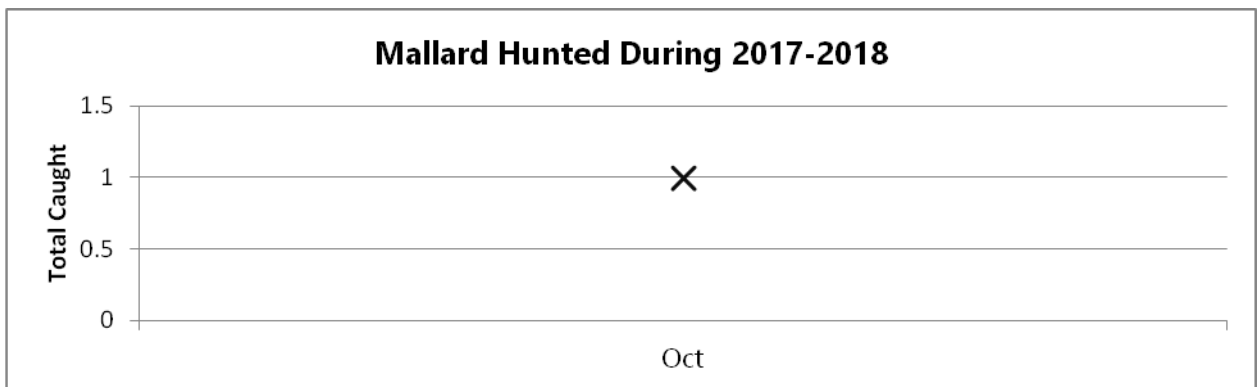
Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas penelope</i>			
Eurasian Wigeon			
Silfjun Ewropew			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

Anas platyrhynchos

Mallard

Kuluvert

September '17	0
October '17	1
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	1



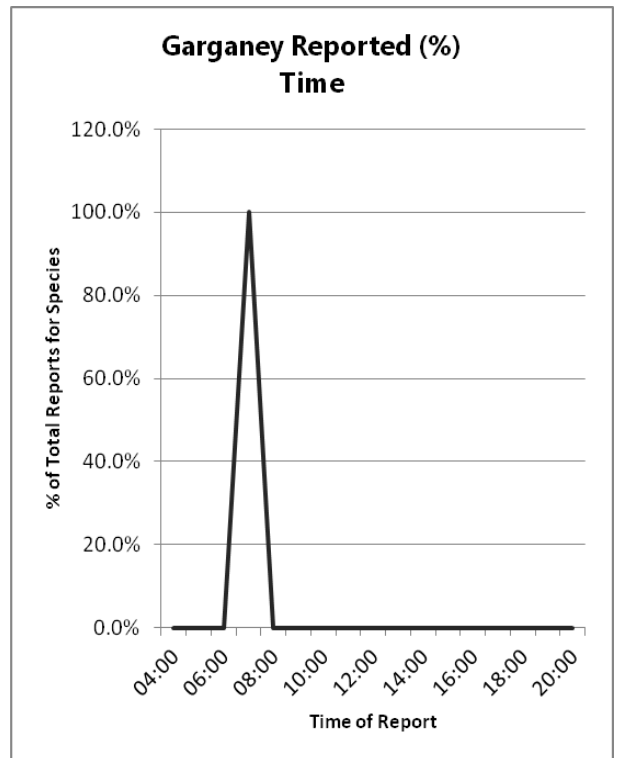
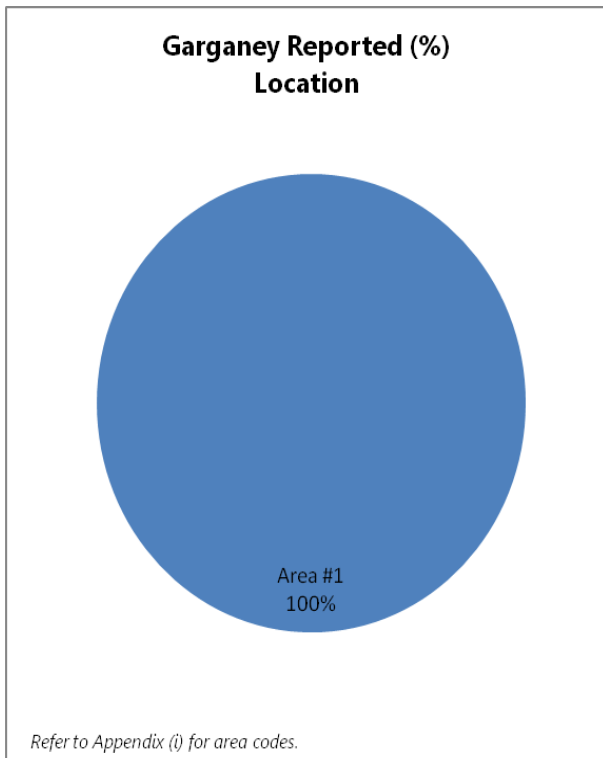
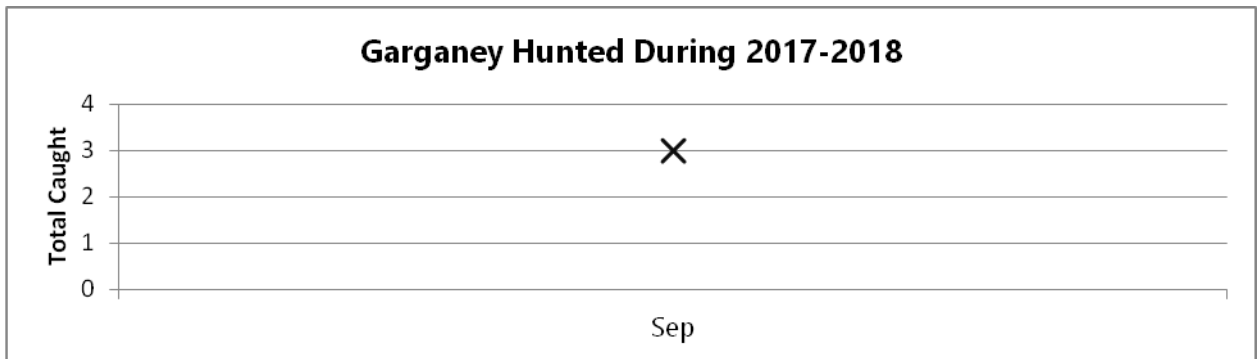
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

Anas querquedula

Garganey

Sarsella Hamra

September '17	3
October '17	0
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	3



Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas strepera</i>			
Gadwall			
Kuluvert Griz			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anser anser</i>			
Greylag Goose			
Wizza Griza			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anser fabalis</i>			
Taiga Bean Goose			
Wizza tal-Ful			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

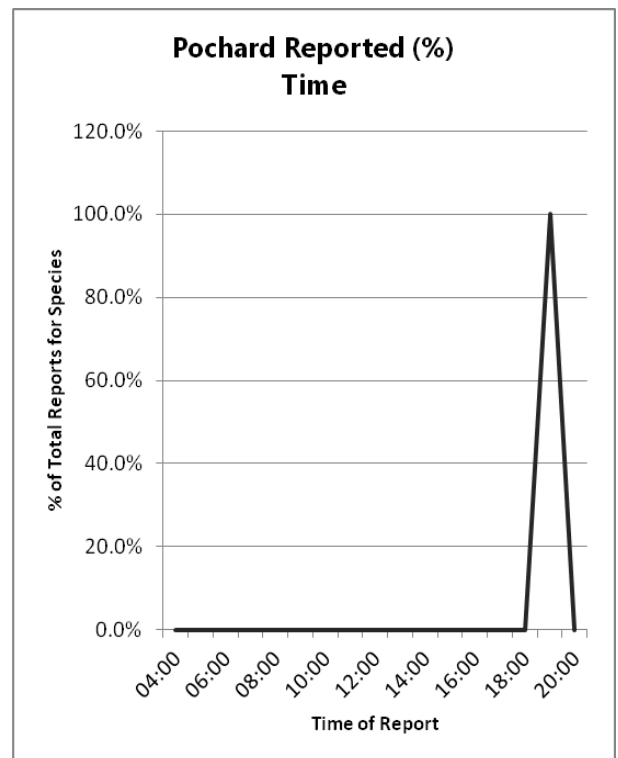
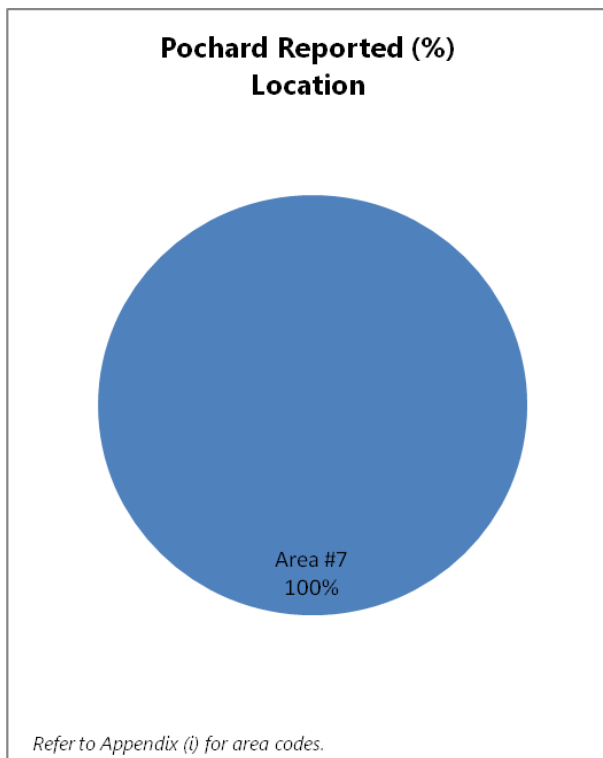
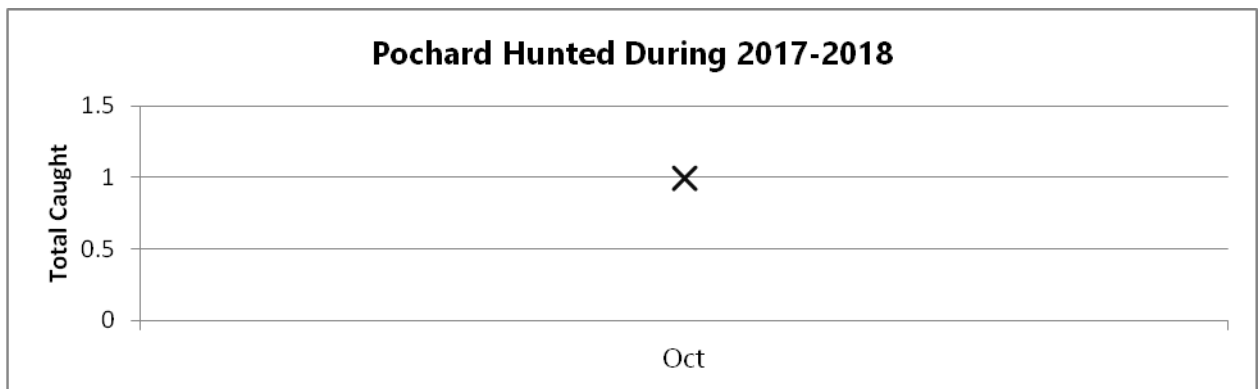
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

Aythya ferina

Pochard

Brajmla

September '17	0
October '17	1
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	1



Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			
Tufted Duck			
Brajmla tat-Toppu			
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		January '18	0
		Total	0

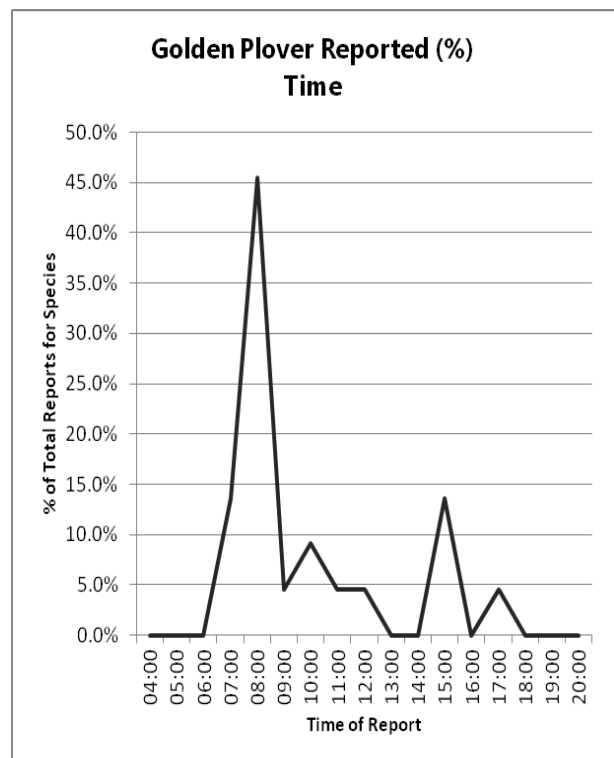
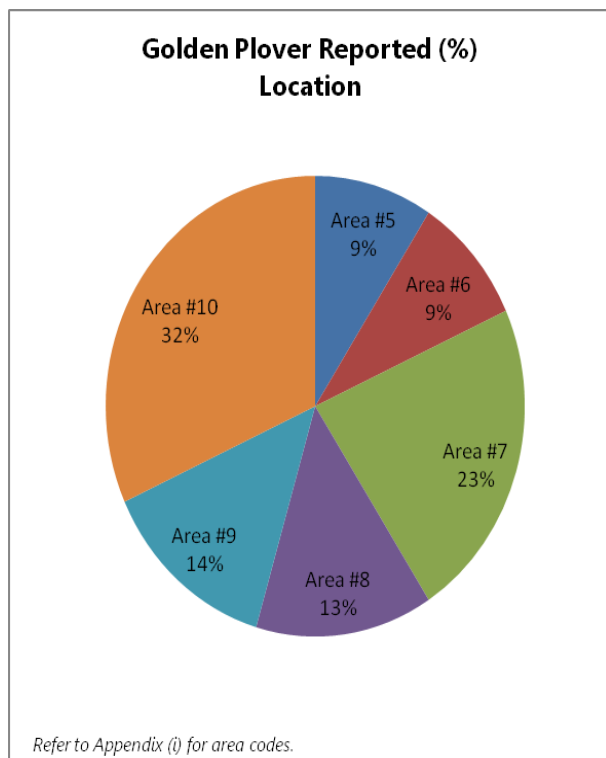
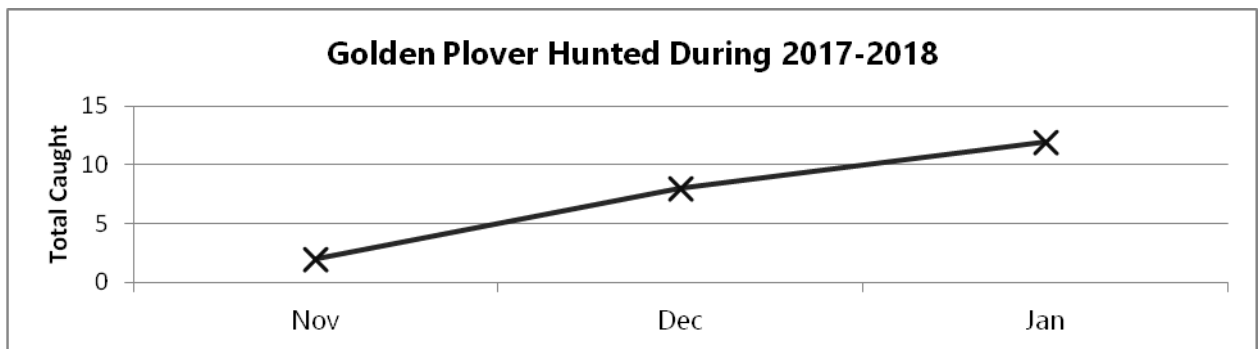
Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

(Hunting Data)

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October '17	0
November '17	2
December '17	8
January '18	12
Total	22

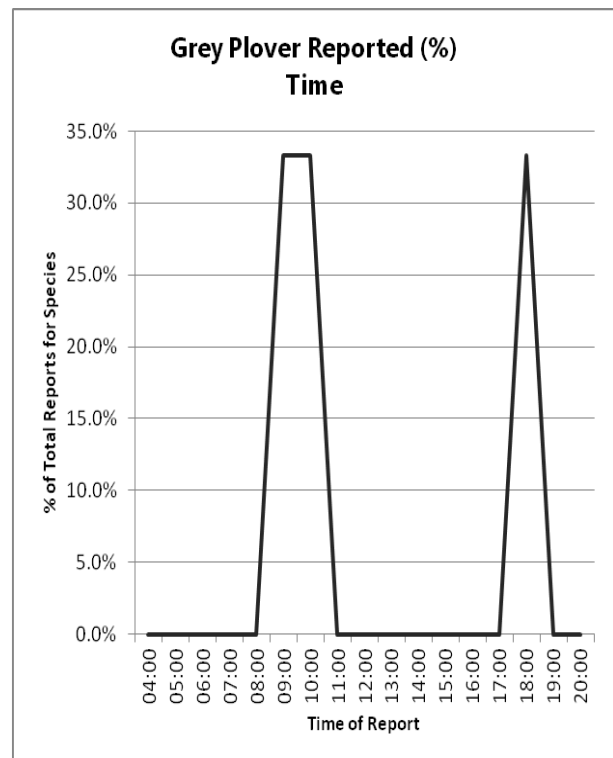
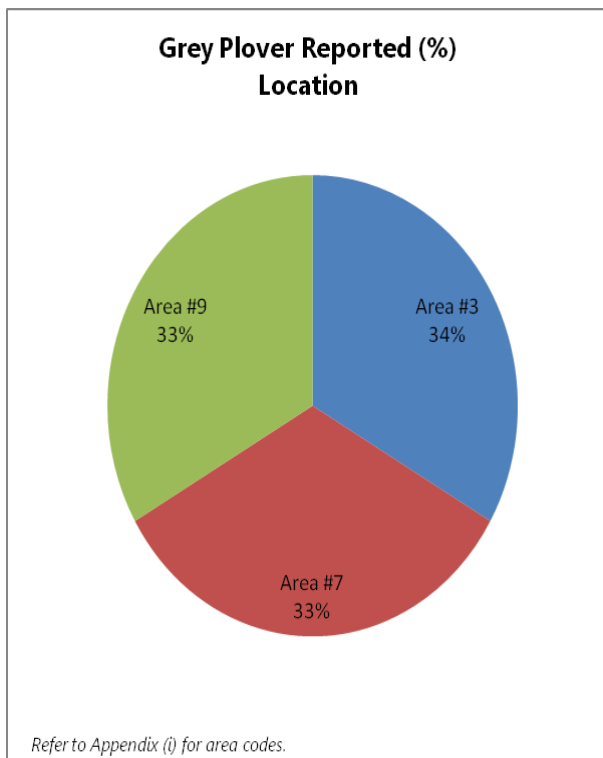
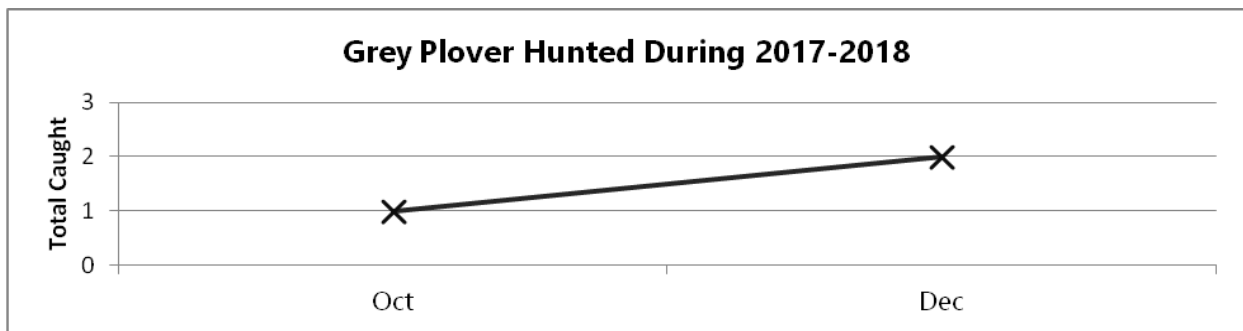


