

# AUCKLAND/WAIKATO - Fish & Game Region<sup>9</sup>

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Indicative only: please contact the regional office for a detailed map of Northern/Southern boundaries.

<sup>9</sup> Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Region means the area so described in the NZ Gazette 24 May 1990, No.83 at page 1861, as amended by the NZ Gazette 29 August 1991, No.129 at page 2786, and further amended 28 January 1993, No.11 at page 192

## 1 Game That May Be Hunted or Killed - Duration of 2024/2025 Season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Season Duration (dates inclusive)</i>	<i>Daily Bag Limit</i>	<i>Hunting Area</i>
Grey/mallard duck and any hybrid of those species	4 May to 3 Jun 2024	8	All areas, except that no duck may be hunted on Great Barrier Island
NZ shoveler duck	4 May to 3 Jun 2024	2	All areas, except that no duck may be hunted on Great Barrier Island
Paradise shelduck	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	10	The region south of Auckland Harbour Bridge
	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	20	The region north of Auckland Harbour Bridge
	15 Feb to 16 Feb 2025	15	The region north of Auckland Harbour Bridge
Pūkeko	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10	All areas
	15 Feb to 16 Feb 2025	10	The region north of Auckland Harbour Bridge
Black swan	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	20	The region west of State Highway 1 and north of State Highway 22 (Glenbrook Road), Constable and Karioitahi Roads
	4 May to 30 Jun 2024	5	In the Otorohanga, Waitomo and Ruapehu District Council areas within the A/WF&GC region and the Aotea Harbour
	4 May to 3 Jun 2024	2	All other areas (except that no black swan may be hunted or killed on the Waikato Hydro Lakes: Karapiro, Arapuni and Waipapa)

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Bobwhite (Virginian) quail, California quail and brown quail	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10	All areas
Cock pheasant	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	3	All areas
	1 Sep to 28 Sep 2023	No limit	Glen Massey upland game property with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this region (junior hunters only)
Pheasant, both sexes	4 May to 25 August 2024	No limit	Upland game property with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
Red-legged partridge	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	10	All Areas
	4 May to 25 Aug 2024	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region
	1 Apr to 2 May 2025	No limit	Upland game properties with special conditions specified in clause 6 for this Region

## 2 Shooting Hours

6.30am to 6.15pm, except the hunting of paradise shelduck and pūkeko on 15 February to 16 February 2025 will be from 6.30am to 8.00pm.

## 3 Decoy Limit

No limit, except on Lake Waikare and Lake Rotokauri – a total decoy limit of 50 decoys per stand and no decoys to be placed within 50 metres of those placed by another hunter. Furthermore, on Lake Rotokauri a total limit of no more than 2 battery powered decoys per stand.

## 4 Special Conditions

**4.1** No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Waikare, any drifting or

temporarily moored floating stand or any stand, hide or maimai which is permanently fixed to the lake bed except within 180 metres of the outer margin of the lake or the shoreline of Motu Nuiia Island (Grape Island).

- 4.2** No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Ngaroto any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai except within 85 metres of the margin of the lake.
- 4.3** No person may use or cause to be used for the hunting or killing of game on Lake Rotokauri any fixed stand, pontoon, hide or maimai on any open water of the lake.
- 4.4** No person may wilfully leave on the hunting ground any game bird(s) shot or parts of any game birds shot.
- 4.5** No person may herd or drive waterfowl for the purpose of hunting or killing them.
- 4.6** No person may shoot game from any unmoored boat on the Waikato River north of the boat ramp at the confluence of the Mangawara Stream and the Waikato River at Taupiri on any of the first three days or the second weekend of the open season.
- 4.7** No person may shoot game from any unmoored boat on the Waikato River south of the boat ramp at the confluence of the Mangawara Stream and the Waikato River at Taupiri to the Shakespeare St bridge in Cambridge for the duration of the open season.
- 4.8** No person may possess a firearm in or on any unmoored vessel, except a rowboat, unless the firearm is dismantled or secured in a case, gunslip or other secure compartment, except when in use to retrieve wounded game.
- 4.9** On public land, the last tagged owner must remove any maimai not tagged up for 2 years from the date of the last mark-up.
- 4.10** No person may hunt or kill game of the family Anatidae (waterfowl) in all the area contained within a distance of 100 metres from the margins of any waters together with the area covered by those waters where food has been cast, thrown, placed or planted any time during the period 1 April to 28 June 2024 inclusive.<sup>10</sup>
- 4.11** No person may hunt or kill game birds, as specified, within the Auckland/Waikato region with any magazine

