

2025 OPEN SEASON DUCK HUNTING

Limitations, Restrictions and Conditions of Permit



An Open Season Duck Hunting permit entitles the holder to hunt protected duck (identified in the permit by reference to their species) during an open season declared pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, in the state of South Australia.

This permit must be carried at all times when hunting or attempting to hunt and must be produced for inspection if requested by an Authorised Officer. Hunting must be in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Birds by Shooting in South Australia.

This permit is subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions included in the permit. Any breach of the limitations, restrictions and conditions of this permit may lead to prosecution or enforcement action carrying a maximum penalty of up to \$2,500 per offence. The Notice declaring an open season for specified protected duck or an open season for specified duck within a game reserve may be varied or revoked by a subsequent Notice.

LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The permit will commence on the Commencement Date and will expire on the Expiry Date of the declared open season.

In accordance with the Notice published in The Advertiser on 18 January 2025 and Notice published in the Government Gazette on 16 January 2025 the following limitations and restrictions apply to hunting protected duck:

1. Specified Species

The species to which the open season applies is limited to the following:

- grey teal (*Anas gracilis*)
- chestnut teal (*Anas castanea*)
- Pacific black duck (*Anas superciliosa*)
- Australian shelduck (mountain duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*)
- maned (wood) duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)

2. Open Season Dates and Times

Subject to other provisions of this notice, the open season for the species identified in *Clause 1* is Saturday 22 March 2025 until Sunday 29 June 2025 inclusive, and the specified species of protected animal listed in *Clause 1* may only be taken in the period between sunrise and sunset, as specified by Geoscience Australia, on any given day of the open season.

Refer to *Clause 6* for further restrictions to open season dates in Game Reserves.

3. Prohibition Against Taking Eggs

A person shall not take eggs of any species listed in *Clause 1* during the open season.

4. Bag Limit

On any day of the open season, a person shall not take more than 6 ducks made up of any combination of the following species:

- grey teal (*Anas gracilis*)
- chestnut teal (*Anas castanea*)
- Pacific black duck (*Anas superciliosa*)
- maned (wood) duck (*Chenonetta jubata*)

Including not more than 2 of the following species:

- Australian shelduck (mountain duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*)

5. Area of the State

The open season in relation to the species of protected animal listed in *Clause 1* applies to the whole of South Australia, excluding:

- All reserves and sanctuaries constituted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, other than those game reserves specified in *Clause 6* below; and
- All wilderness protection areas and all wilderness protection zones constituted under the *Wilderness Protection Act 1992*; and
- All sanctuary zones within any marine park established under the *Marine Parks Act 2007*.

6. Open Season in Game Reserves

6.1 Subject to the further restrictions contained in this clause, open season (including *Clause 2*, *Clause 3* and *Clause 4* restrictions) applies in relation to Chowilla Game Reserve, Moorook Game Reserve, Loch Luna Game Reserve, Currency Creek Game Reserve, Lake Robe Game Reserve, Mud Islands Game Reserve, Poocher Swamp Game Reserve, and Bucks Lake Game Reserve.

6.2 Restrictions apply to the dates of the open season for Chowilla Game Reserve, Moorook Game Reserve and Loch Luna Game Reserve from those specified in *Clause 2*.

6.2.1 Chowilla Game Reserve

The specified species in *Clause 1* may only be taken in Chowilla Game Reserve between sunrise and sunset on the following specified open season dates:

- March 2025- Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Saturday 29, and Sunday 30.
- April 2025- Saturday 5, and Sunday 6.
- May 2025- Saturday 3, Sunday 4, Saturday 10, Sunday 11, Saturday 17, Sunday 18, Saturday 24, and Sunday 25.
- June 2025 - Saturday 14, Sunday 15, Saturday 21, Sunday 22, Saturday 28, and Sunday 29.

6.2.2 Moorook Game Reserve and Loch Luna Game Reserve

The specified species in *Clause 1* may only be taken in Moorook Game Reserve and Loch Luna Game Reserve between sunrise and sunset on the following specified open season dates:

- March 2025- Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Saturday 29, and Sunday 30.
- April 2025- Saturday 5, and Sunday 6.
- May 2025- Saturday 3, Sunday 4, Saturday 10, Sunday 11, Saturday 17, Sunday 18, Saturday 24, Sunday 25, and Saturday 31.
- June 2025 - Sunday 1, Saturday 14, Sunday 15, Saturday 21, Sunday 22, Saturday 28 and Sunday 29.

6.3 Area restrictions are imposed for the open season in relation to the specified species of protected animal listed in *Clause 1* in game reserves as follows:

6.3.1 Chowilla Game Reserve

The open season applies to the whole reserve, subject to the following exclusions:

- a) For safety reasons, all of the area within a 500 metre radius centred upon the Chowilla Homestead, shearing shed, Lock 6 on the River Murray, the Chowilla Creek Regulator, Pipeclay Weir, Slaney Weir and Coombool Outstation (homestead) including any portion of creeks or waterbodies within 500 metres of these sites.
- b) Within Chowilla Game Reserve, all of the area within a 100 metre radius of the shorelines of Werta Wert wetland and Coombool Swamp, including the Werta Wert wetland and Coombool Swamp themselves.