Pluvialis squatarola

Grey Plover

Pluviera Pastarda

September '17	0
October '17	1
November '17	0
December '17	2
January '18	0
Total	3

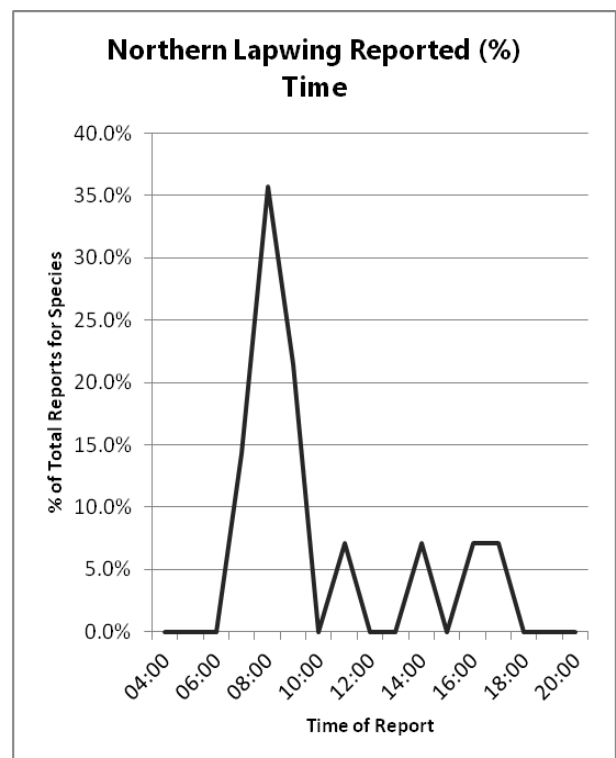
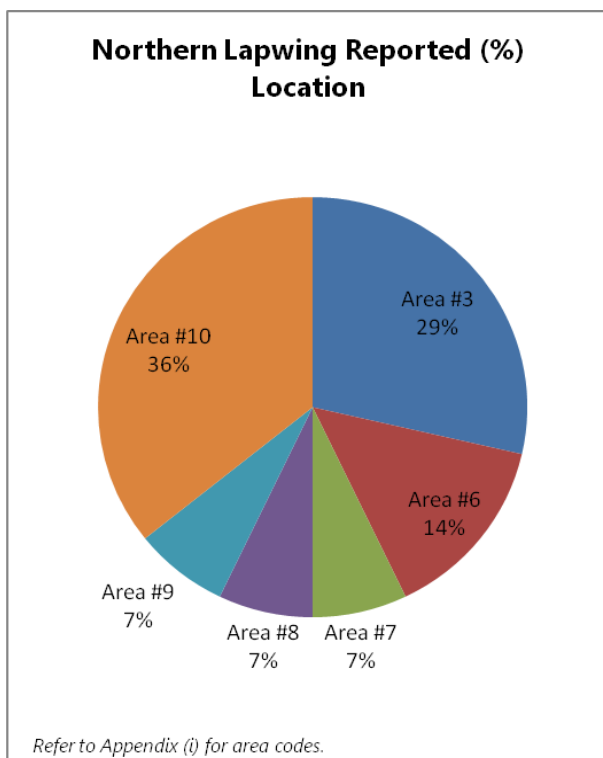
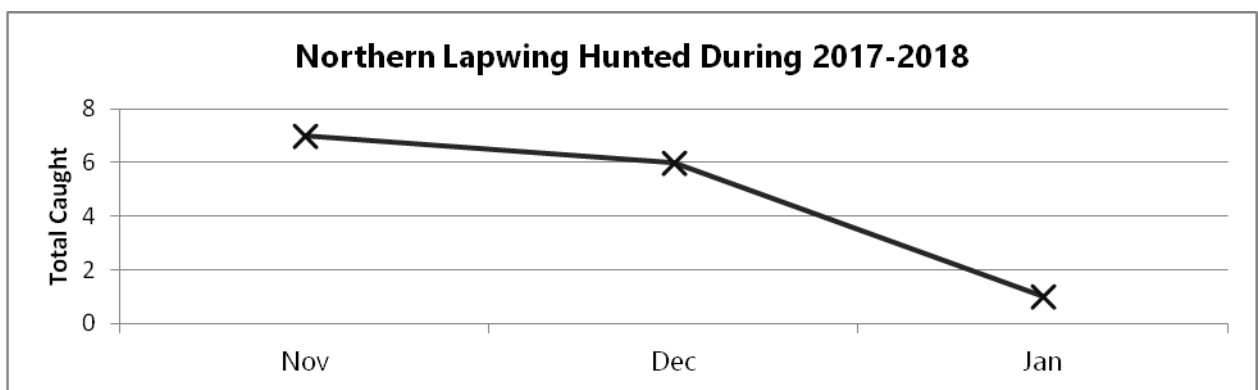


Vanellus vanellus

Northern Lapwing

Venewwa

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October '17	0
November '17	7
December '17	6
January '18	1
Total	14

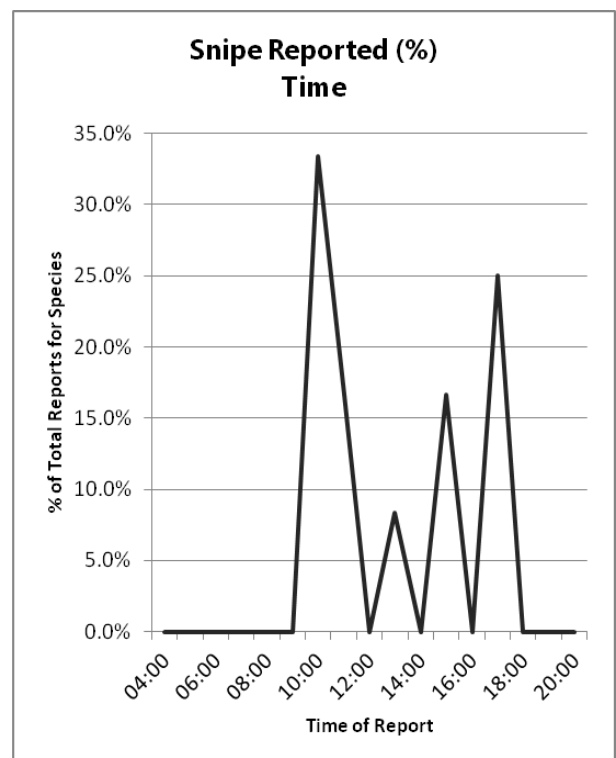
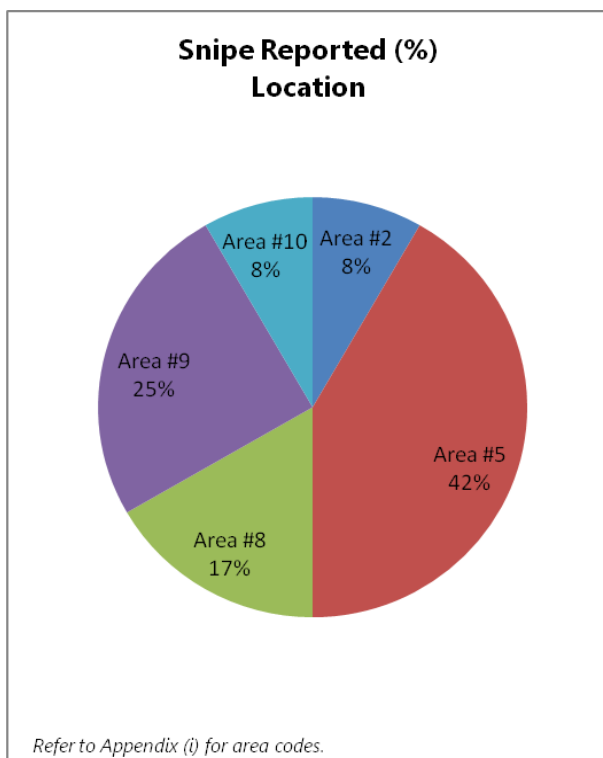
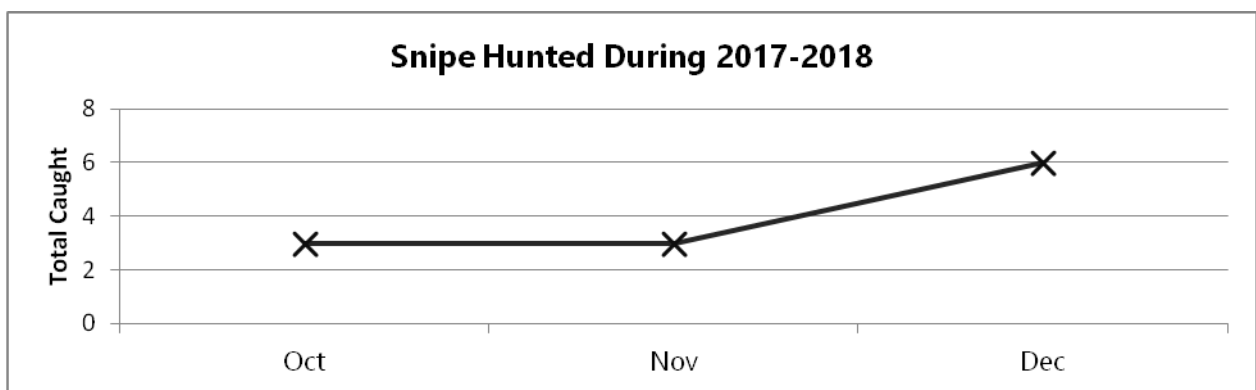


Gallinago gallinago

Snipe

Bekkačč

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October '17	3
November '17	3
December '17	6
January '18	0
Total	12

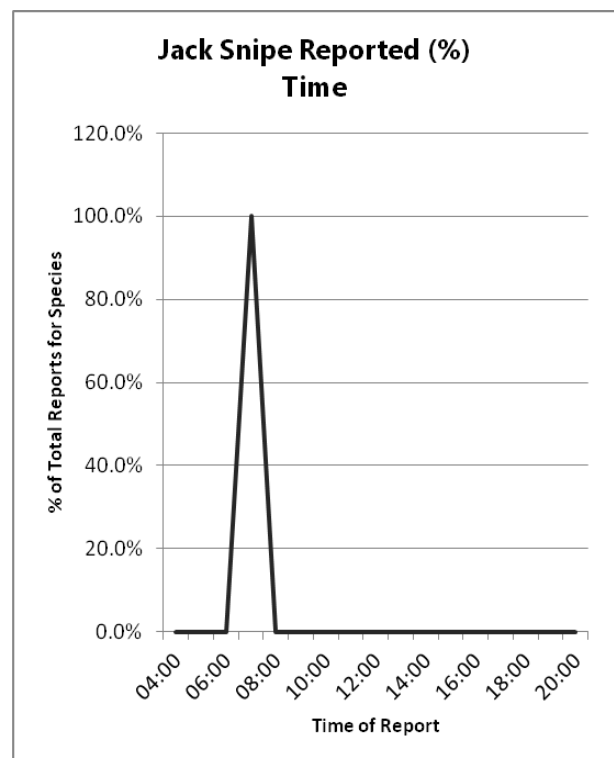
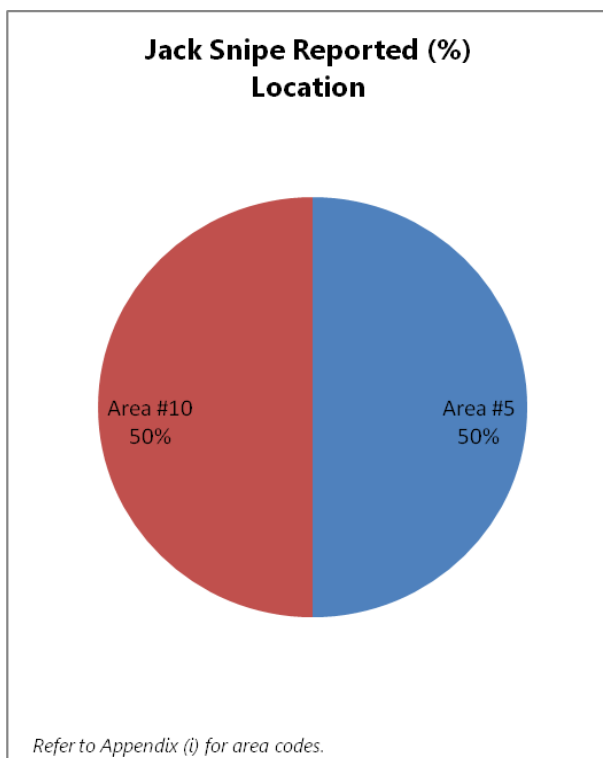
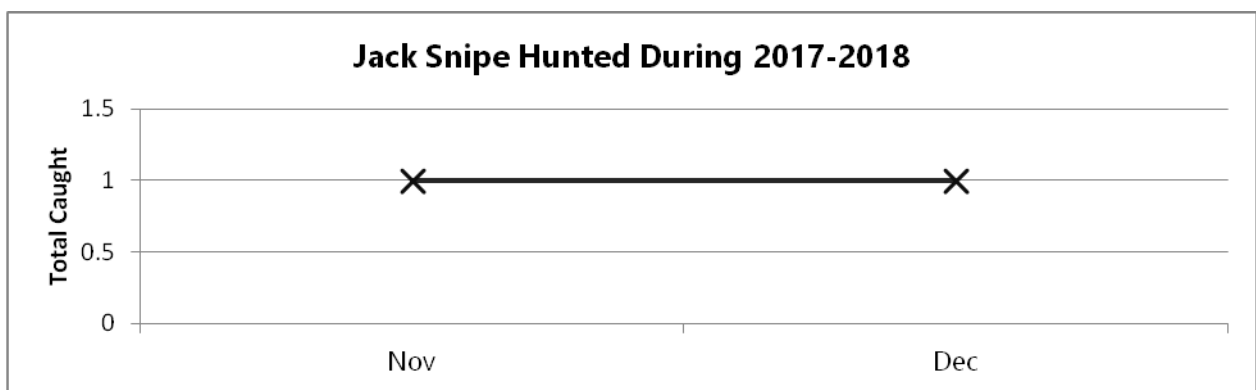


Lymnocyptes minimus

Jack Snipe

Činkonja

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October '17	0
November '17	1
December '17	1
January '18	0
Total	2

