AUTUMN HUNTING

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
**Bird Sanctuaries**

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<td>San Anton Gardens and all other public gardens</td>
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**Tab.1 Bird Sanctuaries**

**Protected beaches**

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**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*

Greylag Goose  
*Anser anser*

Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

Northern Pintail  
*Anas acuta*

Northern Shoveler  
*Spatula clypeata*

Tufted Duck  
*Aythya fuligula*
Common Pheasant
*Phasianus colchicus*

Common Quail
*Coturnix coturnix*

Grey Partridge
*Perdix perdix*

Irish Red Grouse
*Lagopus lagopus hibernicus*

Scottish Red Grouse
*Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

Red-legged Partridge
*Alectoris rufa*
Rock Partridge
*Alectoris graeca*

Rock Ptarmigan
*Lagopus muta*

Common Coot
*Fulica atra*

Moorhen
*Gallinula chloropus*

Water Rail
*Rallus aquaticus*

Common Snipe
*Gallinago gallinago*
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<td>Eurasian Woodcock</td>
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Rock Dove
*Columba livia*

European Turtle-dove
*Streptopelia turtur*

Common Woodpigeon
*Columba palumbus*

Eurasian Blackbird
*Turdus merula*

Fieldfare
*Turdus pilaris*

Mistle Thrush
*Turdus viscivorus*
Redwing  
*Turdus iliacus*  

Eurasian Skylark  
*Alauda arvensis*

Song Thrush  
*Turdus philomelos*

Common Starling  
*Sturnus vulgaris*