

Open Season for Game in Certain Acclimatisation Districts

IMPORTANT—The information published in this *Gazette*, will be published in like form in 1975. In the intervening years this *Gazette* will contain details of the Minister's decision relating to game that may be hunted, the dates and shooting hours between which such game may be hunted, decoy limits, bag limits, and any amendments to the special conditions, possession limit, and closed game areas published in this *Gazette*. Acclimatisation societies are asked to ensure that all purchasers of shooting licences are placed in possession of a comprehensive statement of their rights, duties, and obligations during the shooting season.

PURSUANT to the Wildlife Act 1953, the Minister of Internal Affairs declares an open season for game of the kinds specified and in the acclimatisation districts specified in the First Schedule hereto except in the closed game areas specified in the Second Schedule hereto, during the periods and shooting hours set forth in relation to each district, subject to the decoy limits and the special conditions specified in relation to each district; and hereby calls the attention of sportsmen and others to the daily game possession limits set forth in the Third Schedule hereto and to the provisions set forth or referred to in the Fourth Schedule hereto. Any person hunting or killing game otherwise than in the terms of this notification (including the special conditions specified in relation to any acclimatisation district) is liable on conviction to a fine of \$100.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Ashburton Acclimatisation District

Reference to description: *Gazette*, No. 68, of 28 September 1933, at page 2463.

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 1970 Season
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), and mallard duck	2 May to 1 June incl.
Paradise duck (only in that portion of the Ashburton Acclimatisation District west of Highway No. 72 from the Rakaia Gorge Bridge to the Upper Rangitata Bridge)	2 May to 1 June incl.
Pukeko (except in the Ashburton River catchment area west of the Blowing Point Bridge)	2 May to 1 June incl.
Black swan	2 May to 26 July incl.
California quail	2 May to 2 Aug. incl.
Cock pheasant	2 May to 10 May incl.
Chukor	2 May to 16 Aug. incl.

Daily Bag Limits

Grey duck, 10.	Pukeko, 2.
Shoveler (or spoonbill), 5.	Black swan, 8.
Mallard duck (female), 10.	California quail, 15.
Mallard drake, 15.	Cock pheasant, 1.
Paradise duck, 3.	Chukor, no limit.

Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), paradise, and mallard (male and female) duck, 10 in all, except that 5 extra mallard drakes only may be taken.

Shooting hours: 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Decoy limit: 20.

Special Conditions

1. A licence issued subject to this notification to hunt or kill game shall entitle the holder thereof to hunt or kill game on that portion of the bank and bed of the Rakaia River which lies within the North Canterbury Acclimatisation District; and on that portion of the flood bed of the Rangitata River which lies within the South Canterbury Acclimatisation District, during the period and subject, *mutatis mutandis*, to the conditions prescribed in this notification fixing the open season for those districts.

2. A licence issued pursuant to this notification to hunt or kill game shall entitle the holder thereof to hunt or kill game in the South Canterbury Acclimatisation District, during the period and subject, *mutatis mutandis*, to the conditions prescribed in the notification fixing an open season for game in that district.

Auckland Acclimatisation District

Reference to Description: *Gazette*, No. 62, of 16 October 1947, at page 1680.

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 1970 Season
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), mallard, and paradise duck (except that no duck may be hunted or killed on Great Barrier Island)	2 May to 24 May incl.
Pukeko	2 May to 28 June incl.

Game That May be Hunted or killed

Duration of 1970 Season

Black swan	2 May to 1 June incl.
California and brown quail and cock pheasant	2 May to 28 June incl.

Daily Bag Limits

Grey duck, 10.	Pukeko, 10.
Shoveler (or spoonbill) duck, 5.	Black swan, 8.
Mallard duck, 10.	California and brown quail, no limit.
Paradise duck, 3.	Cock pheasant, 6.
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), mallard, and paradise duck, 10 in all.	

Shooting hours: 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Decoy limit: 10.

Special Conditions

1. No person shall use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Waikare any fixed stand, pontoon, hide, maimai, or loo, except within 200 yd of the margin of the said lake.

2. No person shall use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Ngaroto any fixed stand, pontoon, hide, maimai, or loo, except within 90 yd of the margin of the said lake.

3. It shall be an offence for any person to wilfully leave any swan(s) shot or the mutilated bodies of any swan(s) shot in the Auckland Acclimatisation District.

4. It shall be an offence to occupy any stand, pontoon, hide, maimai, or loo, for the purpose of shooting, with duck decoys set, after the end of the duck season.

Bay of Islands Acclimatisation District

Reference to description: *Gazette*, No. 17, of 12 March 1925, at page 749.

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 1970 Season
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), and mallard duck	2 May to 24 May incl.
Pukeko	2 May to 24 May incl.
Black swan	2 May to 24 May incl.
California and brown quail and cock pheasant	2 May to 28 June incl.

Daily Bag Limits

Grey duck, 10.	Pukeko, 10.
Shoveler (or spoonbill), 5.	Black swan, 8.
Mallard duck (female), 10.	California and brown quail, no limit.
Mallard drake, 15.	Cock pheasant, 6.
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), and mallard (male and female) duck, 10 in all, except that 5 extra mallard drakes only may be taken.	

Shooting hours: 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Decoy limit: 10.

Hawera Acclimatisation District

Reference to description: *Gazette*, No. 14, of 25 February 1960, at page 249.

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 1970 Season
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), and mallard duck	2 May to 1 June incl.
Paradise duck	2 May to 1 June incl.
Pukeko	2 May to 7 June incl.
California and brown quail and cock pheasant	2 May to 31 July incl.

Daily Bag Limits

Grey duck, 10.	Pukeko, 10.
Shoveler (or spoonbill), 5.	California and brown quail, no limit.
Mallard duck, 10.	Cock pheasant, 3.
Paradise duck, 3.	
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), mallard, and paradise duck, 10 in all.	

Shooting hours: 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Decoy limit: 10.

Hawke's Bay Acclimatisation District

Reference to description: *Gazette*, No. 17, of 12 March 1925, at page 750.

Game That May be Hunted or Killed	Duration of 1970 Season
Grey, shoveler (or spoonbill), and mallard duck	2 May to 1 June incl.
Paradise duck	2 May to 1 June incl.
Pukeko	2 May to 1 June incl.
Black swan	2 May to 1 June incl.
California and brown quail and cock pheasants	2 May to 28 June incl.