

## AUTUMN HUNTING

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### *Hunting on land*

- The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2020 to 31st January 2021
- Between 15th September 2020 and 7th October 2020 hunting is permitted from two hours before sunrise to 7.00 pm
- For the remainder of the season hunting is permitted from two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset
- On Sundays and public holidays, hunting is not permitted after 1.00 pm
- It is legal to hunt for 40 species from land. All other species are protected by national and international law
- Out of these, European Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) can only be hunted between 1st September 2020 and 30th September 2020
- The overall bag limit for the autumn hunting season for European Turtle-dove is 7,000
- It is illegal to hunt or possess a firearm or trapping equipment in a Bird Sanctuary (Tab. 1)
- It is illegal to use electronic callers
- It is illegal to have a shotgun capable of firing more than 3 shots in succession
- It is illegal to hunt within 50m of a main road
- It is illegal to hunt within 50m of a beach (Tab. 2)
- It is illegal to hunt within 200m of a residential area (i.e. an area with more than 100 residents)
- It is illegal to hunt under the legal age of 18

### *Hunting at sea*

- Hunting of birds at sea is permitted between 1st October 2020 and 31st January 2021
- It is illegal to hunt at sea within 3km of the shoreline
- It is legal to hunt for 12 species at sea. All other species are protected by national and international law

| <b>Bird Sanctuaries</b>  |
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| Addolorata Cemetery and within 50 metres of any other cemetery |
| Salina   |
| Marsa Sports Ground  |
| San Anton Gardens and all other public gardens                 |
| Manoel Island  |
| Għadira (Mellieħa Bay)   |
| Heliports  |
| Within 200 metres from Malta International Airport             |
| Comino   |
| Filfla   |
| Buskett  |
| Ta' Ċenċ Cliffs, Gozo  |
| Ta' Qali   |
| Within 50 metres of transmission stations                      |
| Simar (St. Paul's Bay)   |
| Salt Marsh at il-Ballut, Marsaxlokk                            |
| Girgenti   |
| Wied Għollieqa   |
| Il-Qawra, Gozo   |
| Għammar Hill, Gozo   |

**Tab.1** Bird Sanctuaries

| <b>Protected beaches</b> |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Malta</b>             | <b>Gozo</b>         |
| Armier Bay               | Mgarr ix-Xini Bay   |
| Anchor Bay               | Ramla l-Ħamra beach |
| Għajn Tuffieħa Bay       | San Blas Bay        |
| Paradise Bay             | Xatt l-Aħmar beach  |
| Ġnejna Bay               | Xlendi Bay          |
| Golden Bay               |                     |

