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## Wildlife Act 1975

### WILDLIFE (PROHIBITION OF GAME HUNTING) NOTICE NO. 1/2024

I, Steve Dimopoulos, as Minister for Outdoor Recreation and as Minister for Environment make the following Notice:

Dated 7 March 2024

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STEVE DIMOPOULOS MP  
Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Minister for Environment

#### 1. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to –

- (a) prohibit absolutely the taking, destroying or hunting in Victoria of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl); and
- (b) otherwise regulate and control the taking, destroying or hunting of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl);

which would otherwise be permitted during the 2024 open season.

#### 2. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 86 of the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

#### 3. Notice prevails

Under section 86(3) of the **Wildlife Act 1975** this Notice prevails over any inconsistent regulation made under the **Wildlife Act 1975** or any licence, permit or other authority to take, destroy or hunt any particular kind or taxon of wildlife issued under the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

#### 4. Definitions

In this Notice:

**2024 modified open season** means the open season in 2024 for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) as modified by clause 6 of this Notice;

**default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl)** means the maximum number of indigenous game birds (waterfowl) that a person may take or destroy on any day during an open season as prescribed by regulation 31 and items 8 to 15 of Schedule 4 of the Wildlife (Game) Interim Regulations 2023;

**indigenous game birds (waterfowl)** means any of the following, being the kinds or taxa of game set out in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Interim Regulations 2023:

- (a) Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*);
- (b) Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchotis*);
- (c) Chestnut Teal (*Anas castanea*);
- (d) Grey Teal (*Anas gracilis*);
- (e) Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*);
- (f) Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck) (*Tadorna tadornoides*);
- (g) Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*); and
- (h) Australian Wood Duck (Maned Duck) (*Chenonetta jubata*).

#### 5. Commencement and period Notice has effect

This Notice takes effect from 12.00 am on 16 March 2024 and continues to have effect until 11.59 pm on 10 June 2024.

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**6. Modification of 2024 open season**

The open season prescribed in Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Wildlife (Game) Interim Regulations 2023 in relation to indigenous game birds (waterfowl) is modified in relation to the 2024 open season to be from 8.00 am on 10 April 2024 to 30 minutes after sunset on 5 June 2024.

**7. Prohibition on hunting of specified indigenous game birds (waterfowl)**

- (a) The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) is prohibited:
  - i. at all times from 12.00 am on 16 March 2024 until 8.00 am on 10 April 2024; and
  - ii. at all times from 30 minutes after sunset on 5 June 2024 to 11.59 pm on 10 June 2024.
- (b) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Australasian (Blue-winged) Shoveler (*Anas rhynchosotis*) is prohibited during the 2024 modified open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (c) The taking, destroying or hunting of the Hardhead (White-eyed Duck) (*Aythya australis*) is prohibited during the 2024 modified open season, anywhere in Victoria.
- (d) The taking, destroying or hunting of any indigenous game bird (waterfowl) from anywhere in Victoria is prohibited during the following times on each day of the 2024 modified open season:
  - i. 12.00 am until 8.00 am; and
  - ii. From 30 minutes after sunset until 12.00 am.

**8. Modification of default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl)**

- (a) The default bag limit for indigenous game birds (waterfowl) is modified to a maximum of six indigenous game birds (waterfowl), on any day during the 2024 modified open season.
- (b) Clause 7 prevails over this clause to the extent of any inconsistency.

**9. Contravention of Notice**

A person must not contravene any part of this Notice.

Penalty: 25 penalty units.

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