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Introduction

In February 2016 the Government enacted Legal Notice 69 of 2016 (Conservation of Wild Birds (Amendment) Regulations), which paved the way for reform of the system of general hunting licences. Instead of the previous *Carnet de Chasse* reporting system, hunting and live-capturing reports were submitted through a telephonic game reporting system. The data in this report was gathered wholly from this game reporting system.

For autumn–winter bird hunting and rabbit hunting/ferreting seasons licensees were legally required to report their bags before leaving the location where their activity was taking place. For seasons opened under derogation (Spring Hunting and Autumn Live-Capturing) licensees were required to report their bags immediately upon making a catch, thus allowing for real-time data to be gathered. The reports were aggregated in a central database which allows the Wild Birds Regulation Unit to monitor the data at any point in time for both scientific and enforcement purposes.

All live-capturing data for finches, song thrush and golden plover pertains to reports made under derogation. The full details for these derogations can be found in the official derogation report which can be accessed at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/livecapturingder.aspx>.

The table below outlines the number of licences issued for each general licence category in 2016. Individual licensees could have one or a combination of multiple categories of these licences. Licensees could only report game caught pertaining to their respective license categories.

Licence Category	No of licences
Hunting birds on land	10,409
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Turtle Dove and Quail</i>	9,252
Hunting of birds at sea	240
Hunting of wild rabbit	2,568
Capture of wild rabbit with nets	54
General licence for live-capturing of birds	4,552
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Finches</i>	3,844
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	997

In order to practice hunting during the reporting period, in addition to their general hunting licences, licensees were required to have a valid weapons permit issued by the Police, a valid insurance cover, and a membership in a recognised hunting organisation.

Hunting Data

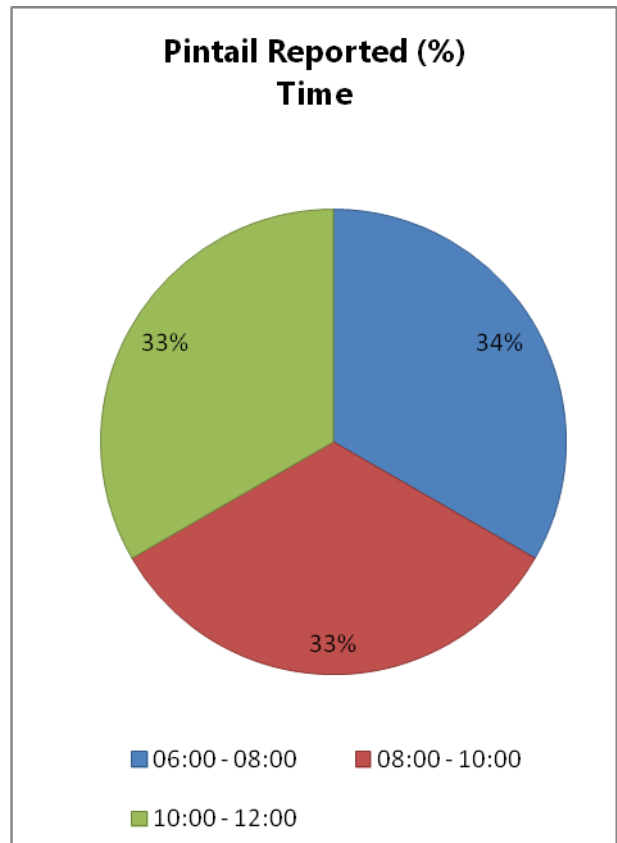
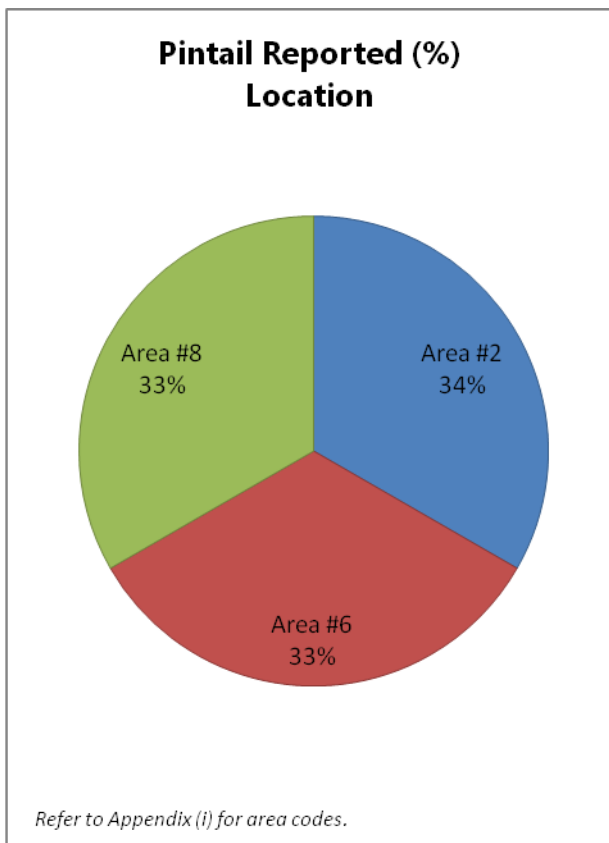
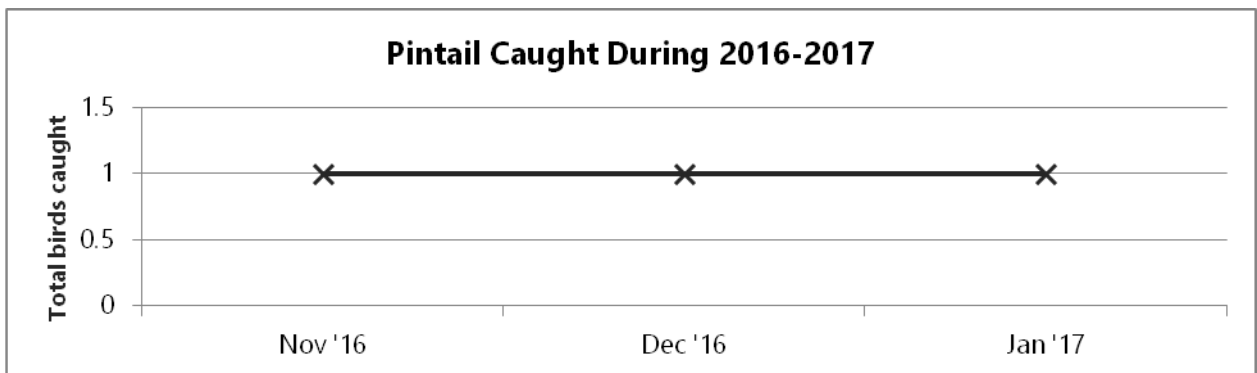
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Anas acuta

Pintail

Silfjun

September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	1
December '16	1
January '17	1
Total	3



