

# National Coordinated Gamebird Seasons

SA Wingshooters, in consultation with our scientific advisers, have developed these proposed gamebird seasons for all provinces in South Africa. This follows several years of negotiations with provincial authorities in repeated attempts to simplify the seasons and to rationalise the list of gamebird species. These seasons were submitted through the DEAT Wildlife Forum to all provinces. The coordinated conservation through wise utilisation of our gamebirds is the essential starting point to the new **NATIONAL GAMEBIRD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**. While several provinces have not yet implemented these seasons fully, it is envisaged that all provinces will be standardised by next year for all gamebird species.

Wingshooters must please note that these seasons are not fully implemented in all provinces. You must comply with the local regulations, bag limits and and seasons!

CO-ORDINATED SHOOTING SEASONS												Bag Limit	
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>Terrestrial Gamebirds</b>													
Crested Guineafowl ( <i>Guttera pucheran</i> )													2
Helmeted Guineafowl ( <i>NNumida meleagris</i> )													8
Coqui Partridge ( <i>Francoeurus coqui</i> )													2
Crested Partridge ( <i>F. saphaena</i> )													6
Greywing Partridge ( <i>F. africanus</i> )													4
Shelley's Partridge ( <i>F. shelleyi</i> )													2
Redwing Partridge ( <i>F. leucurus</i> )													2
Orange River Partridge ( <i>F. leucuriformis</i> )													4
Red-billed Francolin ( <i>F. adspersus</i> )													2
Cape Francolin ( <i>F. capensis</i> )													6
Natal Francolin ( <i>F. natalensis</i> )													6
Swainson's Francolin ( <i>F. swainsoni</i> )													8
Red-necked Francolin ( <i>F. afer</i> )													2
<b>Quail</b>													
Common Quail ( <i>C. coturnix</i> )													10
Harlequin Quail ( <i>C. delegorguei</i> )													10
<b>Sandgrouse</b>													
Yellow-throated Sandgrouse ( <i>P. gutturalis</i> )													CLOSED
Double-banded Sandgrouse ( <i>P. binnatus</i> )													2
Burchell's (Spotted) Sandgrouse ( <i>P. burchelli</i> )													4
Namaqua Sandgrouse ( <i>P. namaqua</i> )													6
<b>Pigeons &amp; Doves</b>													
Rock Pigeon ( <i>Columba guinea</i> )													20
Rameron Pigeon ( <i>C. arquatrix</i> )													4
Delegorgue's Pigeon ( <i>C. delegorguei</i> )													CLOSED
Red-eyed Dove ( <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i> )													20
Laughing Dove ( <i>S. senegalensis</i> )													10
Mourning Dove ( <i>S. decipiens</i> )													CLOSED
Cape Turtle Dove ( <i>S. capicola</i> )													10
Green Pigeon ( <i>Trochopelia calva</i> )													5
CO-ORDINATED SHOOTING SEASONS												Bag Limit	
No shooting at a pair of waterbirds! Flocks only													
<b>Waterfowl</b>													
Fulvous Whistling Duck ( <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i> )													2
White-faced Whistling Duck ( <i>D. viduata</i> )													6
White-backed Duck ( <i>Thalassornis leucorhinus</i> )													CLOSED
Egyptian Goose ( <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> )													10
South-African Shelduck ( <i>Tadorna canis</i> )													4
Yellow-billed duck ( <i>Anas undulata</i> )													10
African Black Duck ( <i>Anas sparsa</i> )													2
Cape Teal ( <i>Anas capensis</i> )													2
Hottentot Teal ( <i>Anas hottentota</i> )													2
Red-billed teal ( <i>Anas erythrorhynchos</i> )													8
Cape Shoveler ( <i>Anas smithi</i> )													4
Southern Pochard ( <i>Netta erythrorhynchos</i> )													2
Knob-billed Duck ( <i>Sarkidornis melanotos</i> )													4
Spurwing Goose ( <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> )													8
Maccoa Duck ( <i>Oxyura punctata</i> )													CLOSED
Red-knobbed Coot ( <i>Fulica cristata</i> )													NON GAME SPECIES
<b>Snipe</b>													
Ethiopian Snipe ( <i>Gallinago roripennis</i> )													2