

AUTUMN HUNTING

Hunting on land

- The autumn hunting season is open from 1st September 2023 to 31st January 2024
- Between 15th September 2023 and 7th October 2023 hunting is permitted from two hours before sunrise to 7 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 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 2023 and 30th September 2023
- 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 50 m of a main road
- It is illegal to hunt within 50 m of a beach (Tab. 2)
- It is illegal to hunt within 200 m 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 2023 and 31st January 2024
- It is illegal to hunt at sea within 3 km 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
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

Protected beaches	
Malta	Gozo
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	

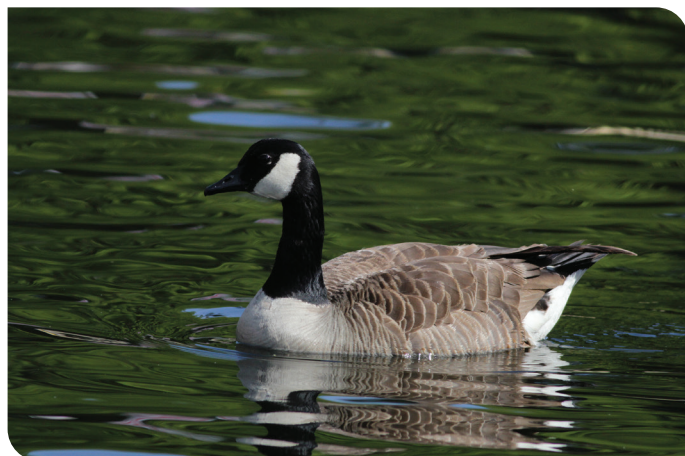
Tab.2 Protected beaches

LEGALLY HUNTABLE SPECIES IN AUTUMN 2023



Bean Goose
Anser fabalis

Land and Sea



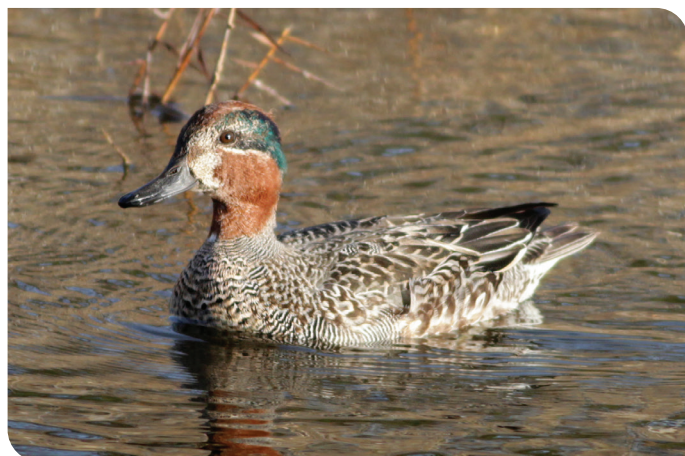
Canada Goose
Branta canadensis

Land and Sea



Common Pochard
Aythya ferina

Land and Sea



Common Teal
Anas crecca

Land and Sea



Eurasian Wigeon
Mareca penelope

Land and Sea



Gadwall
Mareca strepera

Land and Sea



Garganey
Spatula querquedula

Land and Sea



Greylag Goose
Anser anser

Land and Sea



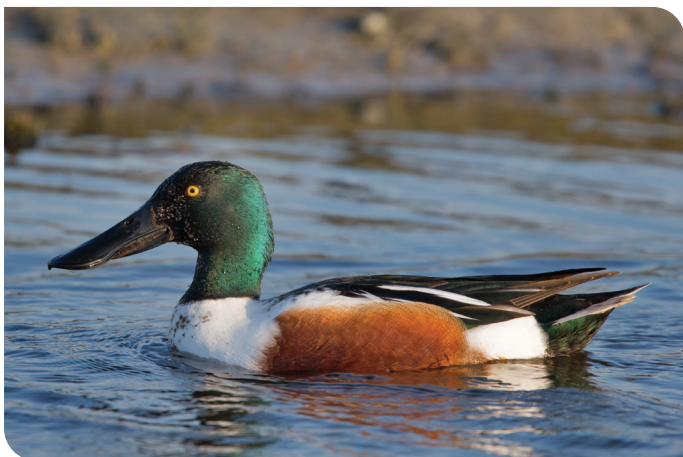
Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos

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



Common Moorhen
Gallinula chloropus

Land



Western Water Rail
Rallus aquaticus

Land



Common Snipe
Gallinago gallinago

Land



Eurasian 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