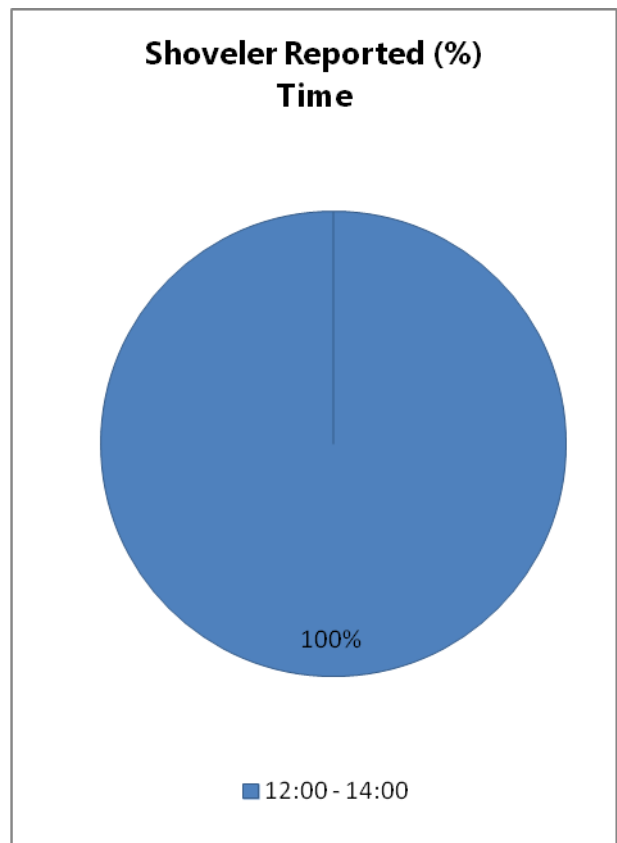
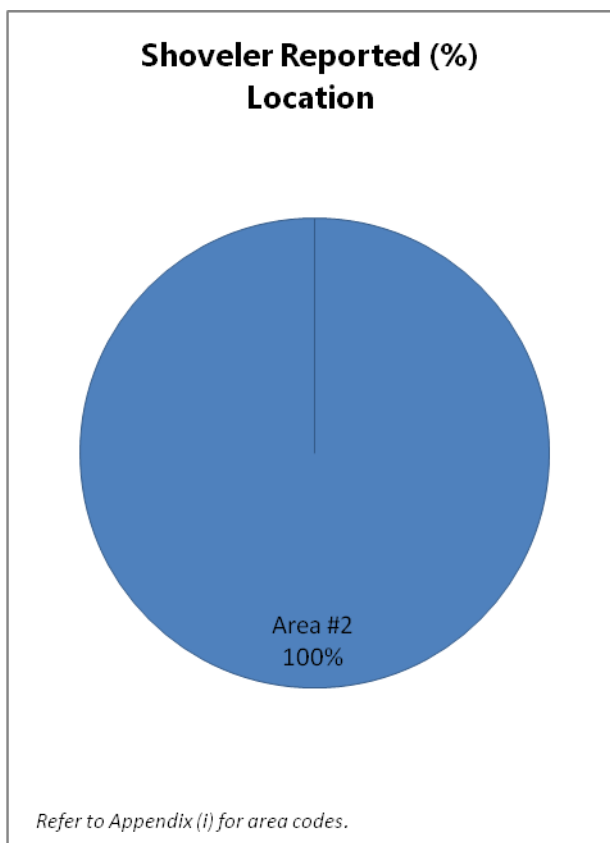
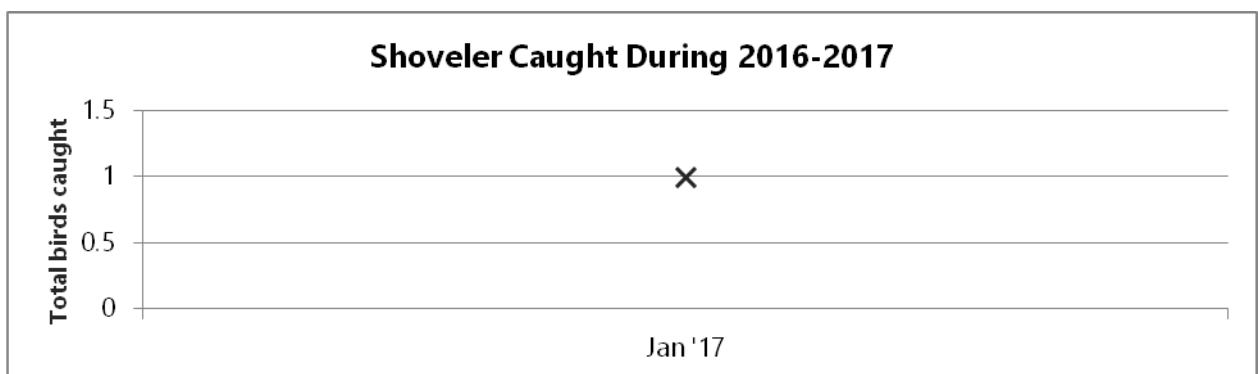
Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
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Anas clypeata

Shoveler

Palettuna

September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	0
December '16	0
January '17	1
Total	1