6.3.2 *Moorook Game Reserve*

The open season applies to the whole reserve, subject to the following exclusions:

- a) The western boundary of Sections 474, 475 and 476, Hundred of Moorook, County of Albert, adjacent to the Kingston-Loxton Highway; and
- b) An area of Wachtels Lagoon being the land and water contained within and bounded by a line commencing at E 442748, N 6210926, then south-easterly to E 443079, N 6210458, then south-easterly to E 443268, N 6209307, then westerly to E 442454, N 6209208, then north-easterly to E 441377, N 6209958, then north-easterly to the point of commencement.

All lines are geodesics based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

6.3.3 *Loch Luna Game Reserve*

The open season applies to all creeks and associated backwaters of the reserve subject to the following exclusions:

- a) A 500 metre radius of any house or outbuilding, and within 300 metres of any road or bridge; and
- b) For safety reasons, the open season does not apply to all of the area within 500 metre radius of the homestead of Section 706 McIntosh Division Hundred of Cobdogla Irrigation Area.

All lines are geodesics based on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94).

6.3.4 *Bucks Lake Game Reserve, Currency Creek Game Reserve, Lake Robe Game Reserve, Mud Islands Game Reserve and Poocher Swamp Game Reserve*

The open season applies to the whole of each reserve.

7. Hunting Survey

Pursuant to Regulation 9 of the National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011, all Duck Hunting Permit holders are required to complete and lodge the Duck Hunting Survey in accordance with the instructions specified in the survey form supplied with their permit.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. This permit, along with a current form of identification and a current firearms licence (if applicable) must be carried by the permit holder at all times when hunting or attempting to hunt and must be produced for inspection if requested by an Authorised Officer.
2. Evidence of successfully completing and passing the Waterfowl Identification Test (WIT) certificate must be supplied to the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) for inspection within 5

business days if requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.

3. Evidence of a current concession or student card (if applicable) must be supplied to DEW for inspection within 5 business days if requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.
4. In accordance with Regulation 24 of the National Parks and Wildlife (National Parks) Regulations 2016, the permit holder is authorised to remove the carcass, or any part of the carcass, of any of the specified duck species taken pursuant to this permit from a Game Reserve specified in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* Open Season for the Taking of Specified Species of Protected Animals— Ducks notice published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 16 January 2025.
5. In accordance with section 59 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* the permit holder is authorised to export carcasses, or any part of the carcass taken pursuant to this permit.
6. The permit holder must comply with the current Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Birds by Shooting in South Australia, provided with this permit, and published on the Department's website.
7. The Permit holder must not hunt protected game from a vessel which is underway (moving) whether propelled by engine, sail, oars, or other means.
8. The permit holder must not use an engine driven vessel, personal watercraft, any type of aircraft (including model planes), agricultural gas guns, bird scarers or any other noisy device for the purpose of rousing protected game so that it may be hunted.
9. The permit holder must not scatter grain or other material or use any other means (other than a bird caller or decoy) to entice or rouse protected game into an area so that it may be hunted.
10. The use of a protected animal for the purposes of hunting, whether as a decoy or otherwise is prohibited.
11. The permit holder must not cut down, lop branches, or otherwise destroy any tree (whether living or dead) for the purpose of hunting.
12. The permit holder must not destroy, damage, or disturb an animal's burrow or nest for the purpose of hunting.
13. Protected game can only be taken with a firearm that:
 - a) has a smooth bore diameter of 19 mm or less (12 gauge);
 - b) can be raised and held at arms' length and fired from the shoulder with no other support;
 - c) has a capacity of three (3) cartridges or less, or has a plugged magazine preventing more than three (3) cartridges from being loaded.
14. The permit holder is only permitted to use break action, bolt action and lever action (lever release not permitted) shotguns.
15. The permit holder must not shoot protected game with shot of a diameter more than 4.1 mm, and shot must be made of steel, bismuth, or molybdenum.
16. The permit holder must not be in possession of a firearm or shot prohibited by condition 13, 14 or 15 while hunting protected ducks or in a game reserve or any other area they intend to hunt protected duck.
17. Any game taken during the open season must not be retained alive.
18. The permit holder must not sell the carcass of any protected game taken (whether by that person or some other person) during the open season.
19. The permit holder must leave a fully feathered wing on any harvested duck until immediately prior to cooking or the duck has been taken to the permit holder's ordinary place of residence.
20. The permit is subject to any existing native title to the land on which specified protected ducks may be hunted pursuant to this permit.
21. The hunting of specified protected ducks pursuant to this permit must not affect or interfere with the enjoyment or exercise of any native title rights.

22. Open season hunting on unalienated Crown land must be in accordance with the *Crown Land Management Act 2009* Duck Open Season Hunting on unalienated Crown lands notice published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 23 January 2025.
23. The permit holder must;
 - a) complete a hunting survey in accordance with the instructions specified in the survey form; and
 - b) lodge the completed hunting survey with the Minister in the manner, and within 30 days of permit expiry or revocation.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The Notice declaring an open season for specified protected duck or an open season for specified duck within a game reserve may be varied or revoked by a subsequent Notice.