<sup>10</sup> Section 17 of the Wildlife Act 1953.

shotgun of 10 gauge or smaller (including 12, 16, 20, 28, .410) unless the shotgun:

- (a) has a magazine of any type adjusted with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun; or
- (b) the magazine is pinned in accordance with Regulations made under this Act;  
so that the magazine shotgun is incapable of holding more than 2 shells in the magazine, with no more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined, at any one time.

**4.12** Any game bird licence holder who has a Department of Conservation authorisation to take or kill wildlife for the purpose of hawking or falconry may hunt with an Australasian Harrier (*Circus approximans*) to take game birds. This is subject to the season length and bag limit for each game bird species in clause 1 of this notice for this region and subject to any conditions imposed by the Director-General of Conservation under such a permit.

**4.13** No person may shoot game on Lake Cameron and Lake Mangakaware except from fixed stands authorised by the Waipa District Council.

**4.14** Every person who hunts or kills game shall make all reasonable efforts to retrieve game they have shot as soon as is practicable after shooting it.

**4.15** No person is allowed to shoot at game if they have no means of retrieving it.

## 5 Closed Game Areas

**5.1** All that area of the Waikato River below Mean High Water Spring Tide from the Tasman Sea inland to an imaginary line commencing from a marker at the exit of the Fisherman's Road drain on the north-western side of the river in Block VII Maioero Survey District, bearing 126 degrees true to a marker on the south-eastern side of the river.

**5.2** All DP 23519, being part Maungatapu Block, Blocks II and VI Maungakawa Survey District, being 15 hectares, the property of A. C. Allen, "Riverdale", Piako, Morrinsville.

**5.3** The township of Te Aroha.

**5.4** All that area lying to the east of the Southern Motorway and known as Pahurehure Inlet.

- 5.5 129 hectares, being part of the Manukau Harbour known as Waimahia Creek.
- 5.6 Lots 1–6 DPS 81922, subdivision of part Lot 7 DP 9441 and part Section 19 Block II Whitianga Survey District, 53.3353 hectares. Property of Andrew Hill.
- 5.7 Lake Puketirini (Weavers Lake) at Huntly.

## 6 Upland Game Properties with Special Conditions

- 6.1 This clause applies to the following specified properties only:
  - (a) **Glen Massey:** 292 ha, more or less, located west of Wilton Collieries Road, being Lot 1 DPS 79675, Lot 2 DPS 78878, Lot 3 DPS 78878, Sec 2A BLK IX Newcastle SD, situated in the Northern Waikato.
  - (b) **Lighthouse Station:** 550 ha, more or less, located east and west of Manukau Heads Road and north of Dickey Road, Awhitu, being Certificates of Titles 666156, 666157, 360998, 525469, 525470, 525471 NA2D/852, NA1011/239, NA333/280, NA2D/933, NA129A/544-551, NA342/275, NA61A/240.
- 6.2 Where hunting takes place in any specified property defined in this notice, no person shall have in that person's possession outside that specified property any game taken from that specified property, unless affixed to the game is a label with the name of the specified property where that game was taken or killed written legibly on it, and the additional words on the label, "for personal consumption, not for sale or profit", written legibly on it.
- 6.3 A person must not clip the wings of a bird released on any specified property after the bird is 8 weeks old.
- 6.4 A person must not clip the beak of any bird released on any specified property at any time.
- 6.5 A person must not hunt:
  - (a) a pheasant before it is 18 weeks old;
  - (b) a red legged partridge before it is 16 weeks old.
- 6.6 A person must not hunt waterfowl on a specified property on the same day that a pheasant or red-legged partridge hunt takes place on that property.
- 6.7 The unlimited daily bag for any specified property shall only apply when at least 400 pheasants and/or

red-legged partridges have been released on to that specified property within 5 months of the opening day of the season; otherwise the daily bag limit shall be 3 birds.