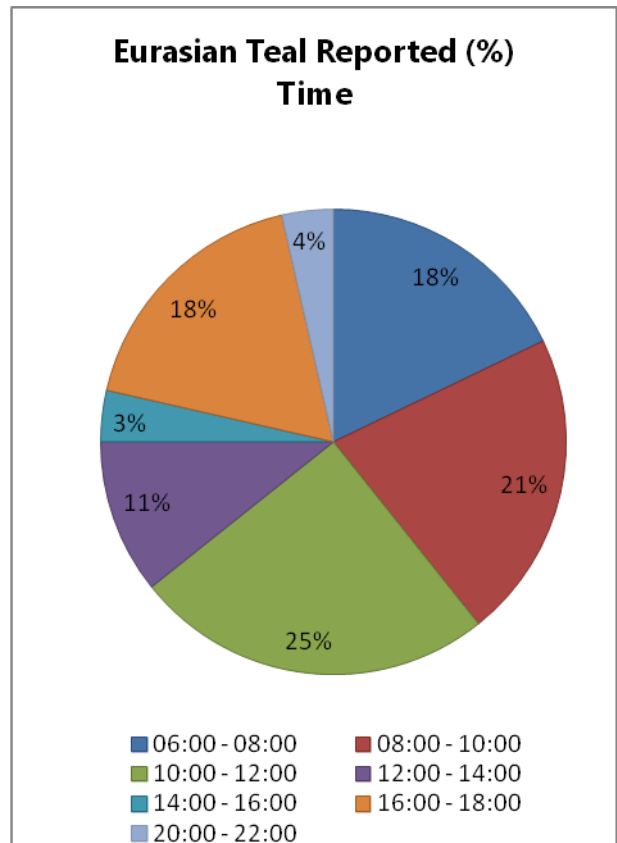
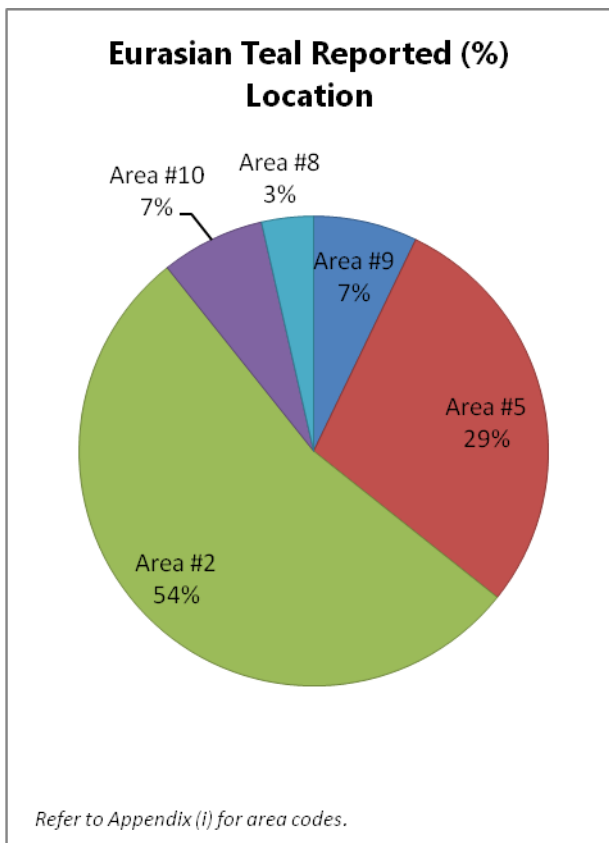
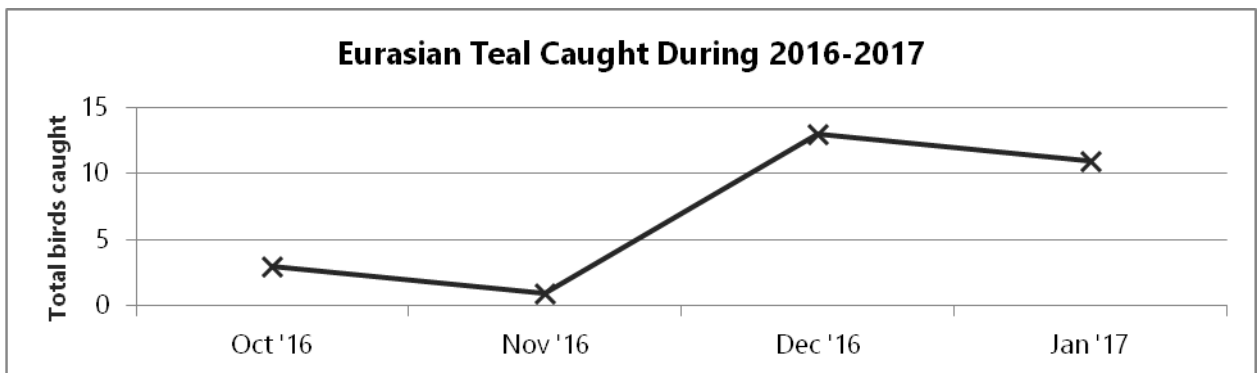


Anas crecca

Eurasian Teal

Sarsella

September '16	0
October '16	3
November '16	1
December '16	13
January '17	11
Total	28

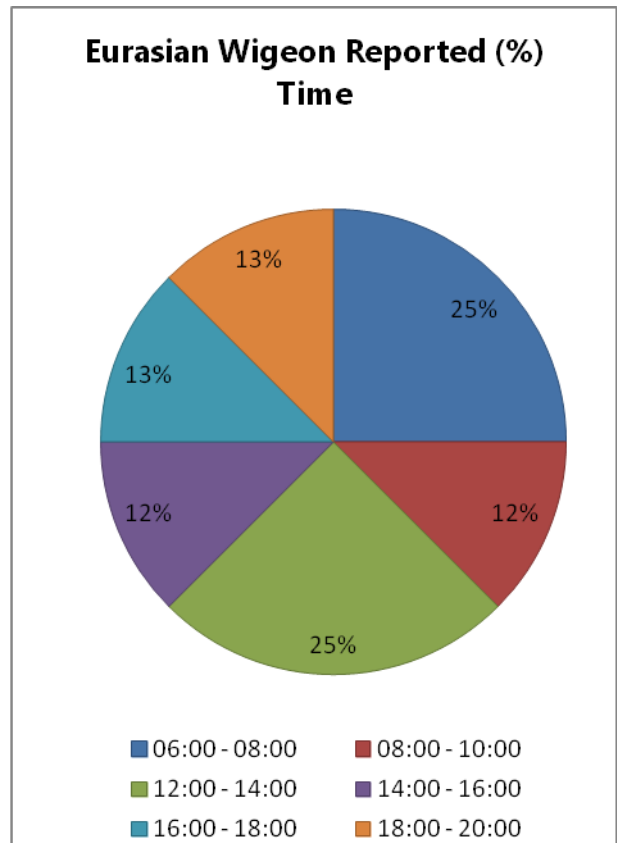
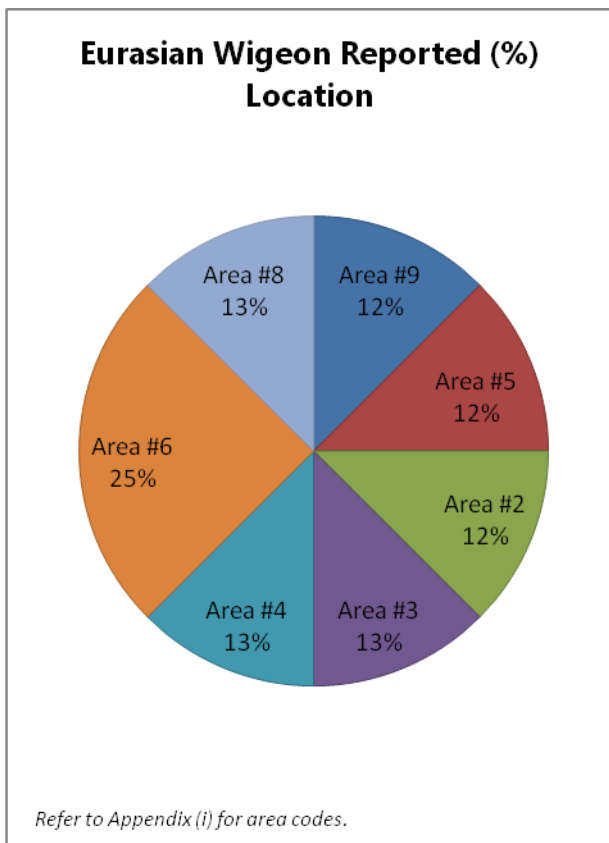
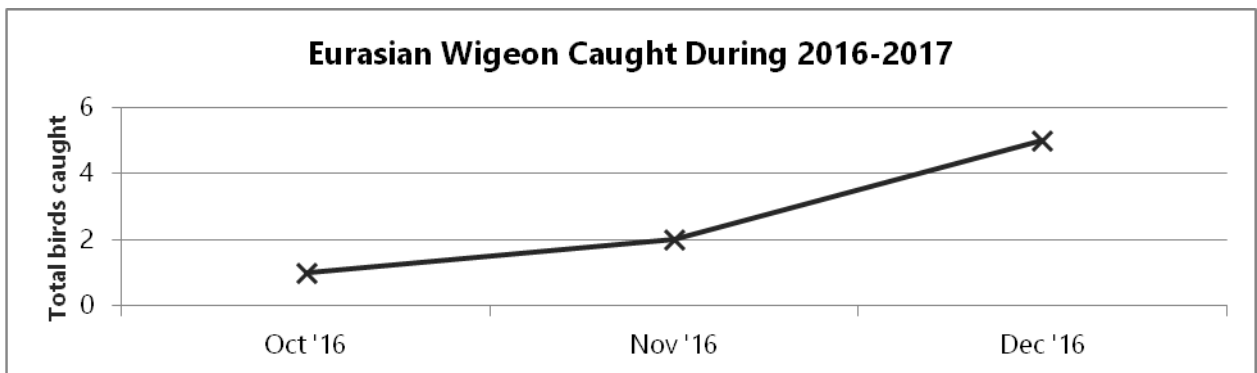