**Tab.2** Protected beaches

## LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2020



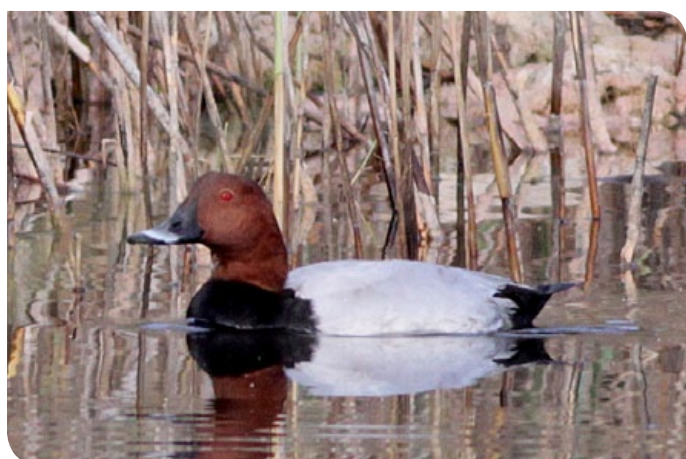
Bean Goose  
*Anser fabalis*

**Land and Sea**



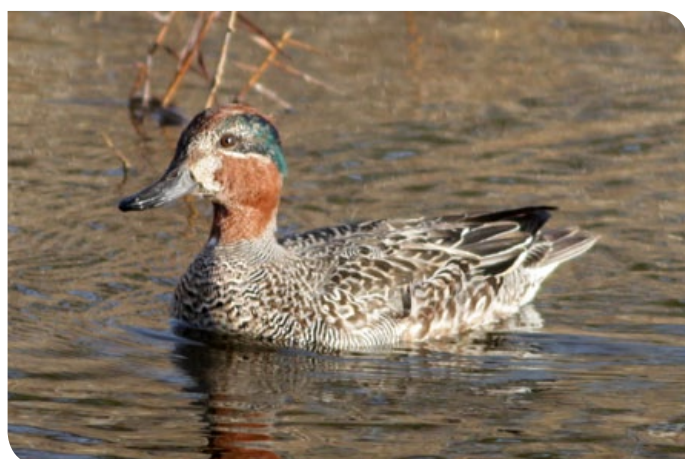
Canada Goose  
*Branta canadensis*

**Land and Sea**



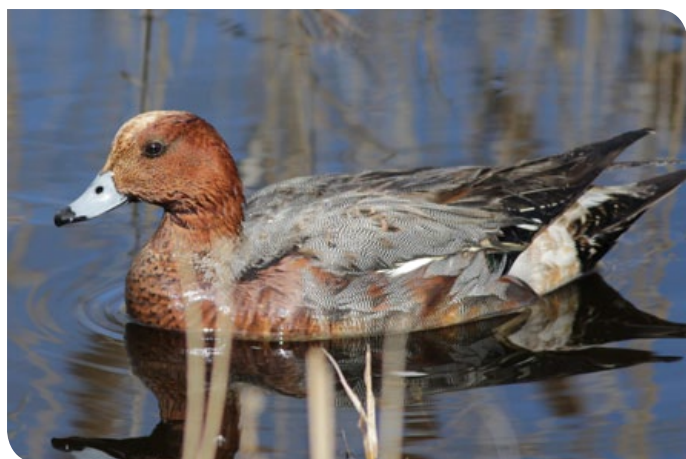
Common Pochard  
*Aythya ferina*

**Land and Sea**



Eurasian Teal  
*Anas crecca*

**Land and Sea**



Eurasian Wigeon  
*Mareca penelope*

**Land and Sea**



Gadwall  
*Mareca strepera*

**Land and Sea**





Garganey  
*Anas querquedula*

**Land and Sea**



Greylag Goose  
*Anser anser*

**Land and Sea**



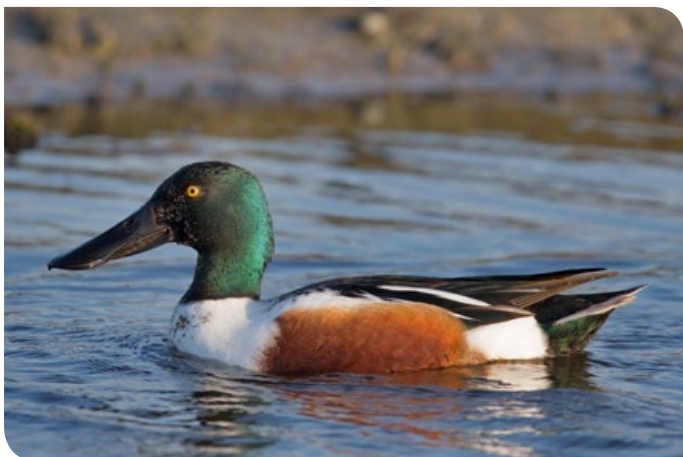
Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

**Land and Sea**



Northern Pintail  
*Anas acuta*

**Land and Sea**



Northern Shoveler  
*Spatula clypeata*

**Land and Sea**



Tufted Duck  
*Aythya fuligula*

**Land and Sea**





Common Pheasant  
*Phasianus colchicus*

**Land**



Common Quail  
*Coturnix coturnix*

**Land**



Grey Partridge  
*Perdix perdix*

**Land**



Irish Red Grouse  
*Lagopus lagopus hibernicus*

**Land**



Scottish Red Grouse  
*Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

**Land**



Red-legged Partridge  
*Alectoris rufa*

**Land**





Rock Partridge  
*Alectoris graeca*

**Land**



Rock Ptarmigan  
*Lagopus muta*

**Land**



Common Coot  
*Fulica atra*

**Land**



Moorhen  
*Gallinula chloropus*

**Land**



Water Rail  
*Rallus aquaticus*

**Land**



Common Snipe  
*Gallinago gallinago*

**Land**





European Golden Plover  
*Pluvialis apricaria*

**Land**



Grey Plover  
*Pluvialis squatarola*

**Land**



Jack Snipe  
*Lymnocryptes minimus*

**Land**



Northern Lapwing  
*Vanellus vanellus*

**Land**



Ruff  
*Calidris pugnax*

**Land**



Eurasian Woodcock  
*Scolopax rusticola*

**Land**





Rock Dove  
*Columba livia*

**Land**



European Turtle-dove  
*Streptopelia turtur*

**Land**



Common Woodpigeon  
*Columba palumbus*

**Land**



Eurasian Blackbird  
*Turdus merula*

**Land**



Fieldfare  
*Turdus pilaris*

**Land**



Mistle Thrush  
*Turdus viscivorus*

**Land**





Redwing  
*Turdus iliacus*

**Land**



Eurasian Skylark  
*Alauda arvensis*

**Land**



Song Thrush  
*Turdus philomelos*

**Land**



Common Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris*

**Land**