- 6.8** The owner of a property listed in subclause (1) or a lessee of that property owner must keep a register of:
- (a) the names and addresses of hunters and all other persons who take game from that property;
  - (b) the number and type of birds taken by those persons;
  - (c) the description of that person's role in the hunting and killing of game birds on that day.

## HUNTING IN AUCKLAND/WAIKATO

Hunting today suffers many threats; wetland drainage, habitat degradation, pollution, the animal rights lobby, ecofundamentalists, paranoia over firearms and worst off all, indifference.

There are groups who safeguard and share your interests. To join a group concerned with game bird hunting and the outdoors, please contact your local user group.

- **Eden/Papakura/Clevedon/Miranda:** Bill Gordon, [wjgordon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wjgordon@xtra.co.nz)
- **Franklin:** William Howard, [william.howard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:william.howard@xtra.co.nz)
- **Hamilton:** Dave Malcolm, [dmalcolmnz@gmail.com](mailto:dmalcolmnz@gmail.com)
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- **Wellsford Gameshooters Club:** [wfdgameshooters@gmail.com](mailto:wfdgameshooters@gmail.com)

## HUNTING ON FISH & GAME AND CROWN LAND

A General Authority (free to all licence holders) is required to hunt on Fish & Game Land – some 1700ha being owned by the Auckland/Waikato Region purchased from hunters' and angler's funds. The Authority can be obtained by sending a request via website

under “Hunting locations and access” or sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game, 156 Brymer Rd, RD 9, Hamilton 3289.

To hunt on Crown land managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) you require a similar permit (also free) from DOC.

## FORESTRY PERMITS

Rayonier Forests: Tairua (Whangamata); Maramarua (Te Kauwhata); Waihou (Te Aroha); and Mahurangi (Warkworth).

Permits for Rayonier Forest blocks can be obtained from our office.

The cost of the permit for the season is \$50 and covers all four forests. This fee is to cover all processing fees, colour maps, as well as a Public Liability Insurance while hunting in any of their forests.

Hunters requiring a permit must provide the following payment details (internet banking) to be completed once confirmed:

- Name, address and phone numbers
- Date of Birth
- Game Bird Licence number
- Firearms Licence number
- Vehicle Registration
- Dog Registration number.

Permits can be filled in via website under “Hunting locations and access”, emailed to [aucklandwaikato@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:aucklandwaikato@fishandgame.org.nz) or posted to Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game, 156 Brymer Rd, RD 9, Hamilton 3289.

## TAKE A MATE HUNTING

FOR ONLY \$4 Do you have a mate, relative, friend, co-worker or know somebody who is keen to give duck hunting a go, but doesn't want to pay the full cost of a licence? If so, on a strictly first come, first served basis, limited to the first 100 hunters who email into the Auckland/Waikato office with their 2023 Game bird Licence number, we will let you take your mate hunting on opening weekend for the \$4 cost of the Habitat Stamp which is displayed on the licence – which as you will recall is used solely to create, protect and restore wetland habitat.

The offer is strictly limited to those people (i.e. the mate) who have not purchased a licence before (and we can check via extensive database records going back over the last decade) – the offer is only for opening weekend – recipients of the mate's licence must be accompanied by a whole season licence holder. The offer only



applies to the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game region and the mate must of course comply with the Game Hunting Regulations.

There is no better opportunity to introduce your friend, spouse, son or daughter to game bird hunting.