Anas penelope

Eurasian Wigeon

Silfjun Ewropew

September '16	0
October '16	1
November '16	2
December '16	5
January '17	0
Total	8

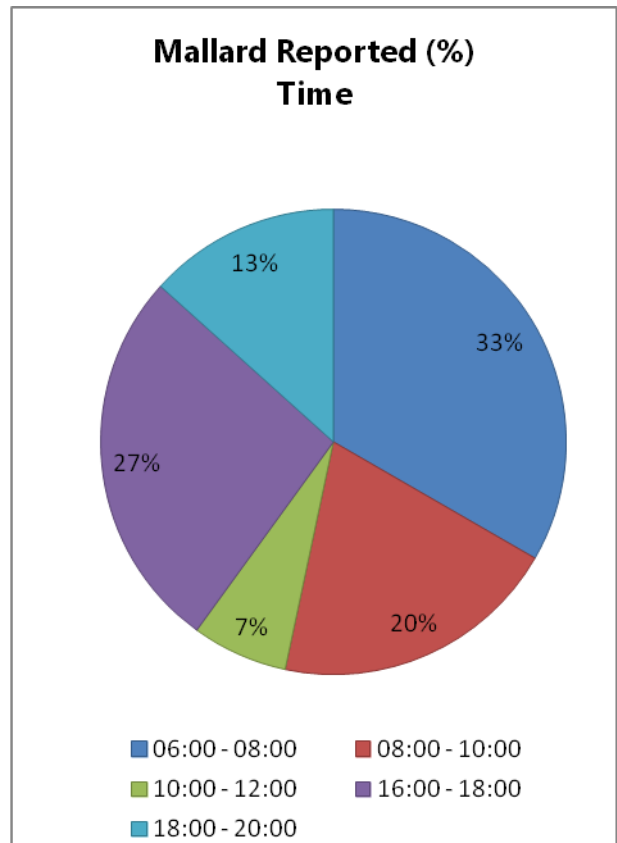
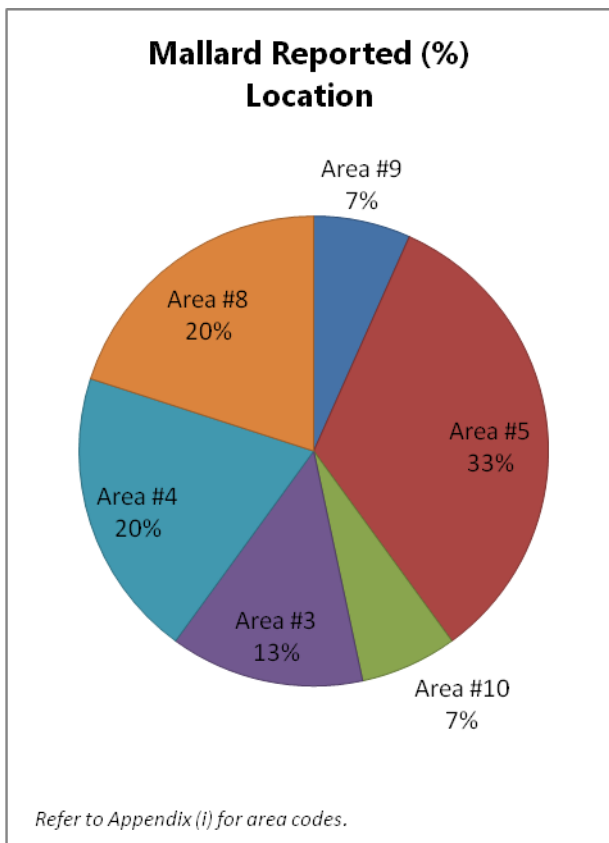
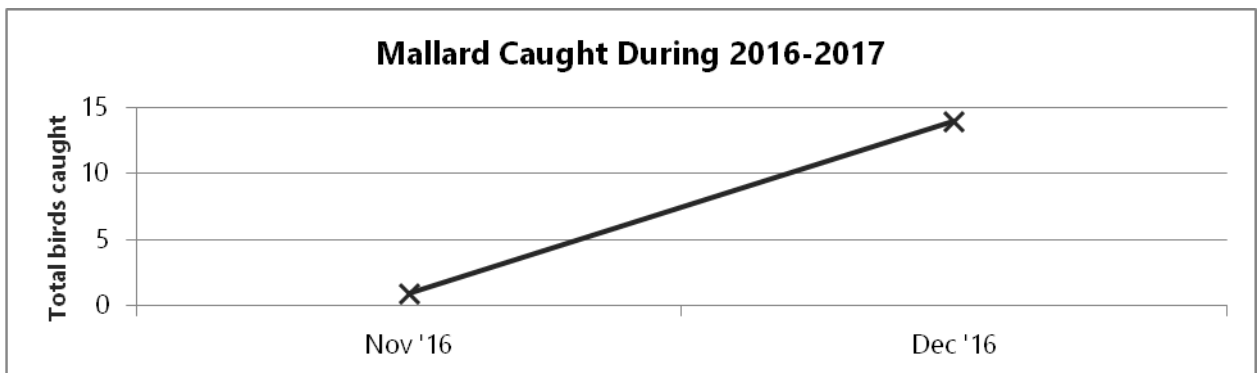


Anas platyrhynchos

Mallard

Kuluvert

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October '16	0
November '16	1
December '16	14
January '17	0
Total	15