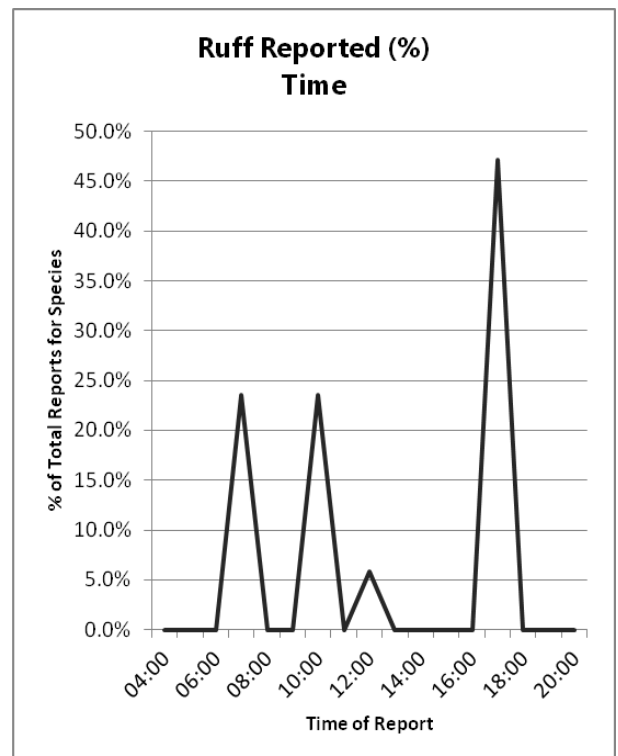
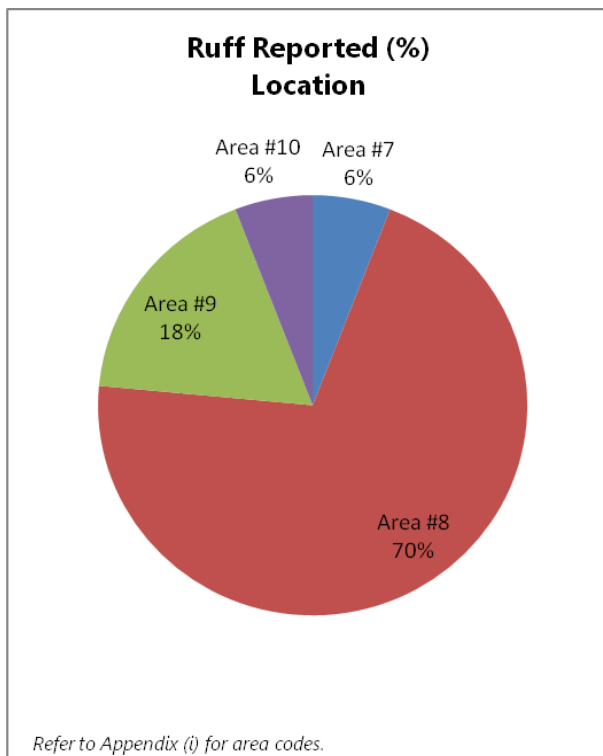
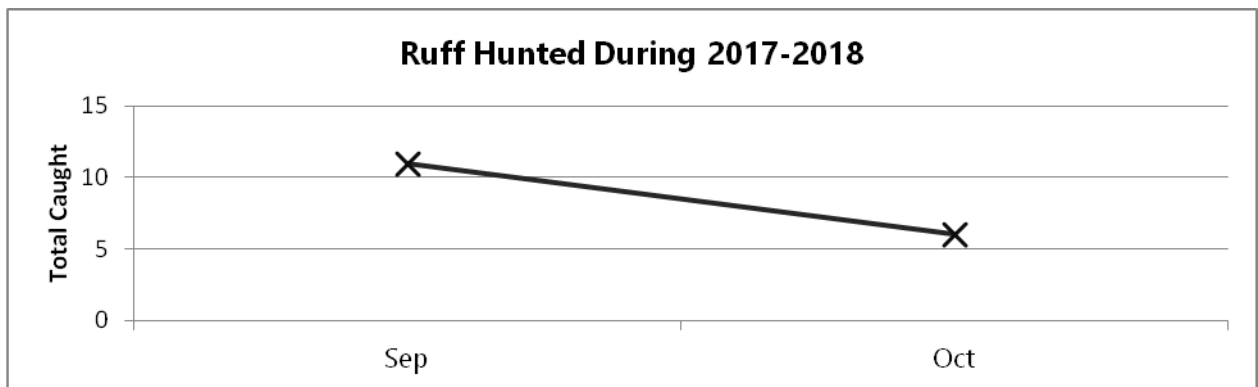


Philomachus pugnax

Ruff

Girviel

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October '17	6
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	17

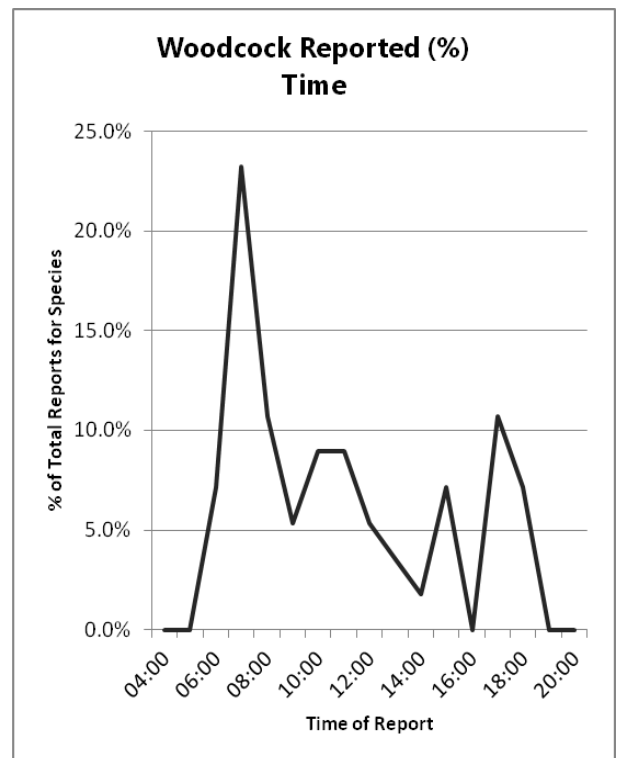
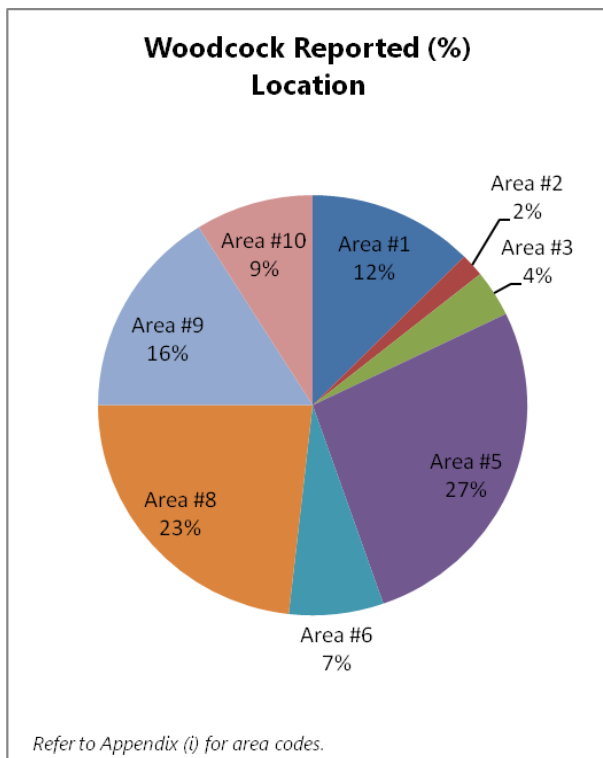
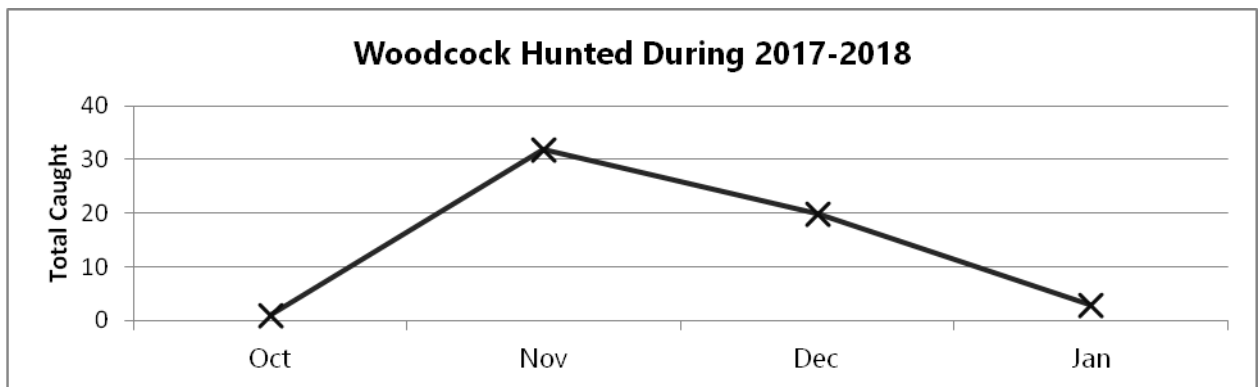


Scolopax rusticola

Woodcock

Gallina

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October '17	1
November '17	32
December '17	20
January '18	3
Total	56



Columbiformes

- Columbidae

Month

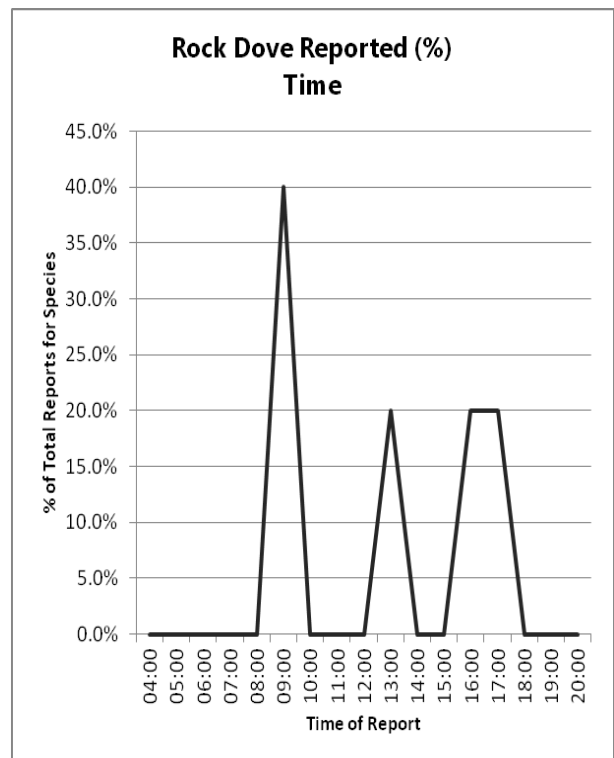
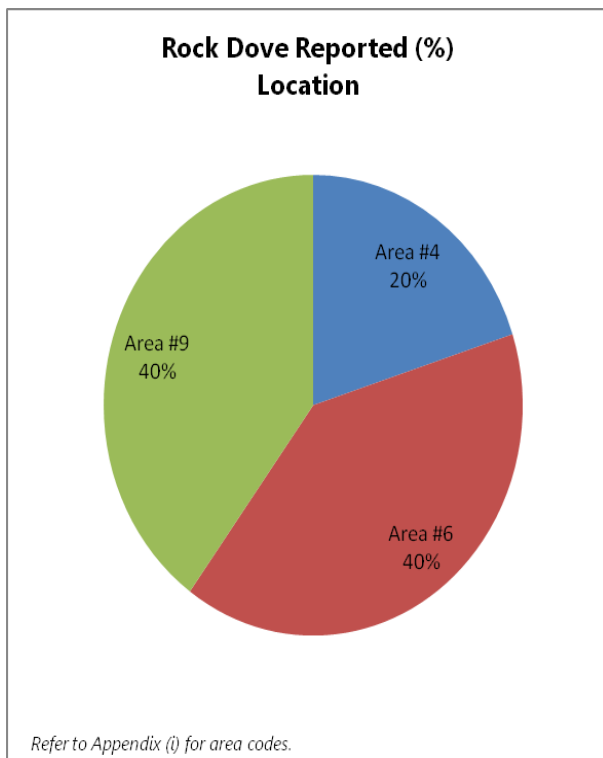
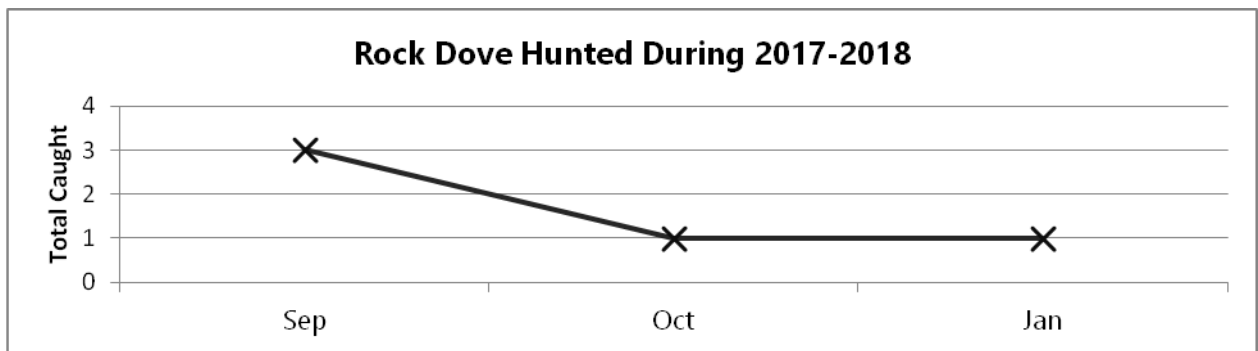
Specimens Hunted

Columba livia

Rock Dove

Tudun Tal-Ġebel

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October '17	1
November '17	0
December '17	0
January '18	1
Total	5

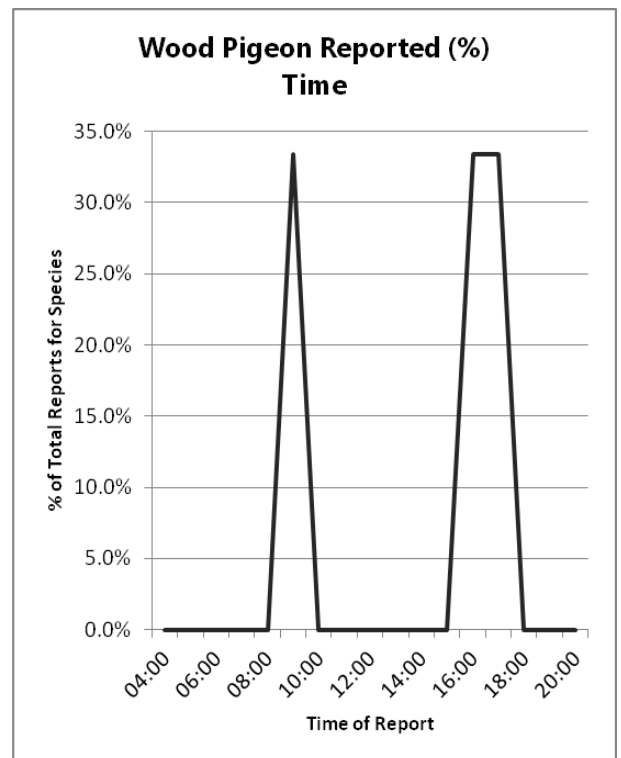
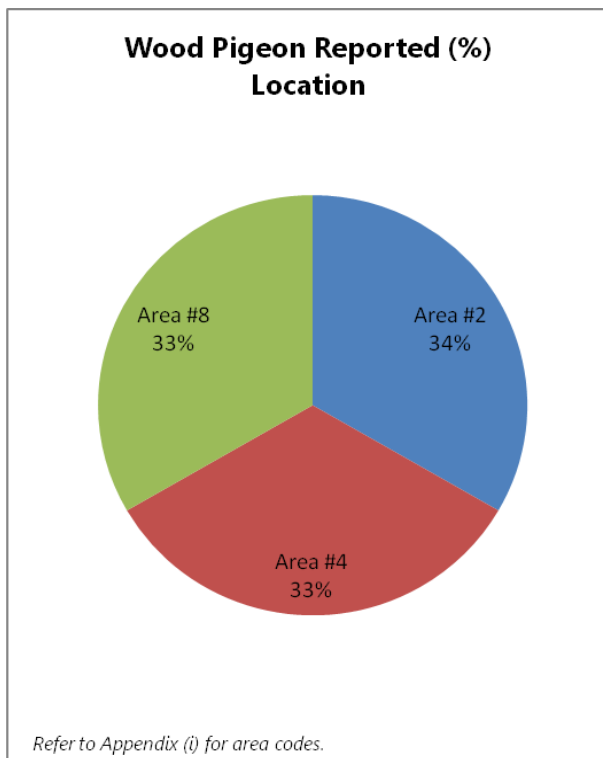
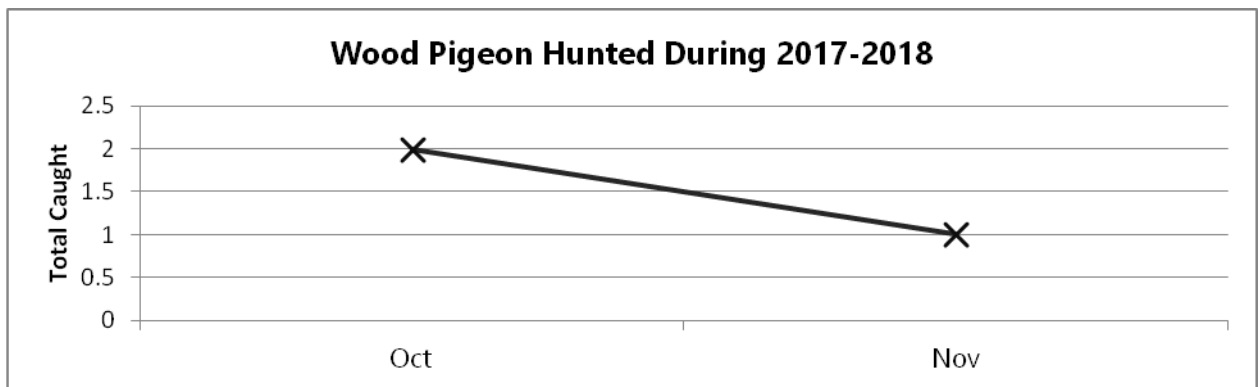


Columba palumbus

Wood Pigeon

Tudun

September '17	0
October '17	2
November '17	1
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	3



