

## AUTUMN HUNTING

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### *Hunting on land*

- The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2022 to 31st January 2023
- Between 15th September 2022 and 7th October 2022 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 2022 and 30th September 2022
- 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 2022 and 31st January 2023
- 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>
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	

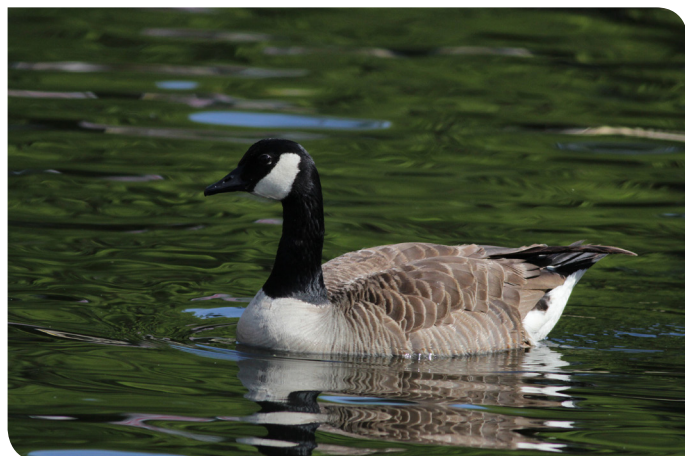
**Tab.2** Protected beaches

## LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2022



Bean Goose  
*Anser fabalis*

**Land and Sea**



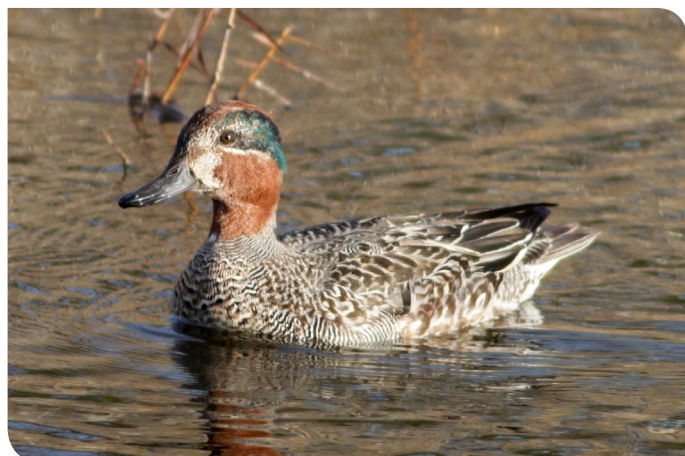
Canada Goose  
*Branta canadensis*

**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**



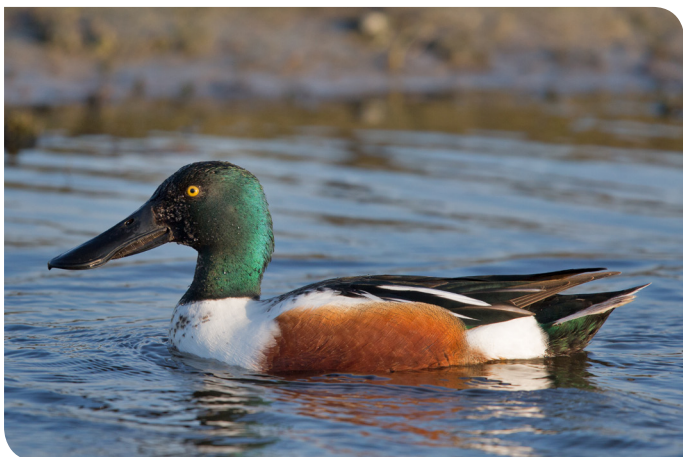
Mallard  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

**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**