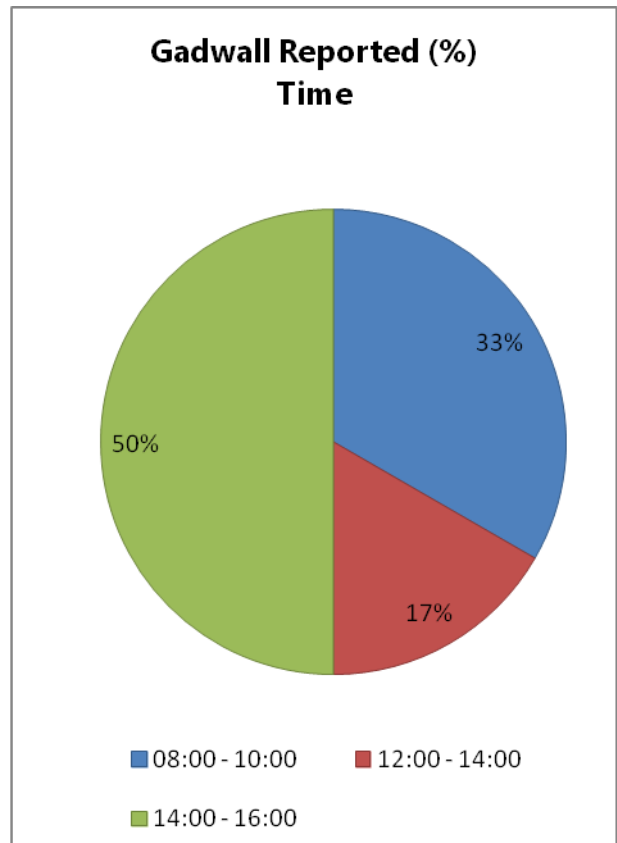
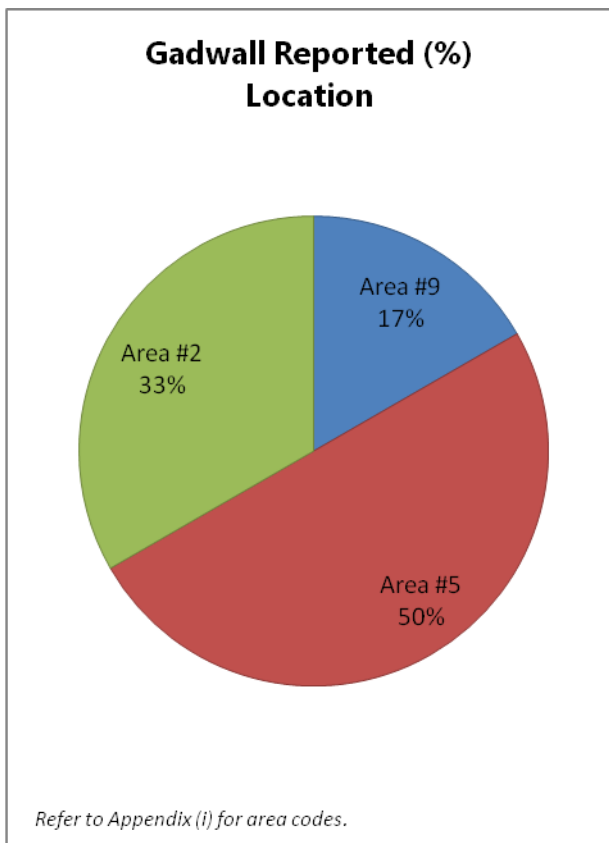
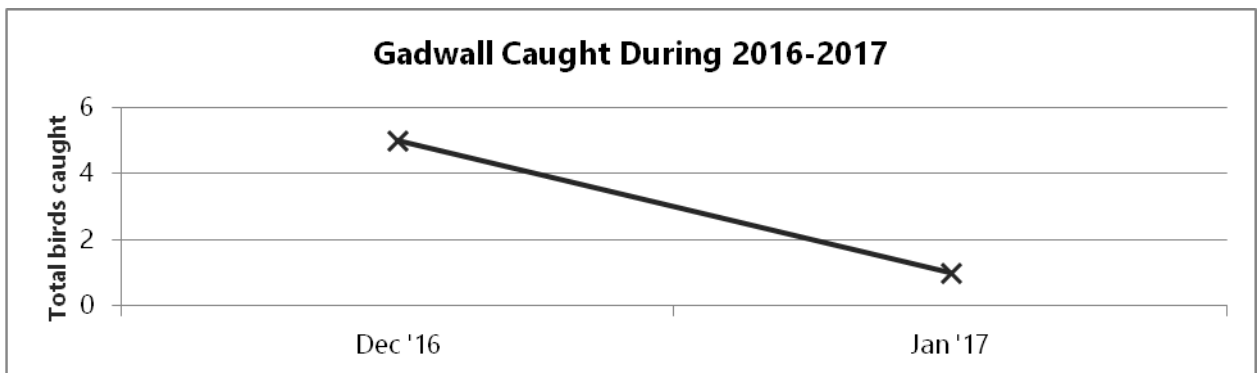
Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas querquedula</i>			
Garganey			
Sarsella Hamra			
		September '16	0
		October '16	0
		November '16	0
		December '16	0
		January '17	0
		Total	0

Anas strepera

Gadwall

Kuluvert Griz

September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	0
December '16	5
January '17	1
Total	6

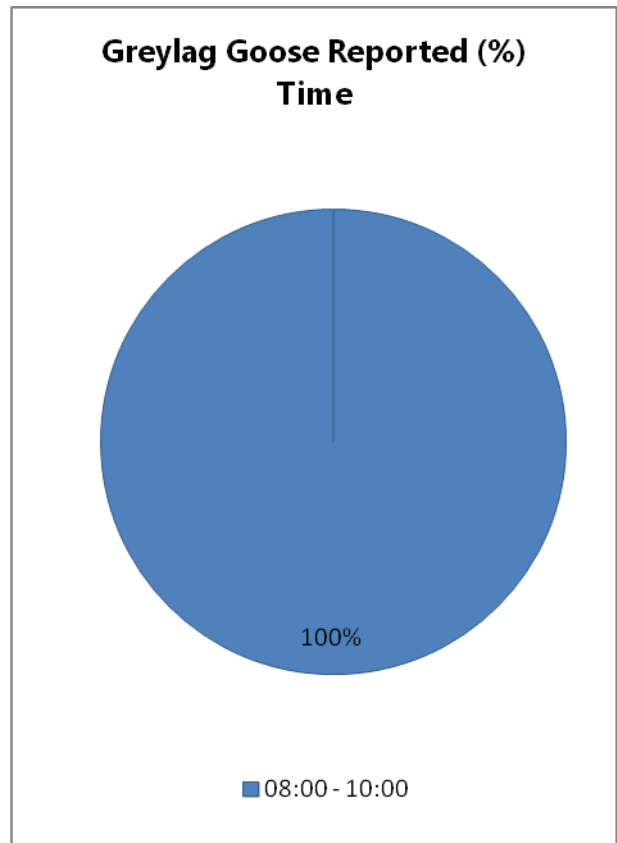
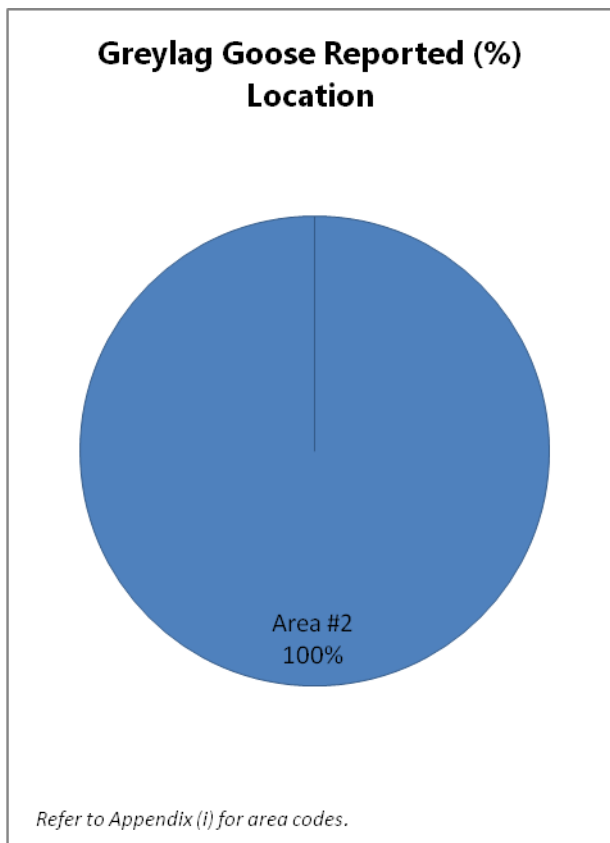
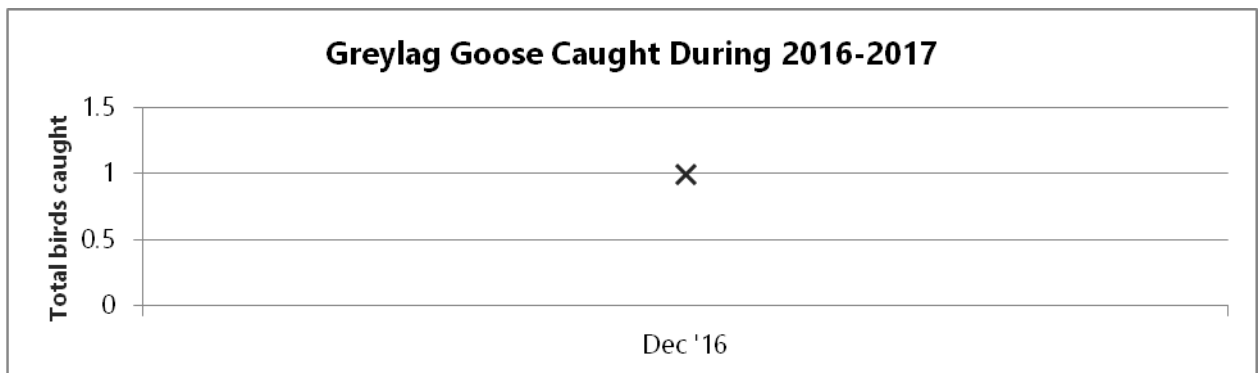