Streptopelia turtur

Turtle Dove

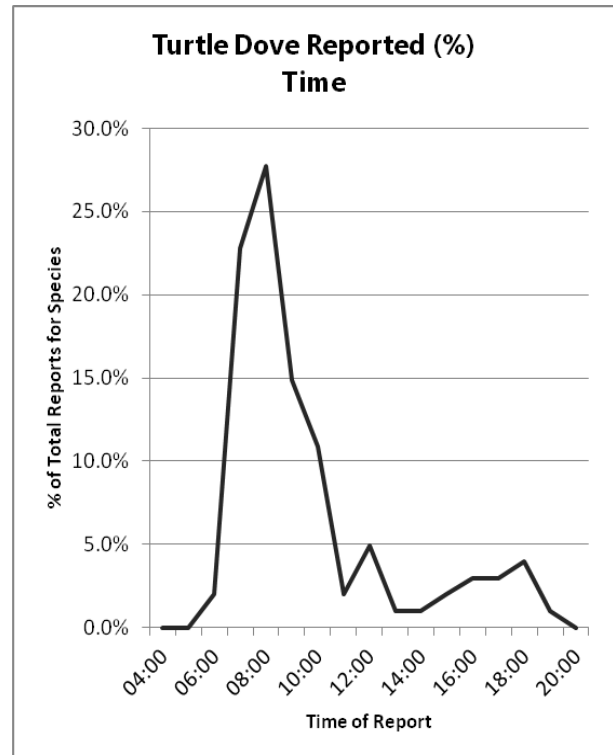
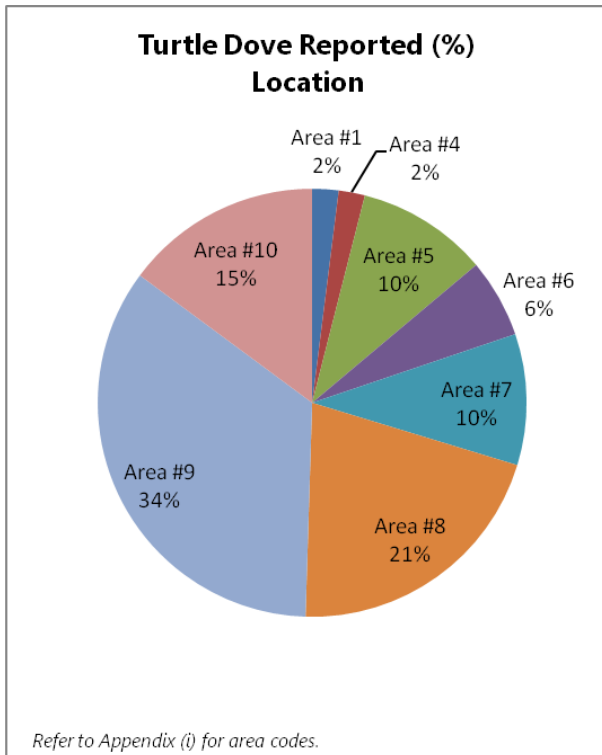
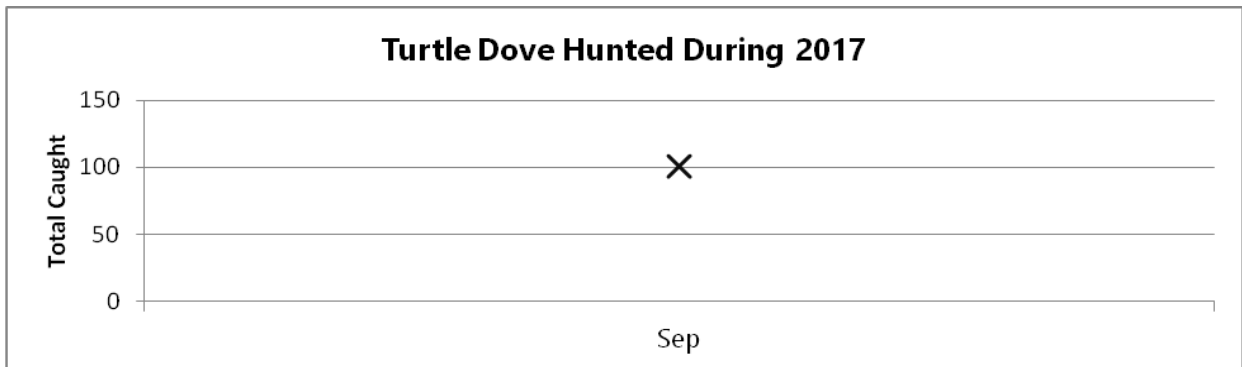
Gamiema

September '17

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Total

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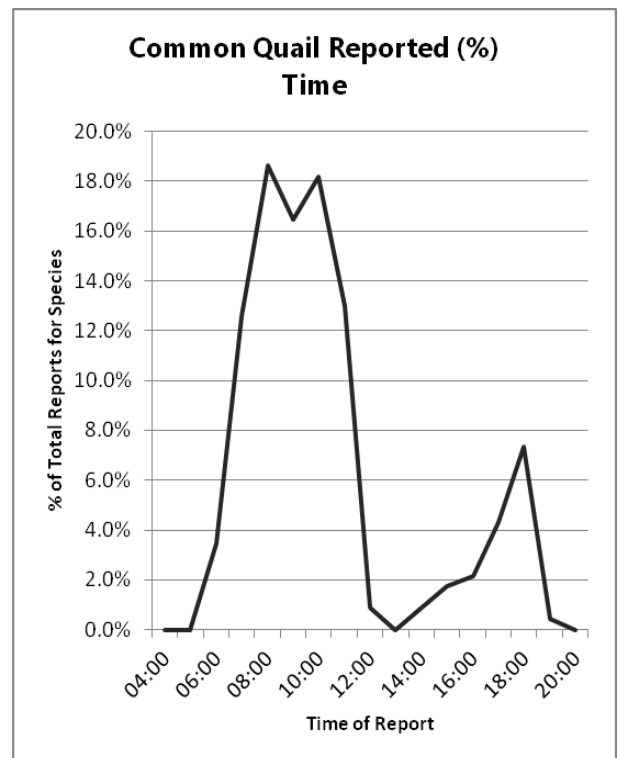
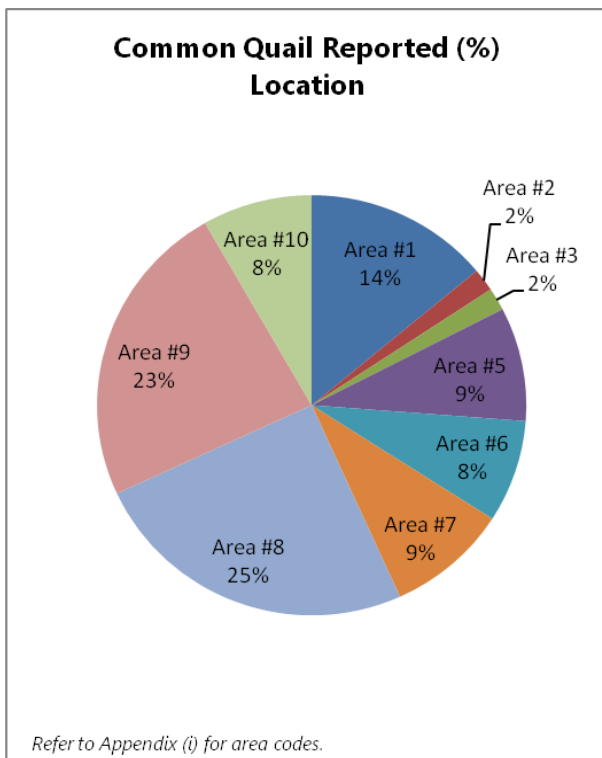
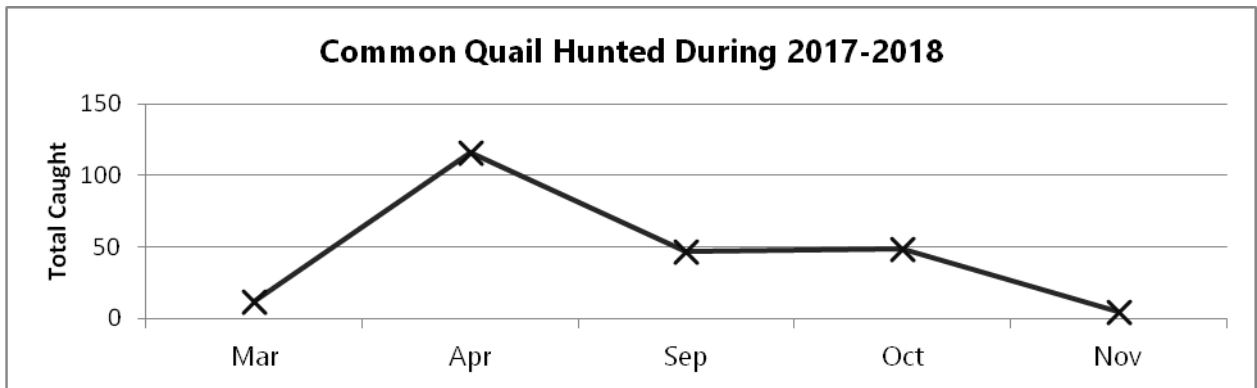


Coturnix coturnix

Common Quail

Summiena

March '17	12
April '17	116
September '17	47
October '17	49
November '17	5
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	229



Note: Hunting of this species in spring was authorised through derogation. Full details on the application of this derogation are available at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/springhuntingderogations.aspx>

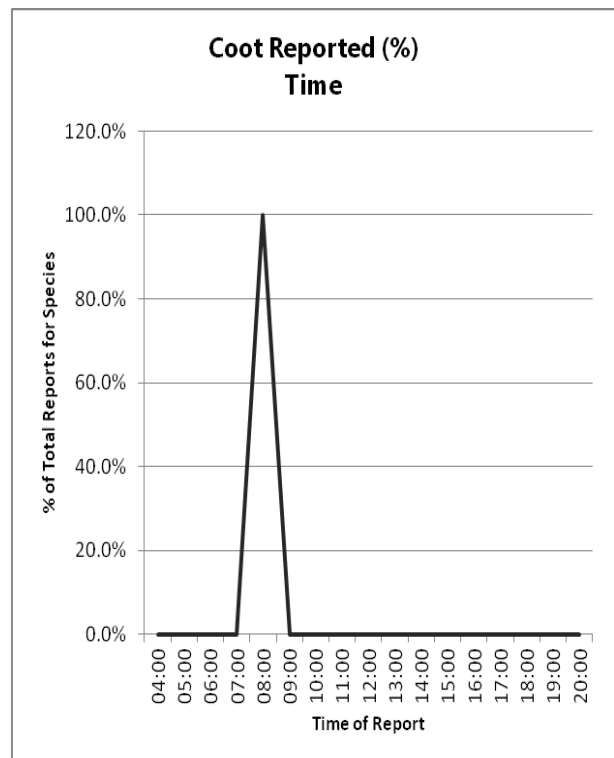
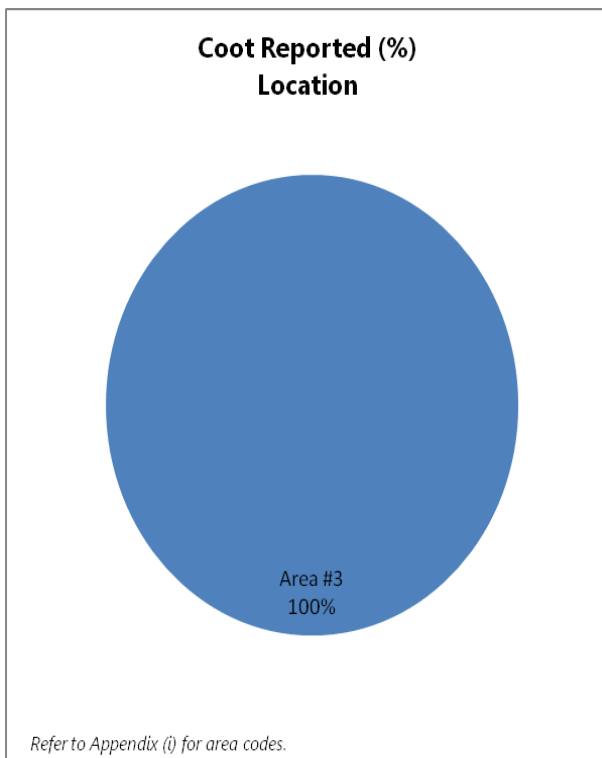
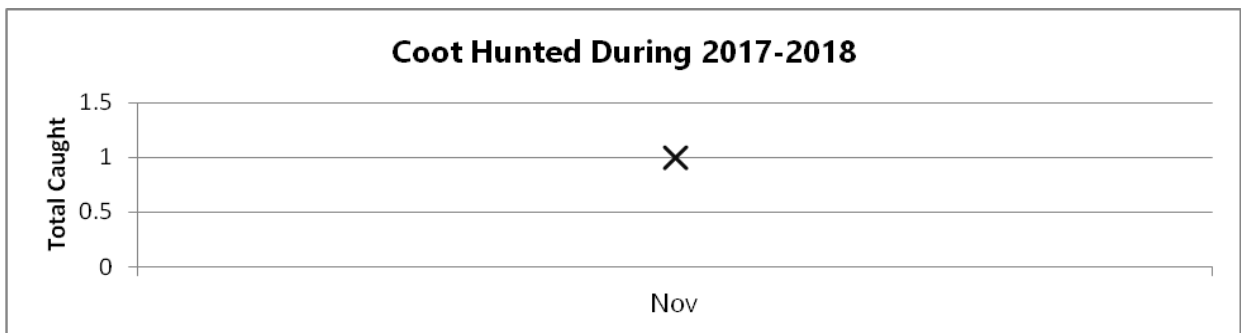
Gruiformes - Rallidae Month Specimens Hunted

Fulica atra

Coot

Tigiega tal-Baħar

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October '17	0
November '17	1
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	1



Gruiformes

- Rallidae

Month

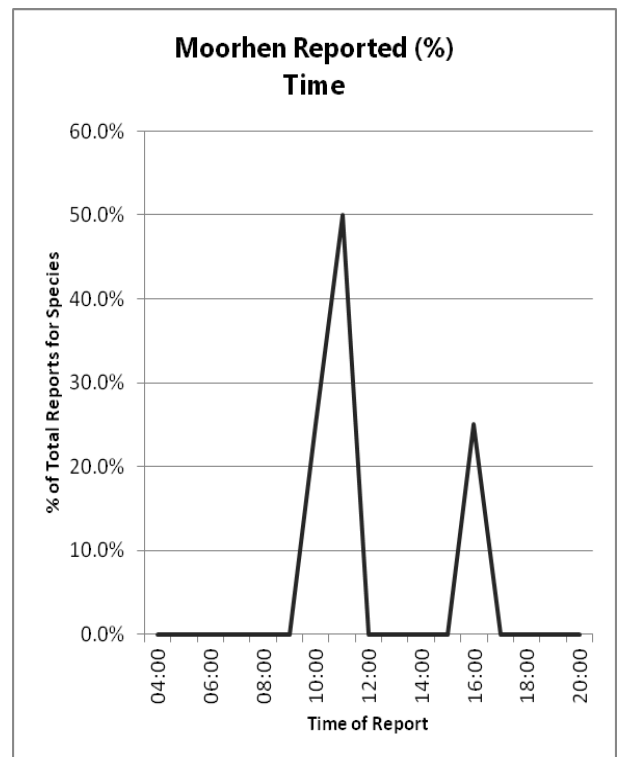
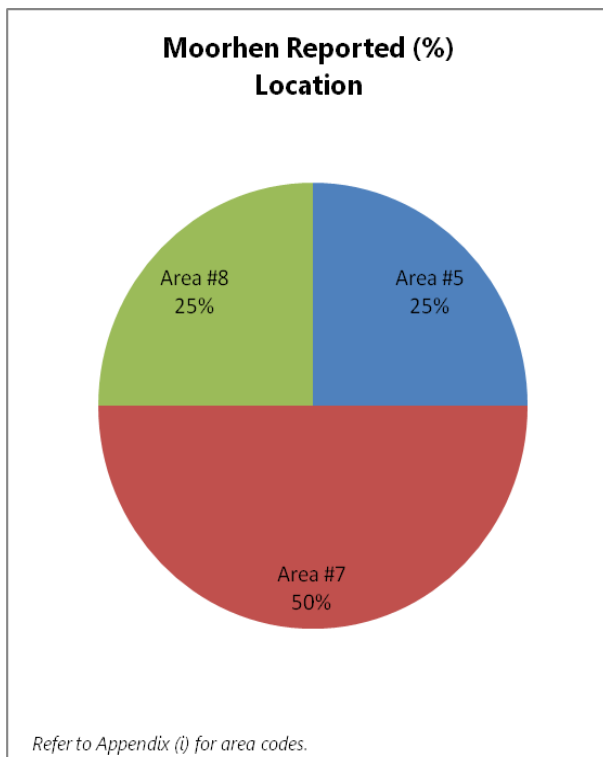
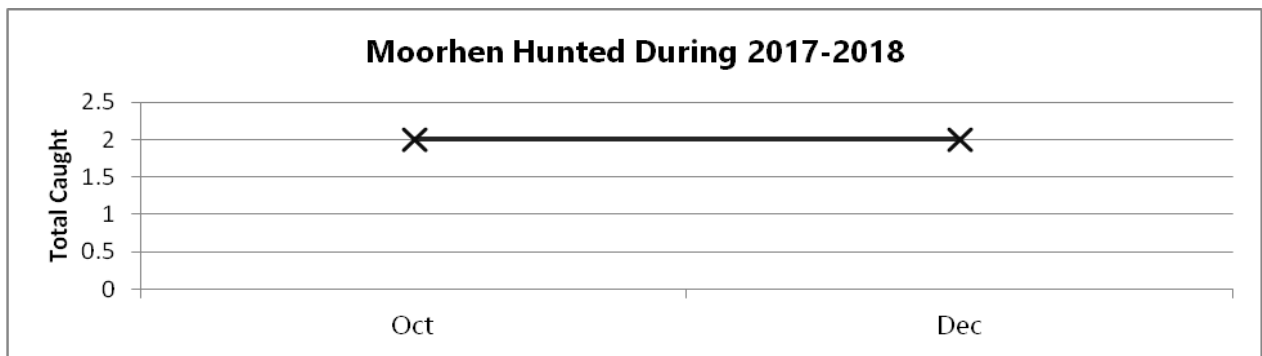
Specimens Hunted

Gallinula chloropus

Moorhen

Gallozz Iswed

September '17	0
October '17	2
November '17	0
December '17	2
January '18	0
Total	4



