AUTUMN HUNTING

Hunting on land

• The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2021 to 31st January 2022
• Between 15th September 2021 and 7th October 2021 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 2021 and 30th September 2021
• The overall bag limit for the autumn hunting season for European Turtle-dove is 500
• 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 2021 and 31st January 2022
• 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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**Tab.1 Bird Sanctuaries**

**Tab.2 Protected beaches**
LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2021

Bean Goose
Anser fabalis

Canada Goose
Branta canadensis

Common Pochard
Aythya ferina

Eurasian Teal
Anas crecca

Eurasian Wigeon
Mareca penelope

Gadwall
Mareca strepera
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*
European Golden Plover
*Pluvialis apricaria*

Grey Plover
*Pluvialis squatarola*

Jack Snipe
*Lymnocryptes minimus*

Northern Lapwing
*Vanellus vanellus*

Ruff
*Calidris pugnax*

Eurasian Woodcock
*Scolopax rusticola*
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