Anser anser

Greylag Goose

Wizza Griza

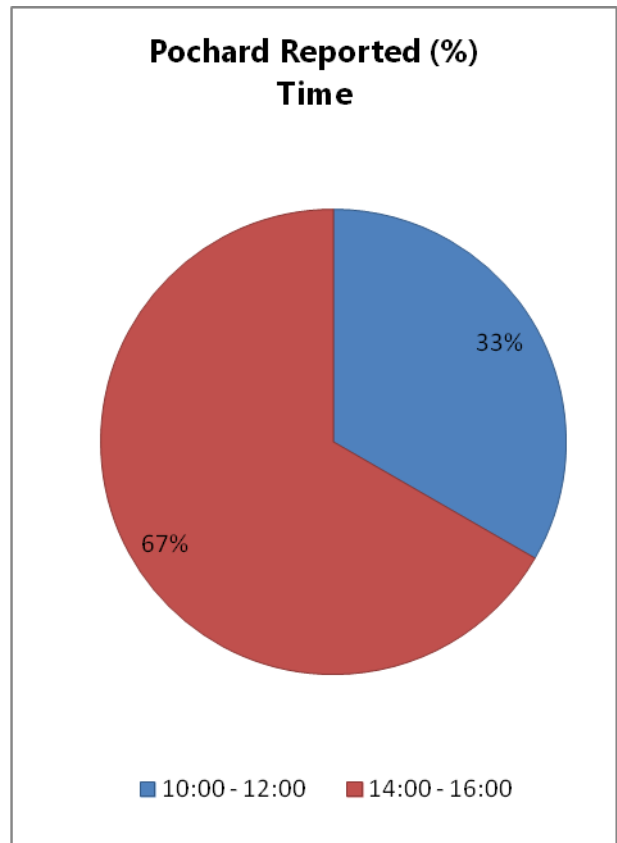
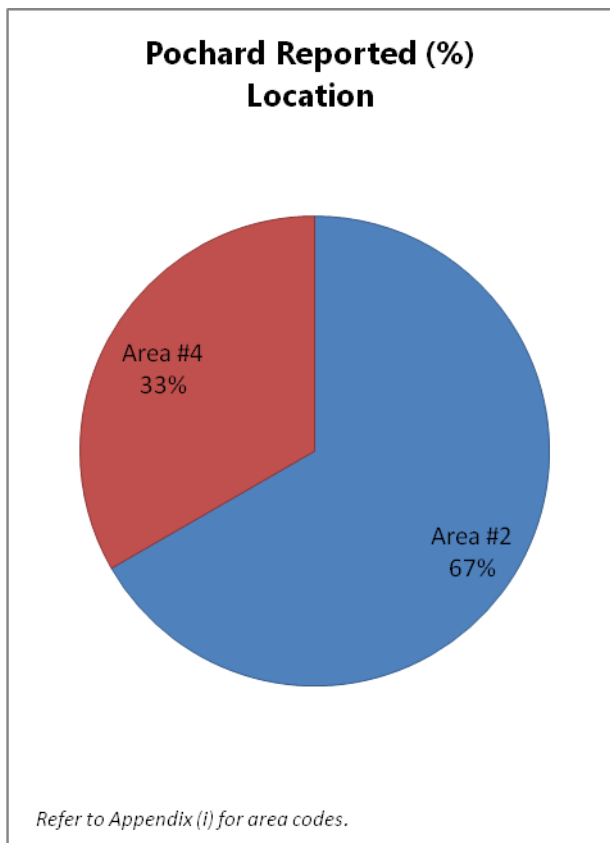
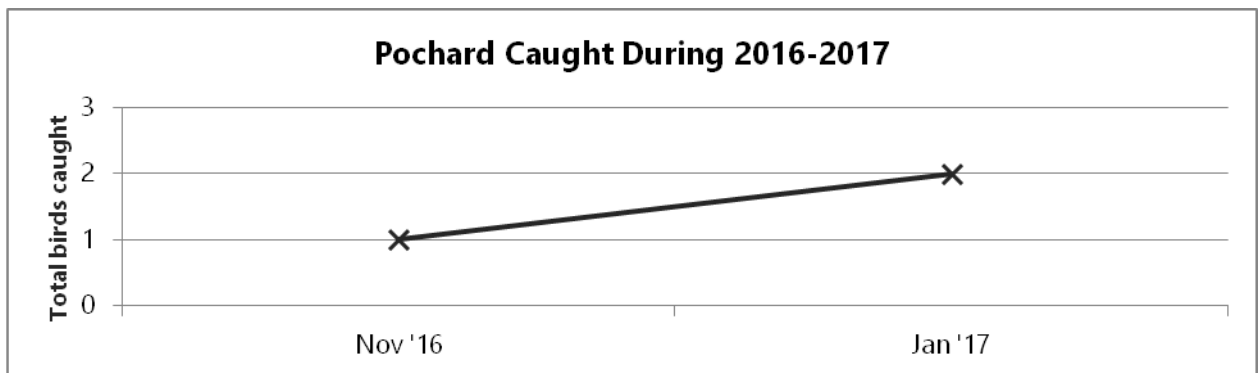
September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	0
December '16	1
January '17	0
Total	1



Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anser fabalis</i>			
Taiga Bean Goose			
Wizza tal-Ful			
		September '16	0
		October '16	0
		November '16	0
		December '16	0
		January '17	0
		Total	0

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Aythya ferina</i>			
Pochard			
Brajmla			