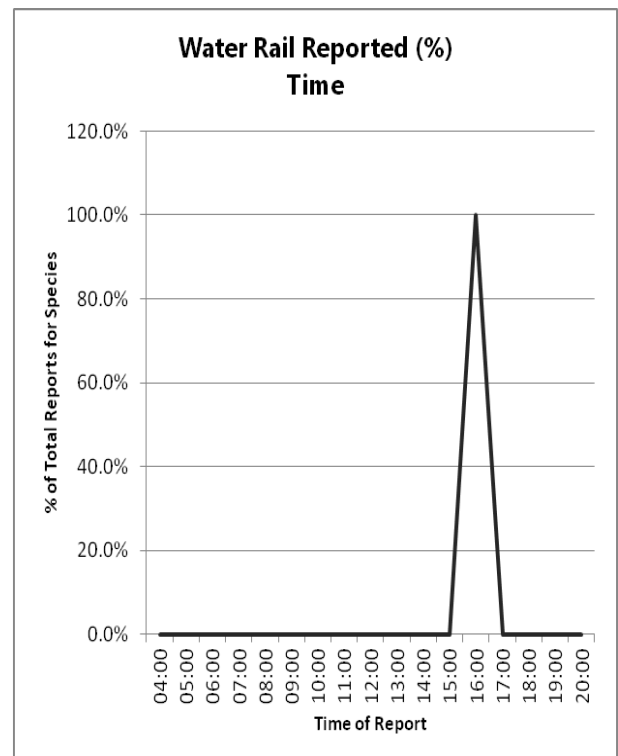
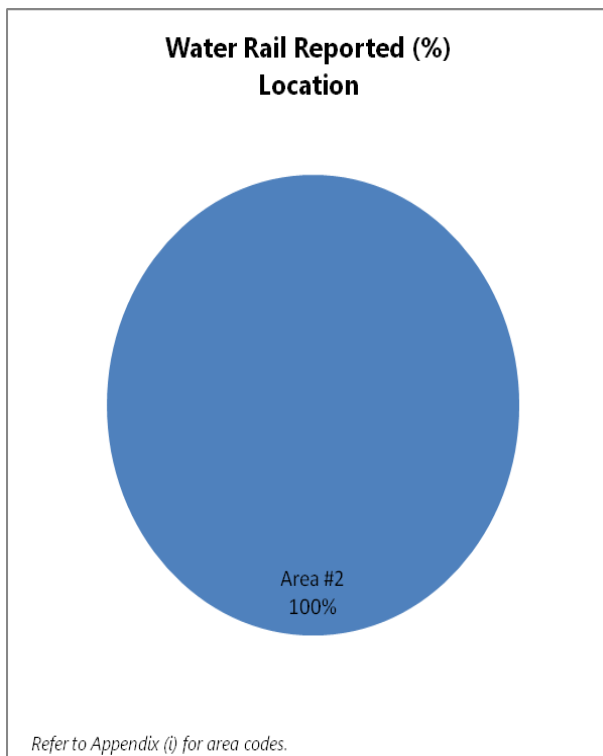
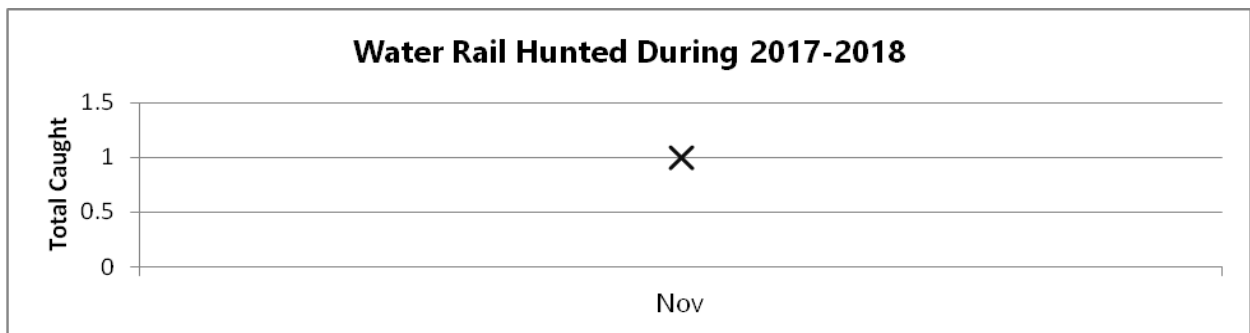
Gruiformes	- Rallidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
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Rallus aquaticus

Water Rail

Gallozz tax-Xitwa

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October '17	0
November '17	1
December '17	0
January '18	0
Total	1

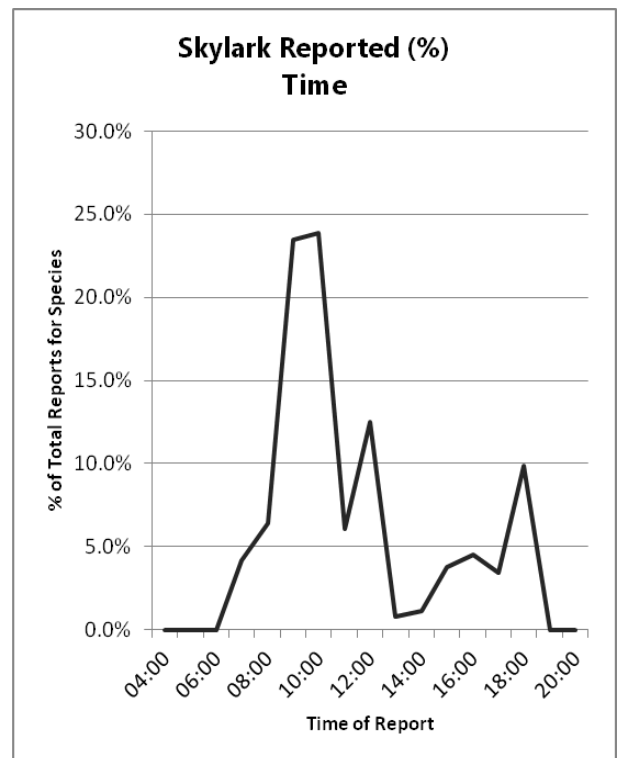
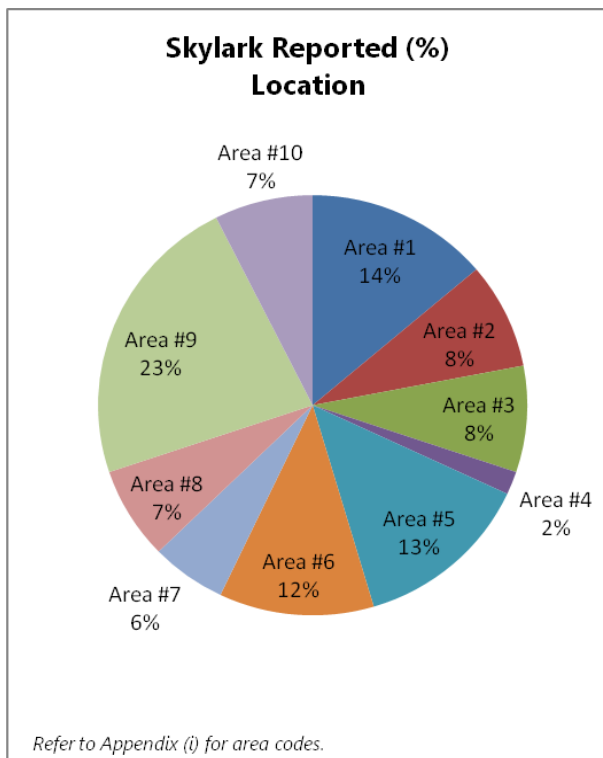
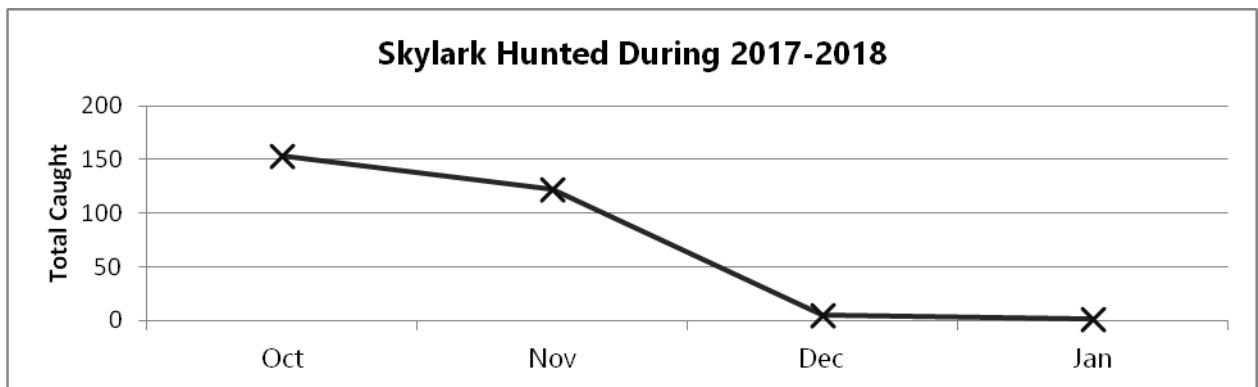


Alauda arvensis

Skylark

Alwetta

September '17	0
October '17	154
November '17	122
December '17	5
January '18	1
Total	282

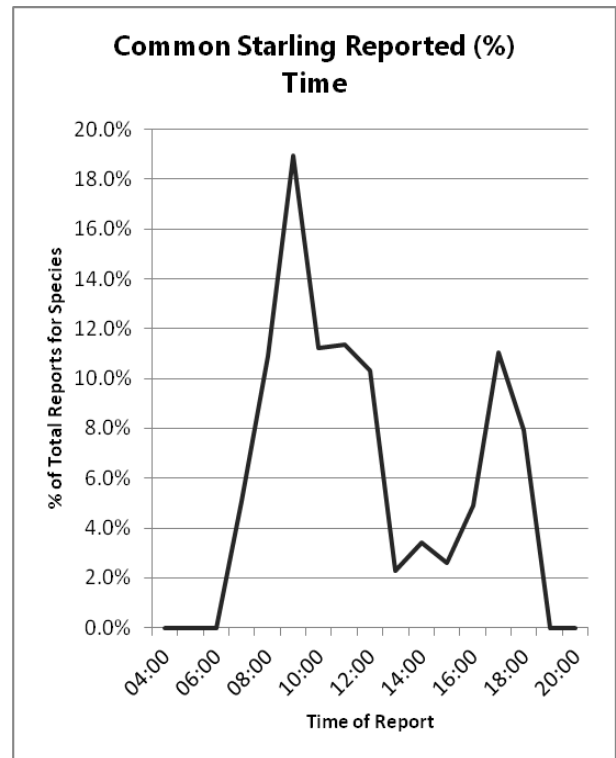
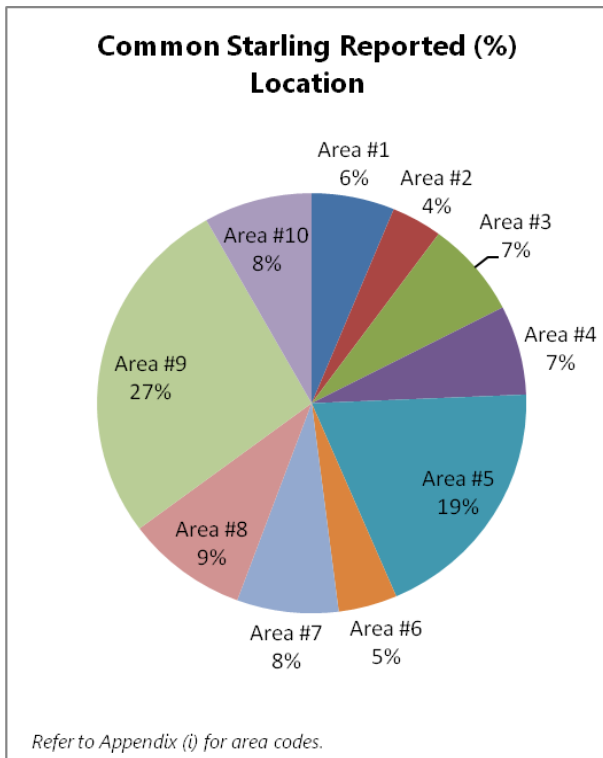
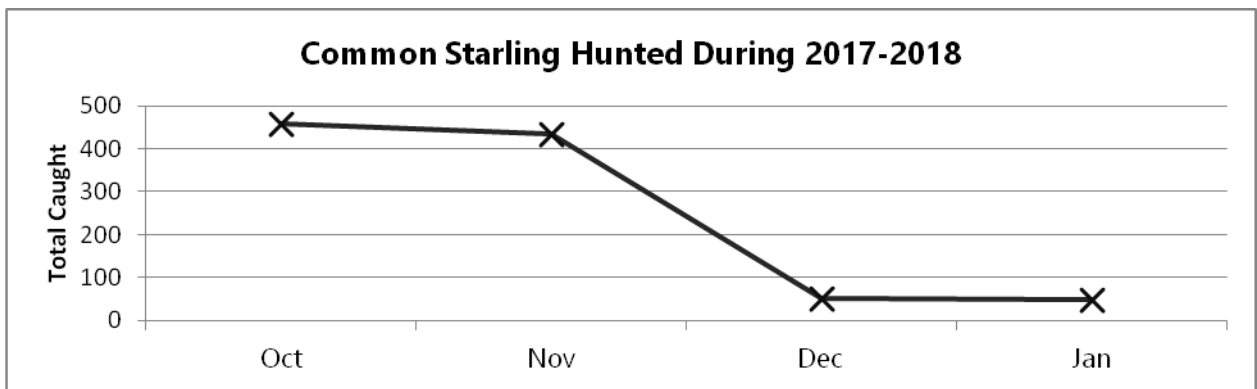


Sturnus vulgaris

Common Starling

Sturnell

September '17	0
October '17	458
November '17	435
December '17	50
January '18	47
Total	990

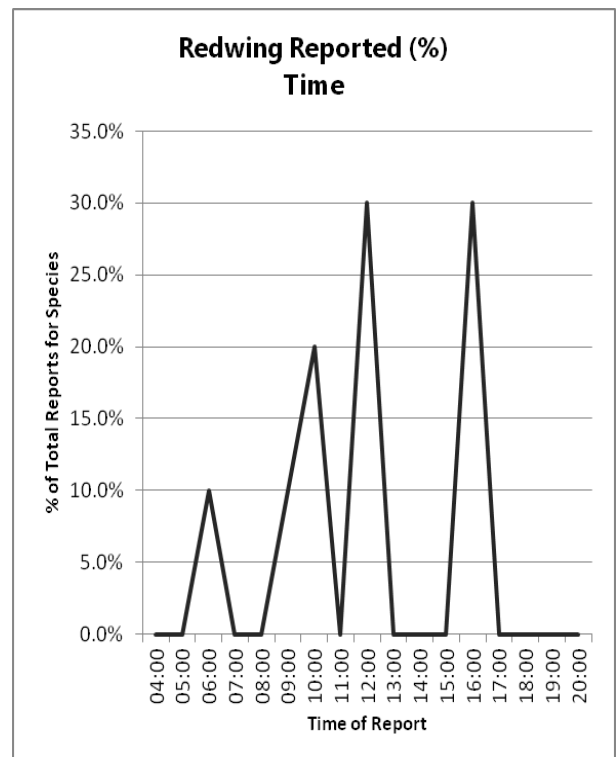
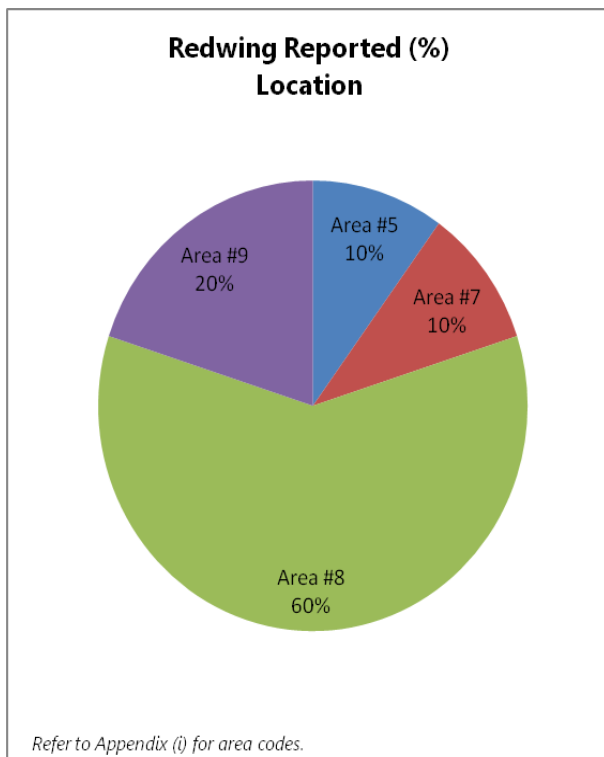
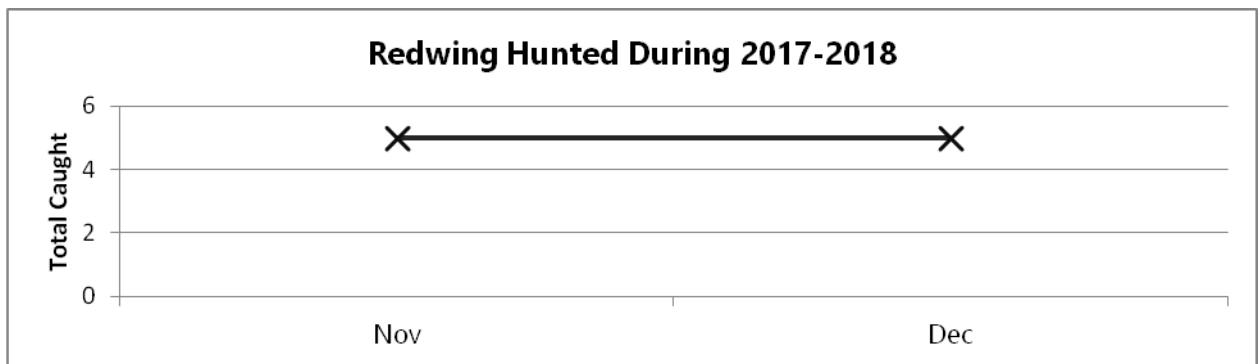


Turdus iliacus

Redwing

Malvizz Aħmar

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October '17	0
November '17	5
December '17	5
January '18	0
Total	10