September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	1
December '16	0
January '17	2
Total	3



Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Aythya fuligula</i>			
Tufted Duck			
Brajmla tat-Toppu			
		September '16	0
		October '16	0
		November '16	0
		December '16	0
		January '17	0
		Total	0

Anseriformes - Anatidae

Mergus serrator

Red-breasted Merganser

Serra

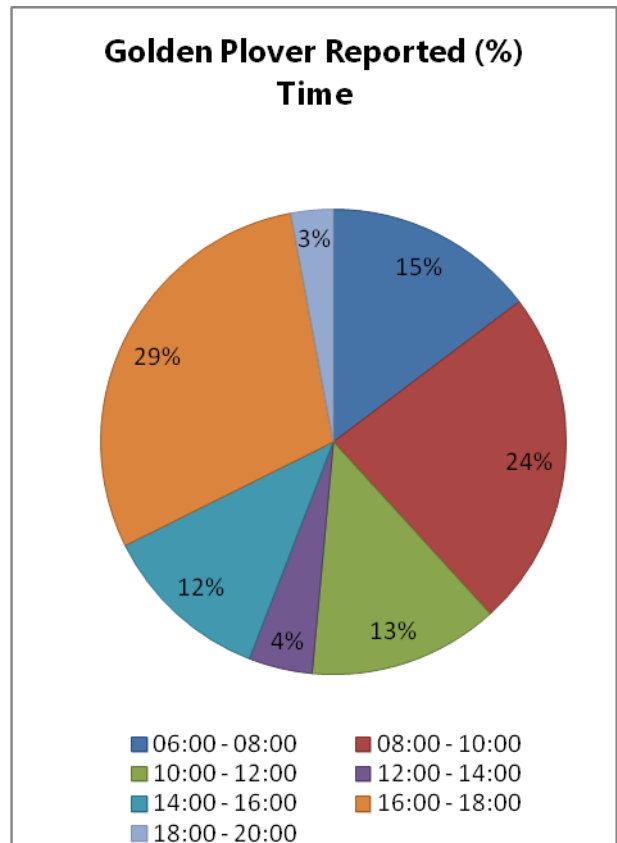
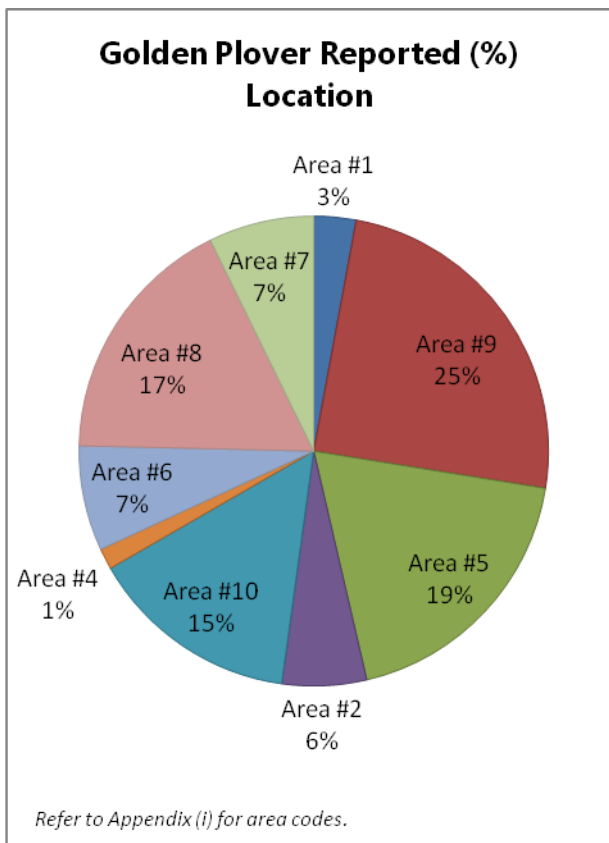
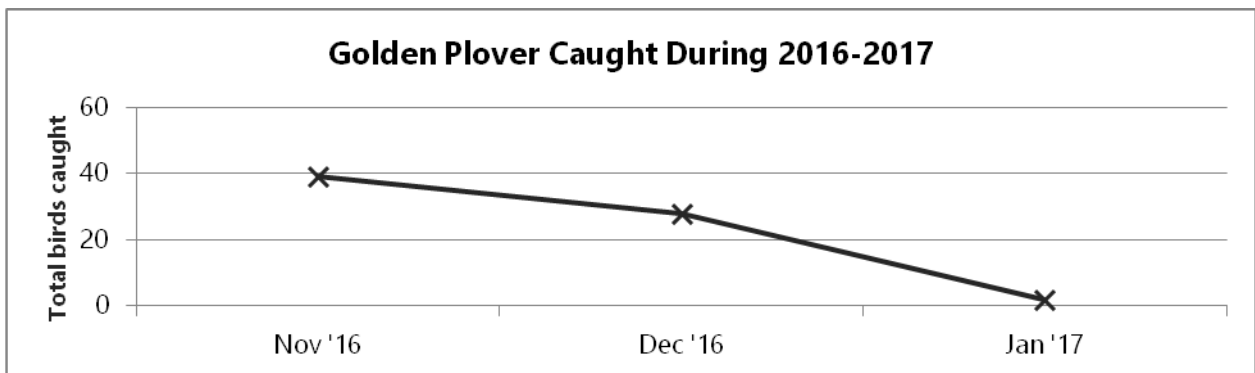
Following decisions taken under the Agreement on the Conservation of African–Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) and at EU level regarding re-classification of the status of Red-Breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*), the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (S.L. 549.42) has been amended by means of Legal Notice 69 of 2016, whereby this species was removed from Schedules IIA and IIB thereof, and was therefore no longer huntable in Malta after 4th March 2016.

Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

September '16	0
October '16	0
November '16	39
December '16	28
January '17	2
Total	69