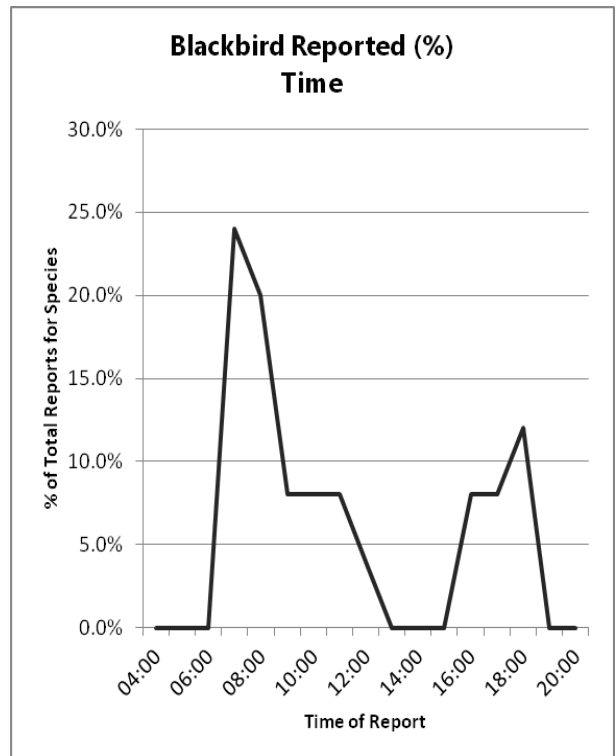
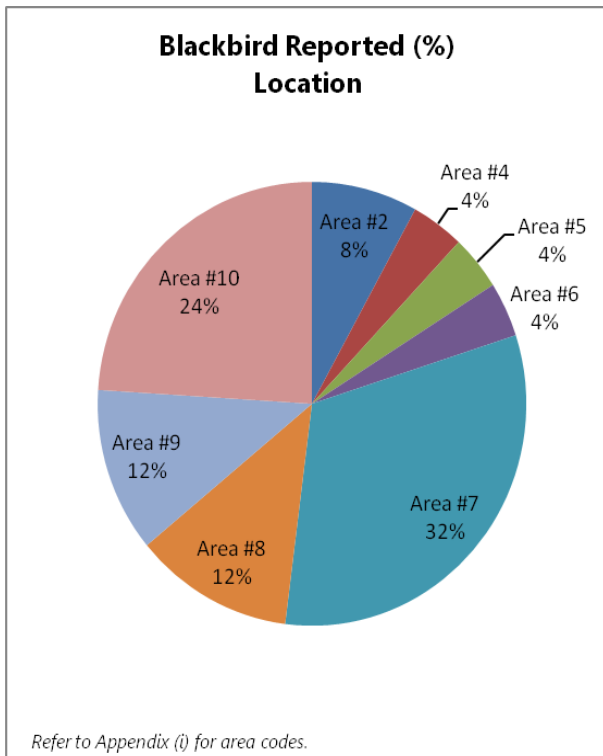
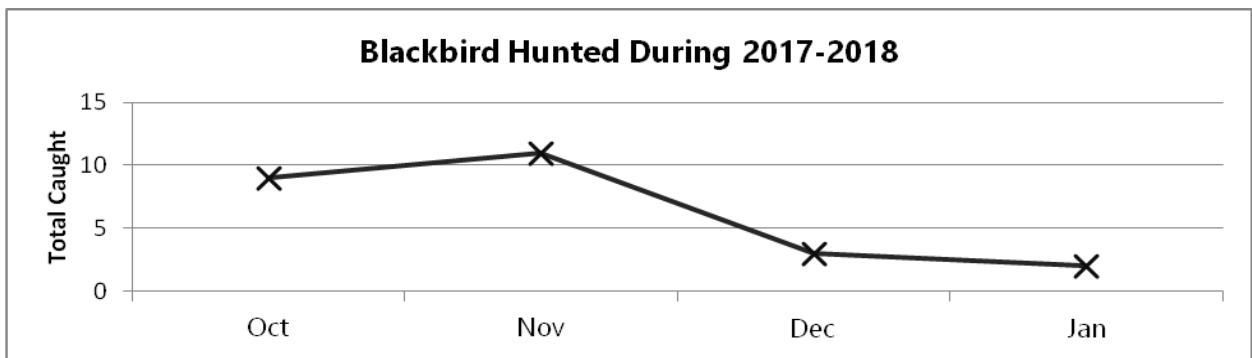


Turdus merula

Blackbird

Malvizz Iswed

September '17	0
October '17	9
November '17	11
December '17	3
January '18	2
Total	25



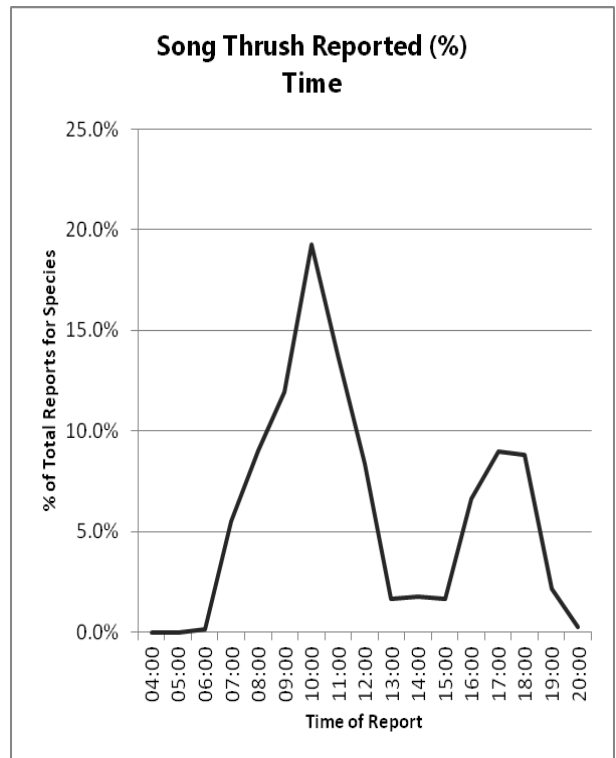
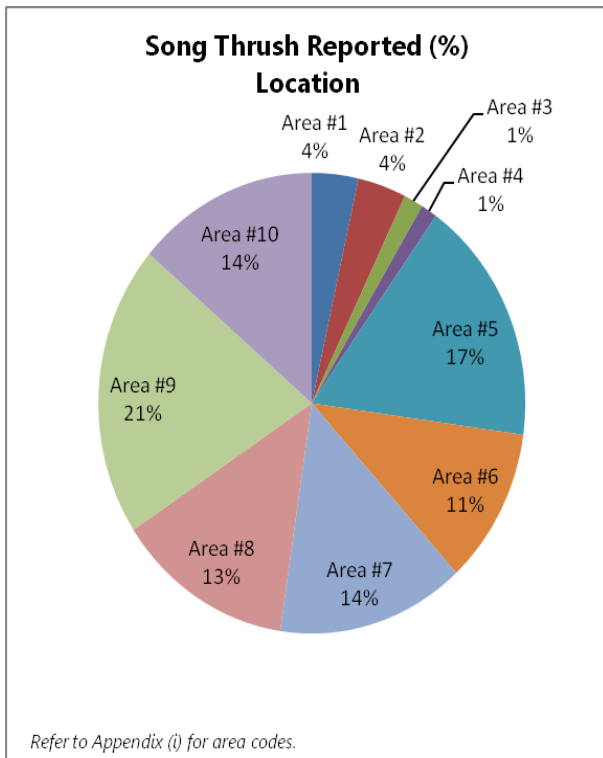
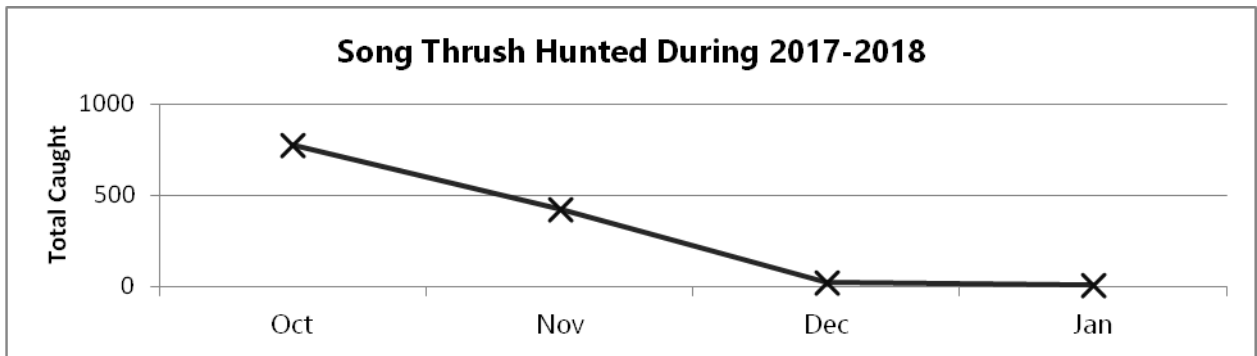
Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

(Hunting Data)

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October '17	772
November '17	424
December '17	25
January '18	7
Total	1,228

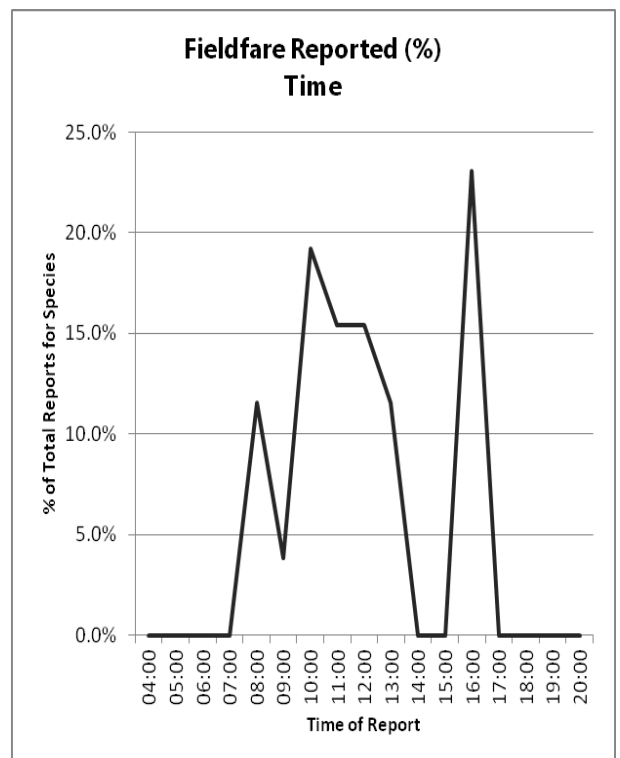
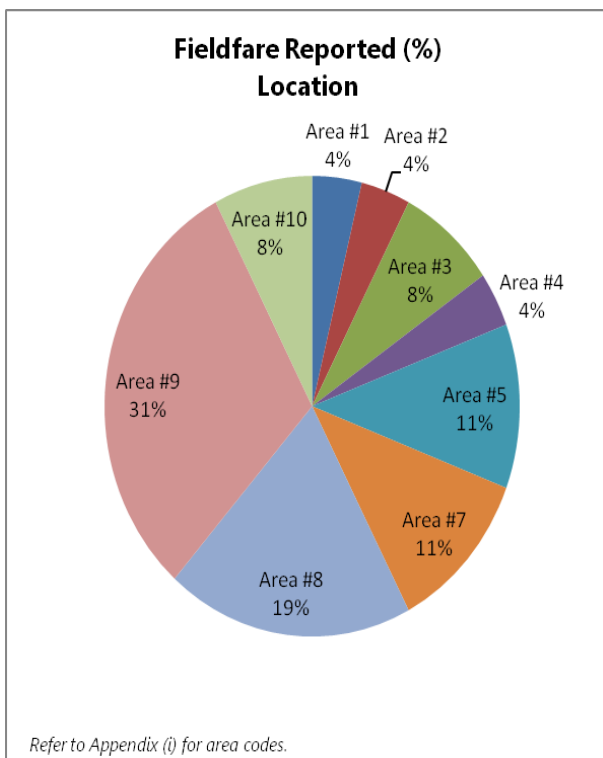
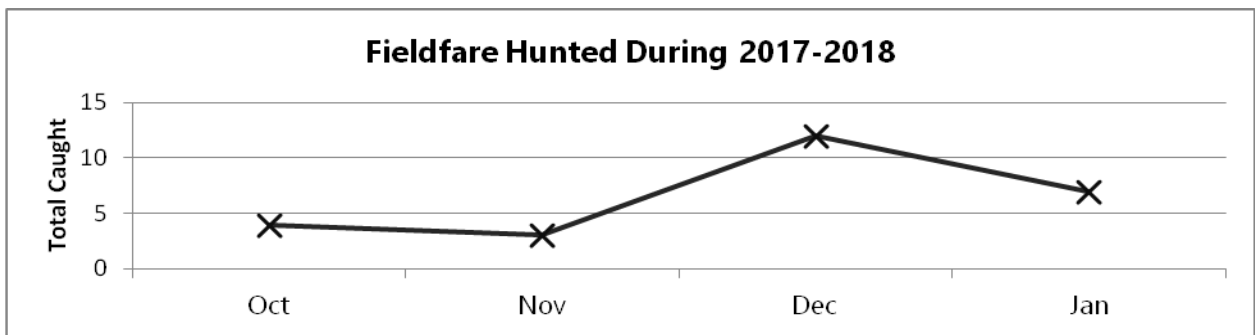


Turdus pilaris

Fieldfare

Malvizz tal-Qtajja'

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October '17	4
November '17	3
December '17	12
January '18	7
Total	26

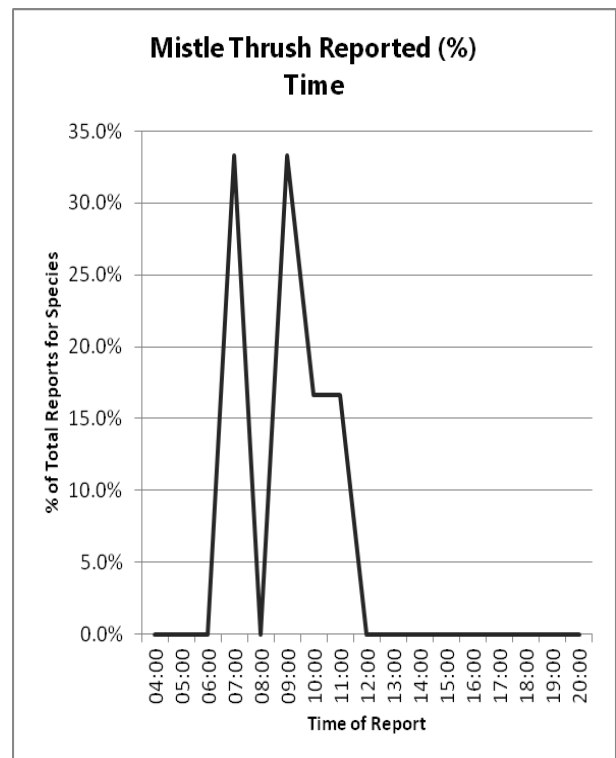
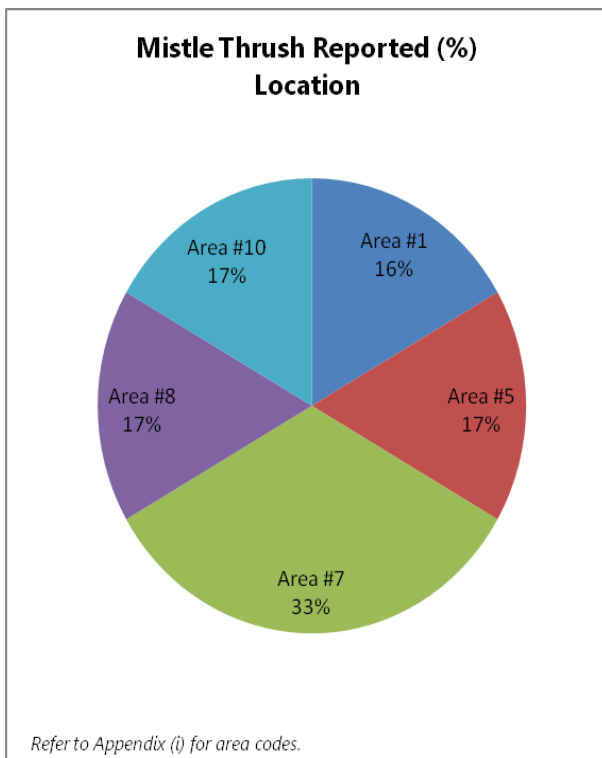
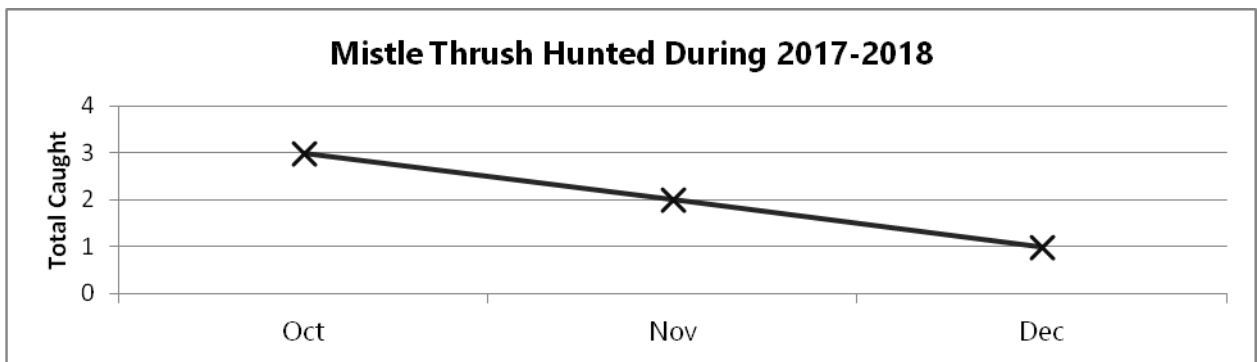


Turdus viscivorus

Mistle Thrush

Malvizzun Prim

September '17	0
October '17	3
November '17	2
December '17	1
January '18	0
Total	6



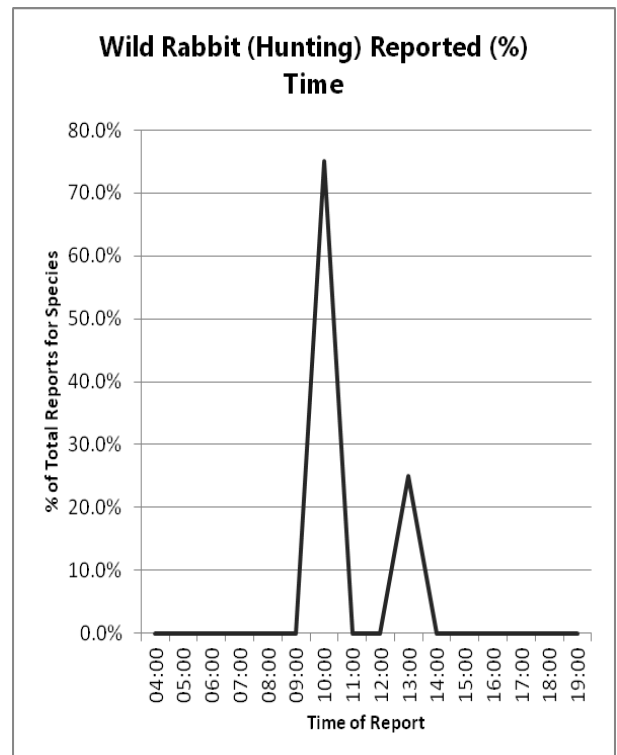
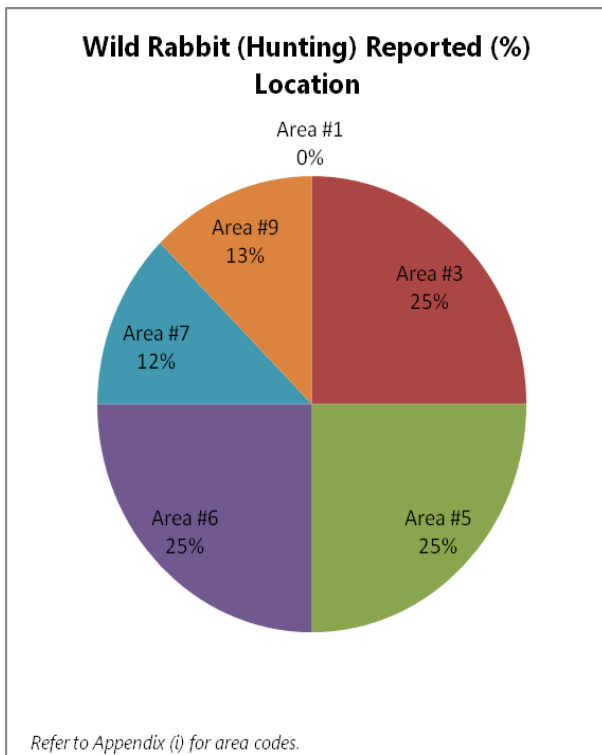
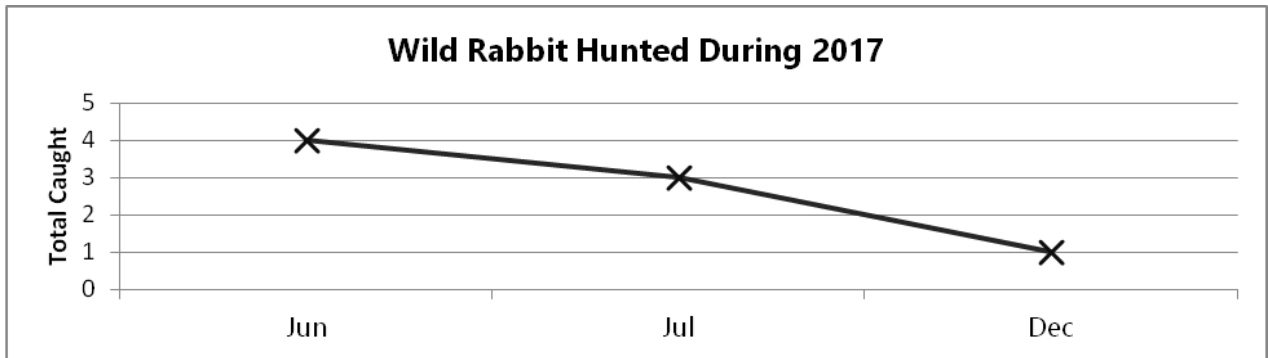
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Wild Rabbit

Fenek Selvağg

(Hunting for Wild Rabbit)

June '17	4
July '17	3
August '17	0
September '17	0
October '17	0
November '17	0
December '17	1
Total	8



Lagomorpha	- Leporidae	Month	Specimens Caught
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			
Wild Rabbit			
Fenek Selvaðg			
<i>(Capture of Wild Rabbit with nets [ferreting])</i>			
		June '17	0
		July '17	0
		September '17	0
		October '17	0
		November '17	0
		December '17	0
		Total	0

Live-Capturing Data

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Note: Since live-capturing applications are submitted alongside registered site-plans individuals were not required to report location on the game reporting system.

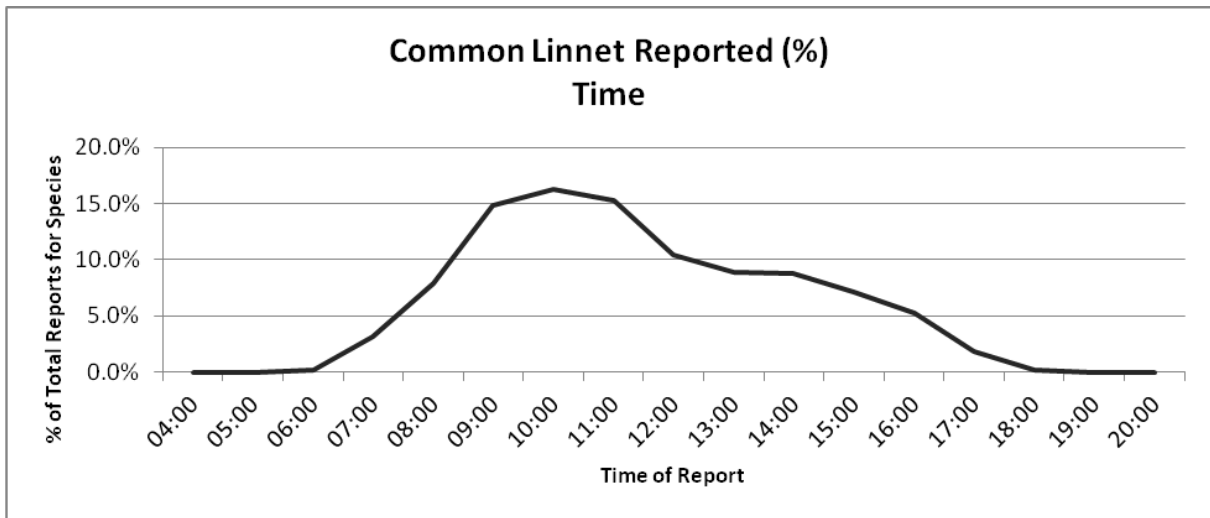
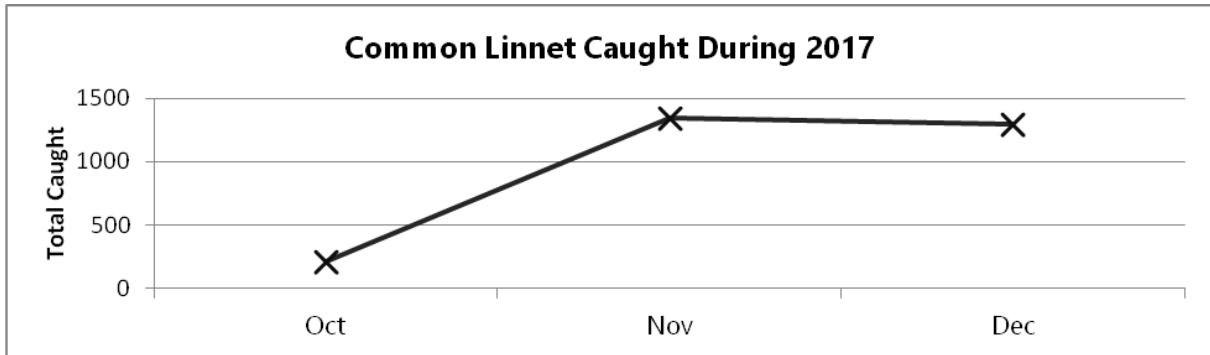
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Linaria cannabina

Common Linnet

Ġojjin

October '17	212
November '17	1,344
December '17	1,293
Total	2,849



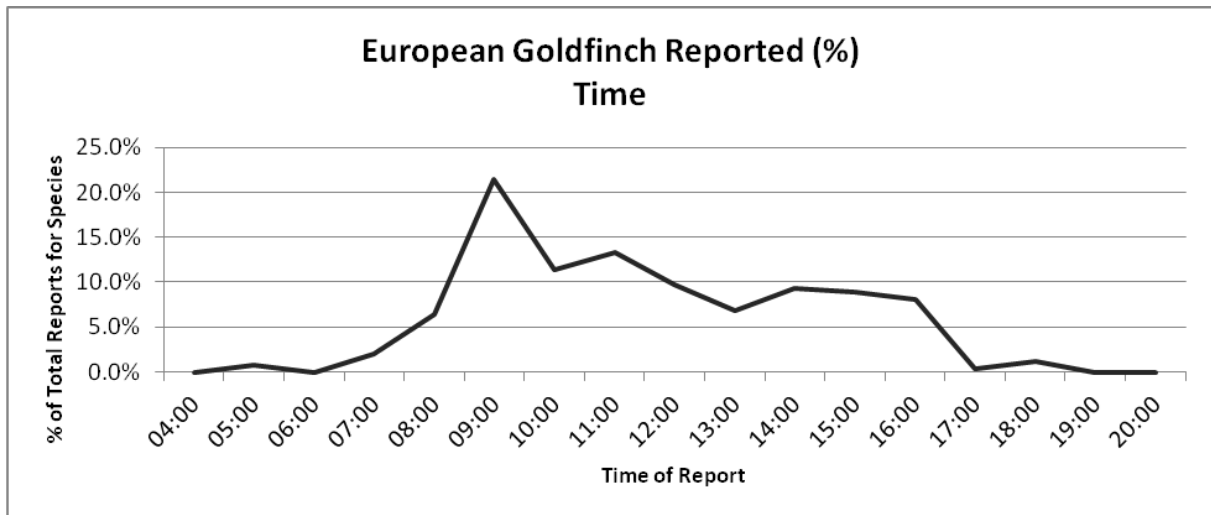
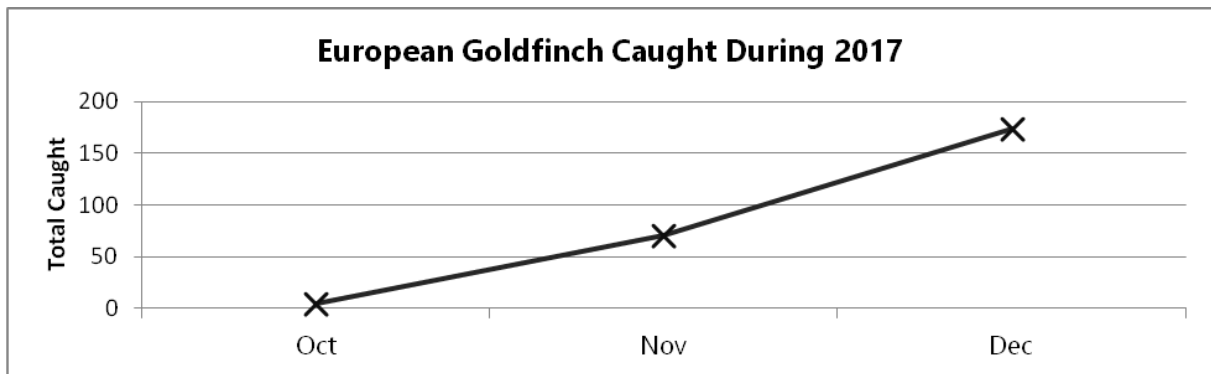
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Carduelis carduelis

European Goldfinch

Gardell

October '17	4
November '17	70
December '17	174
Total	248

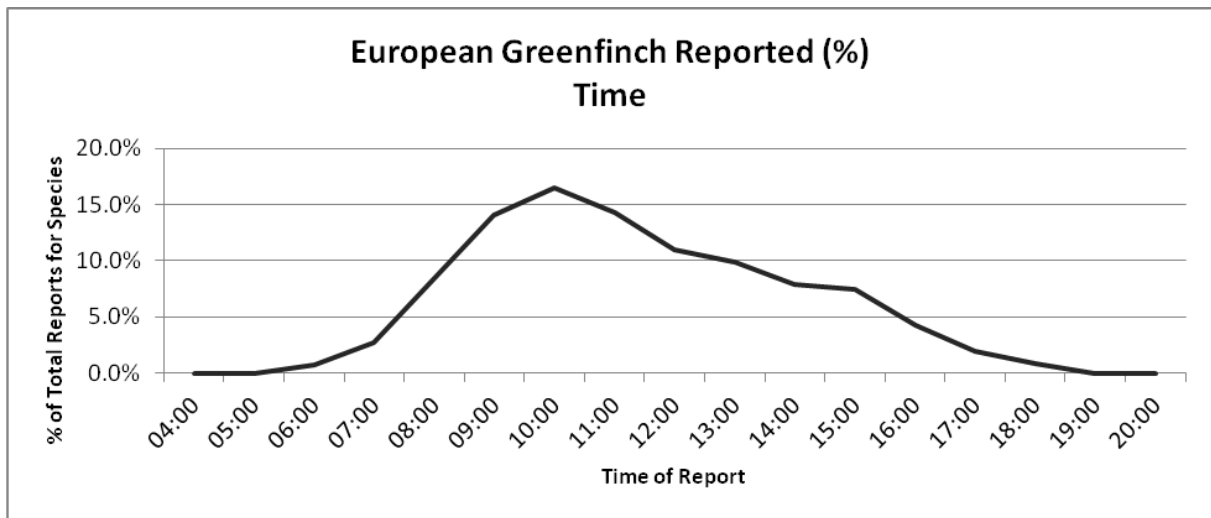
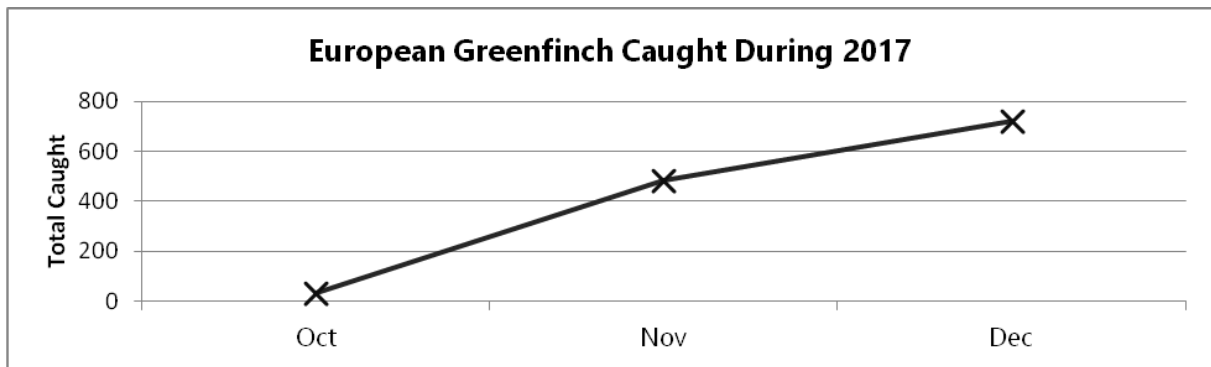


Chloris chloris

European Greenfinch

Verdun

October '17	32
November '17	484
December '17	720
Total	1,236



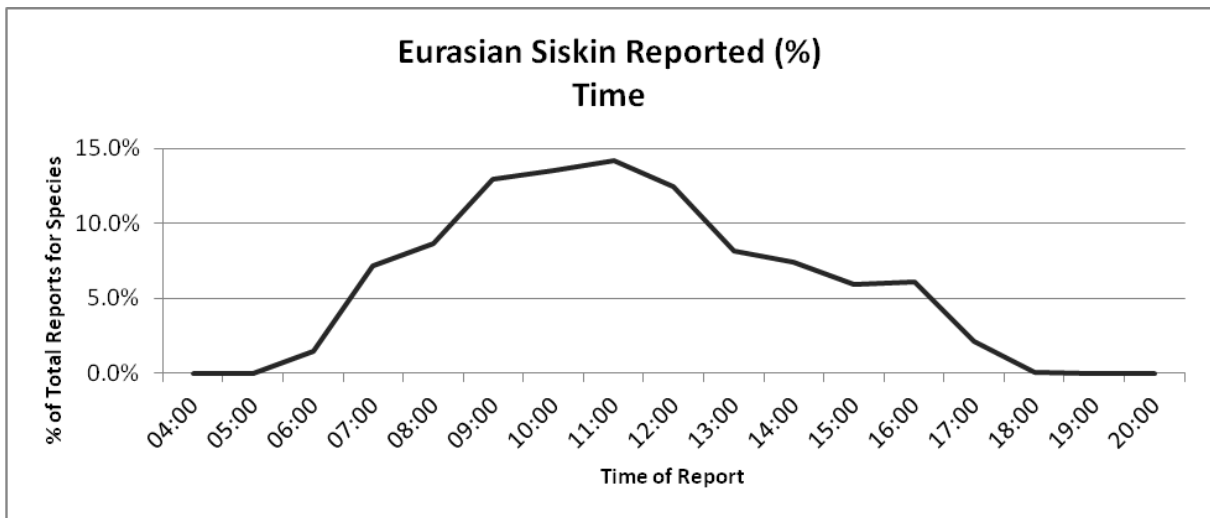
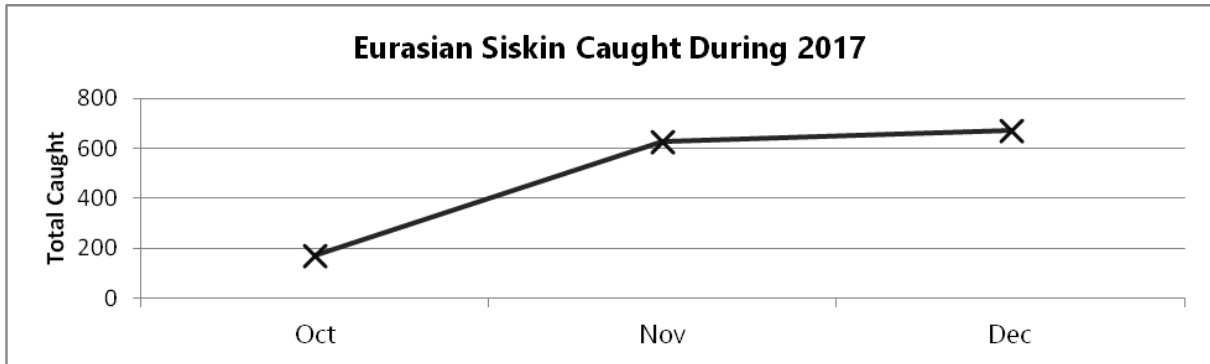
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Spinus spinus

Eurasian Siskin

Ekra

October '17	173
November '17	625
December '17	672
Total	1,470



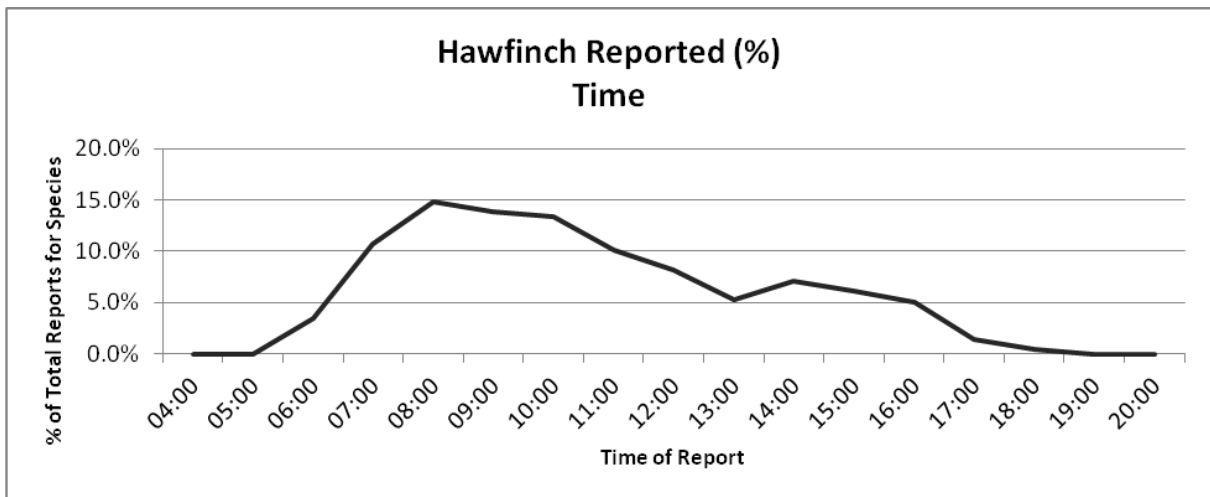
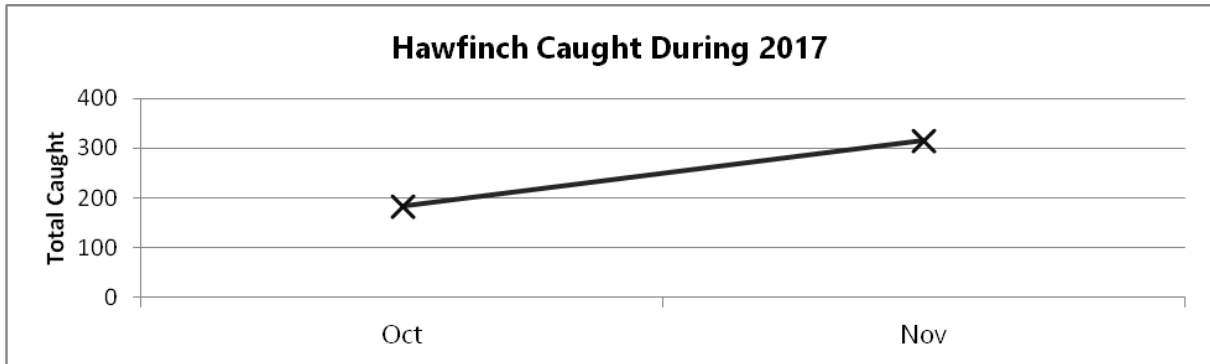
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Coccothraustes coccothraustes

Hawfinch

Taz-Żebbuġ

October '17	185
November '17	315
December '17	-
Total	500



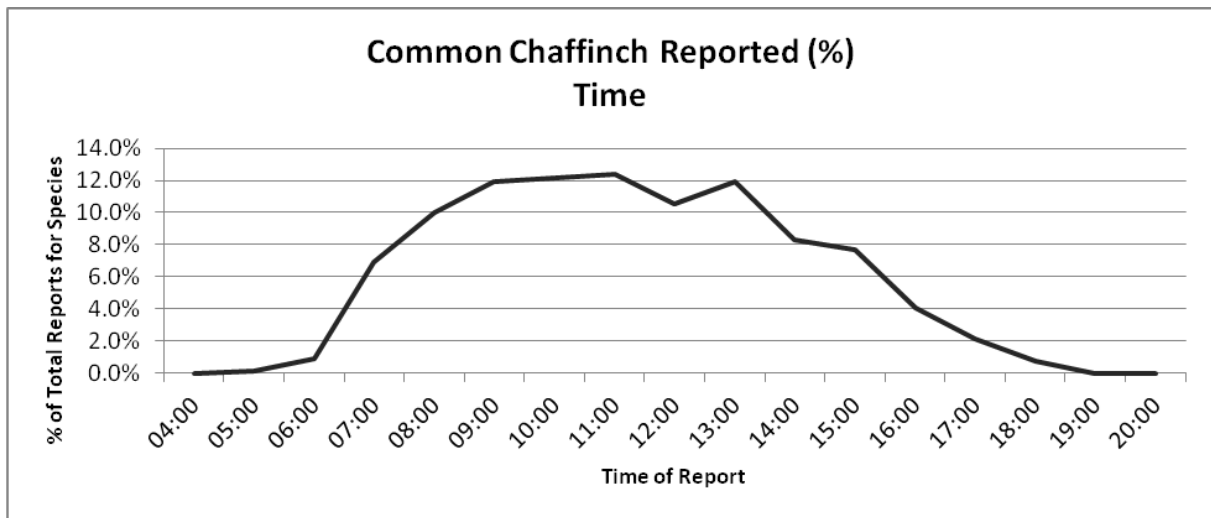
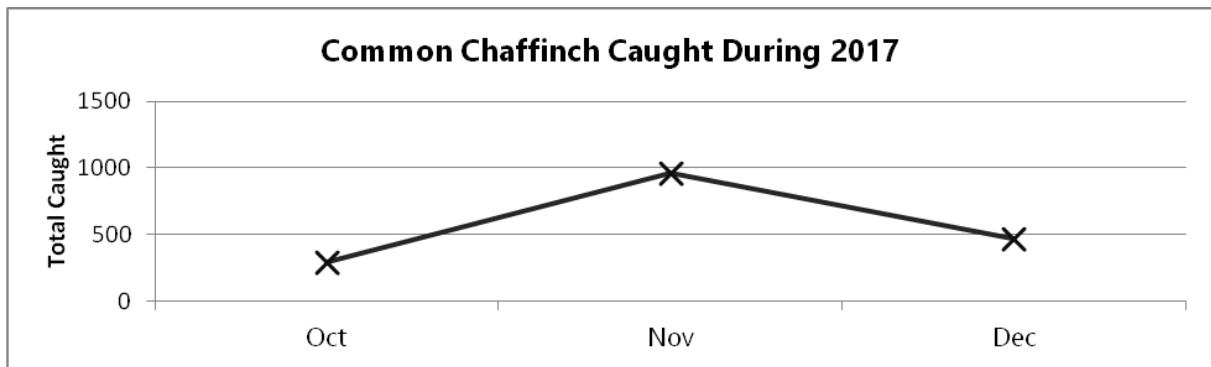
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Fringilla coelebs

Common Chaffinch

Sponsun

October '17	294
November '17	961
December '17	472
Total	1,727



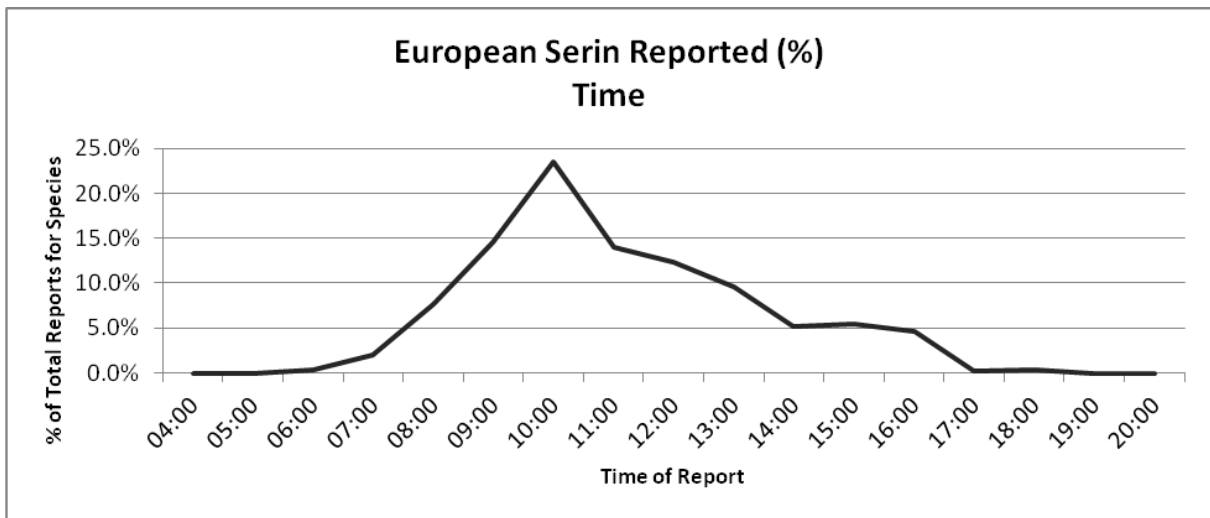
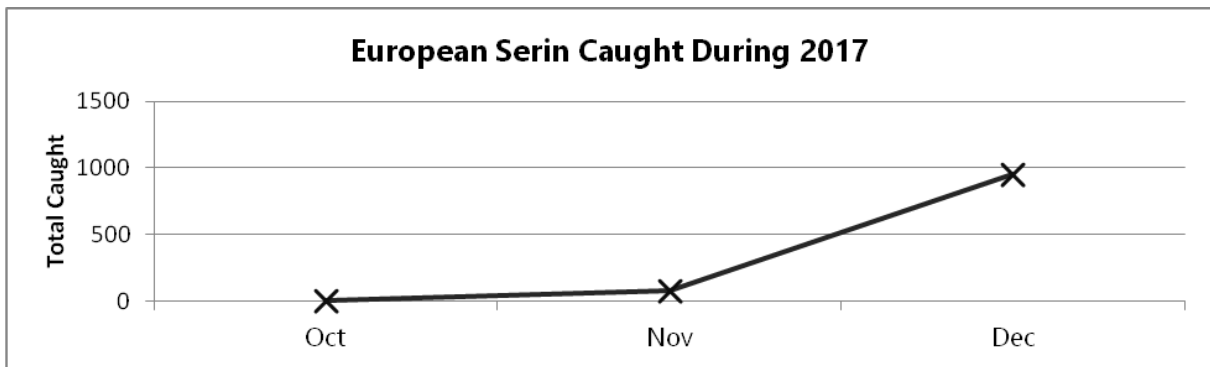
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Serinus serinus

European Serin

Apparell

October '17	5
November '17	82
December '17	955
Total	1,042



Charadriiformes - Charadriidae Month Specimens Caught

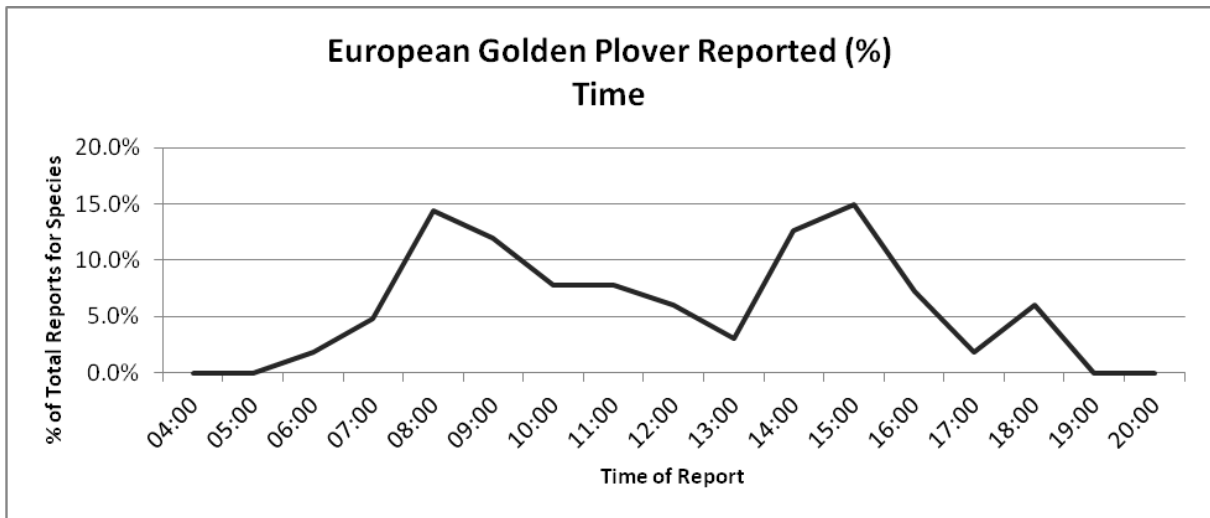
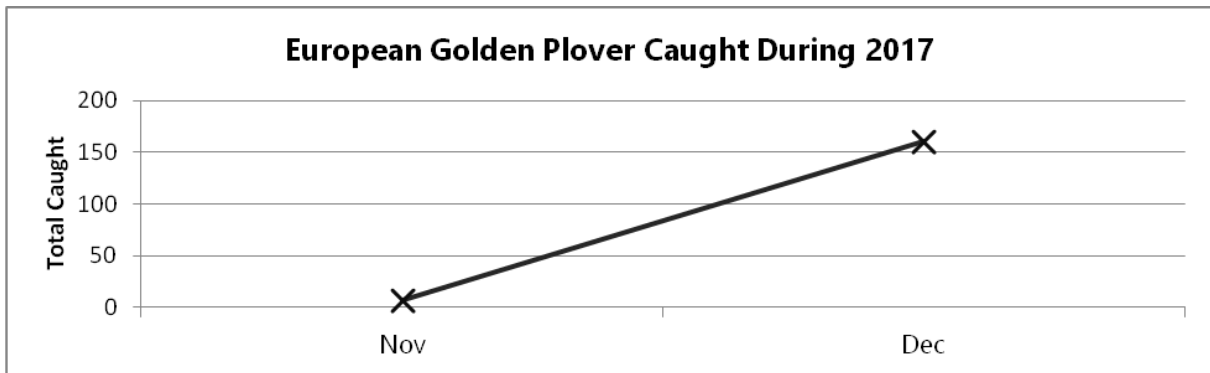
Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

(Live-Capturing Data)

October '17	0
November '17	7
December '17	160
Total	167



Passeriformes - Turdidae Month Specimens Caught

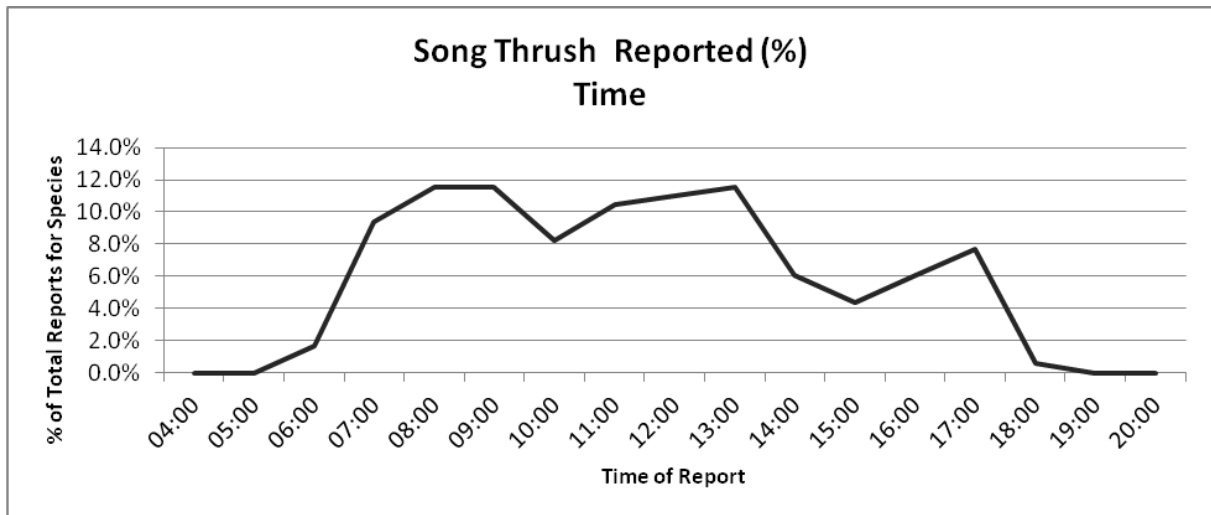
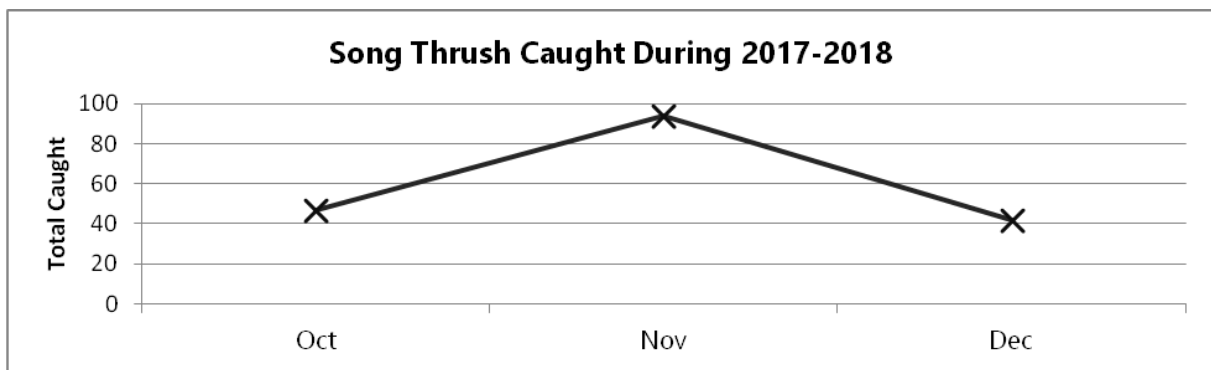
Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

(Live-Capturing Data)

October '17	47
November '17	94
December '17	42
Total	183



Appendix (i)

Note: Birds hunted under the 'Hunting birds at sea' licence are marked as **Location #0**