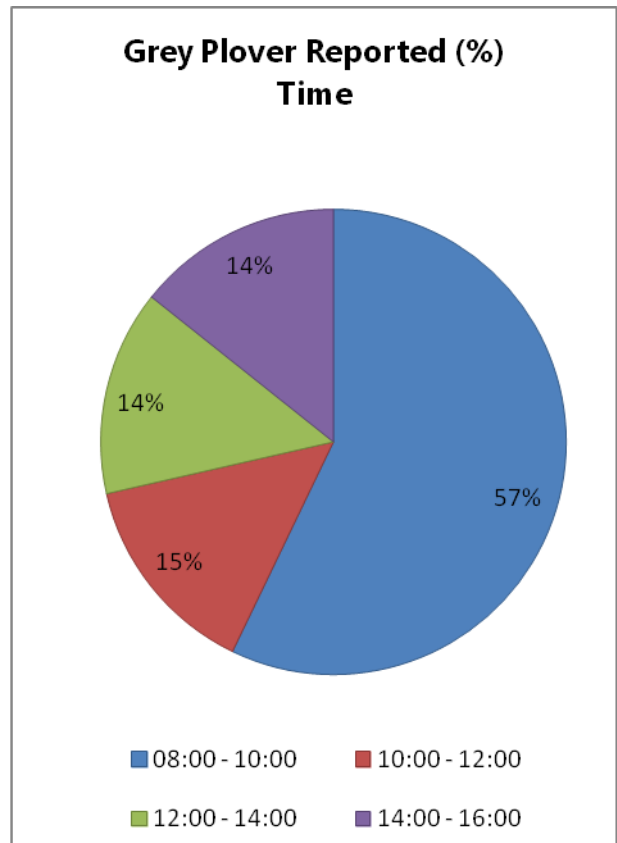
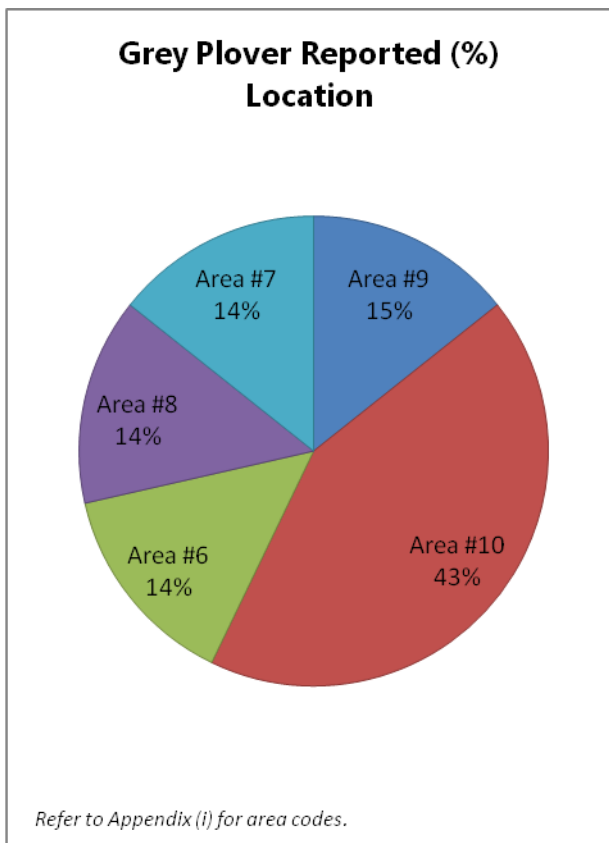
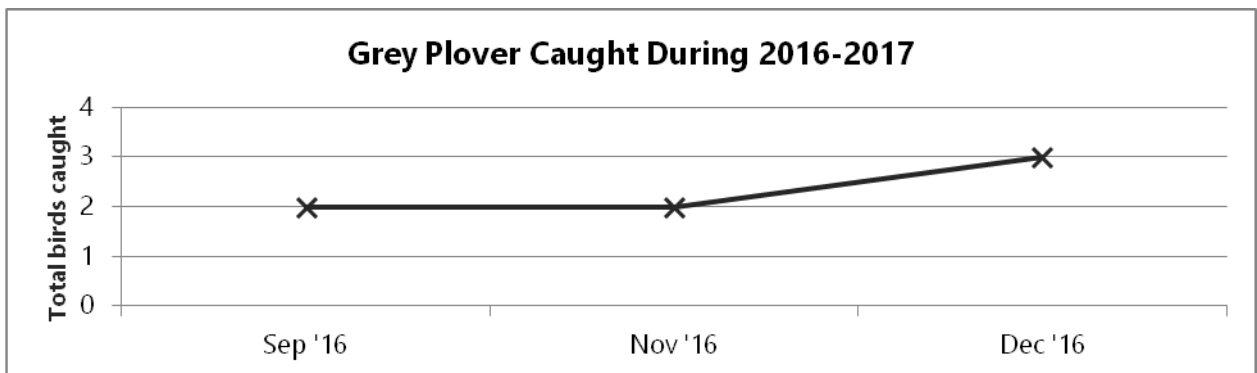


Pluvialis squatarola

Grey Plover

Pluviera Pastarda

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October '16	0
November '16	2
December '16	3
January '17	0
Total	7

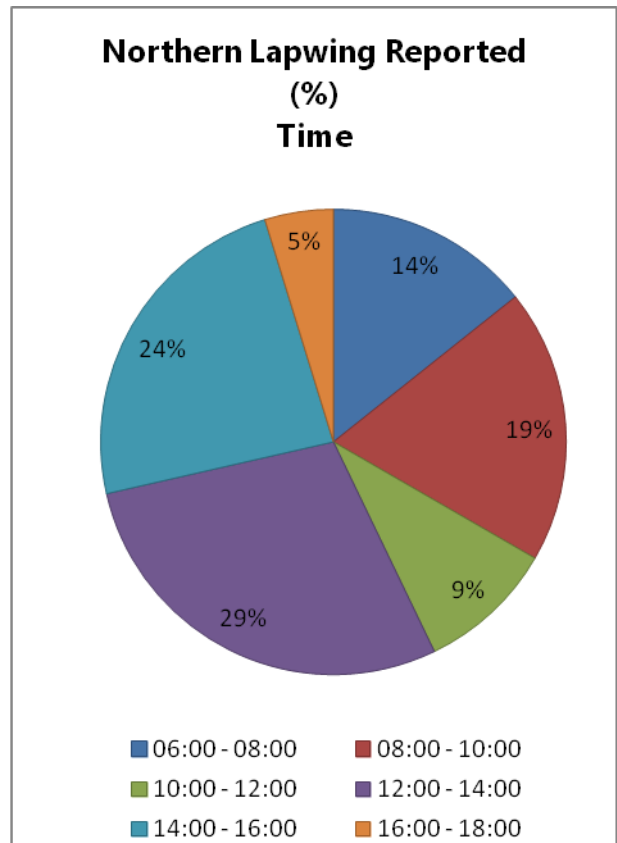
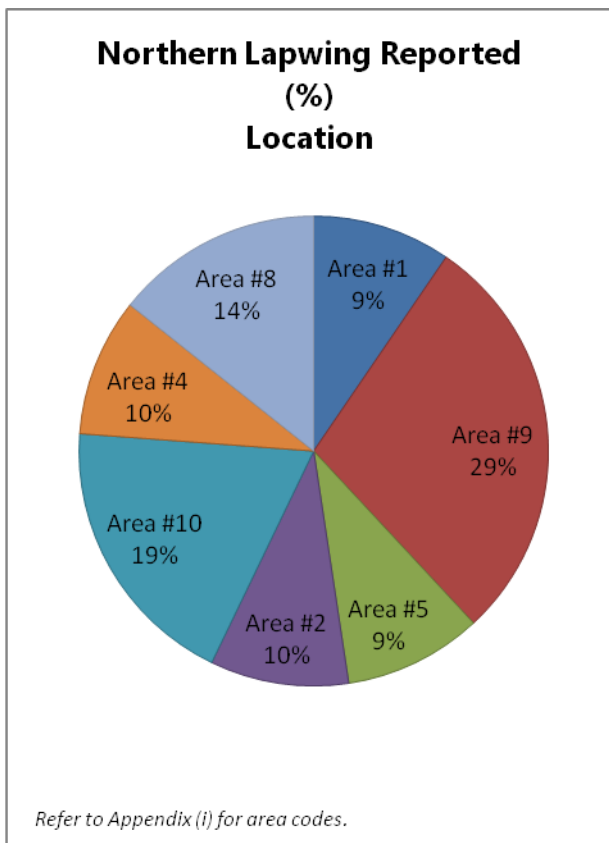
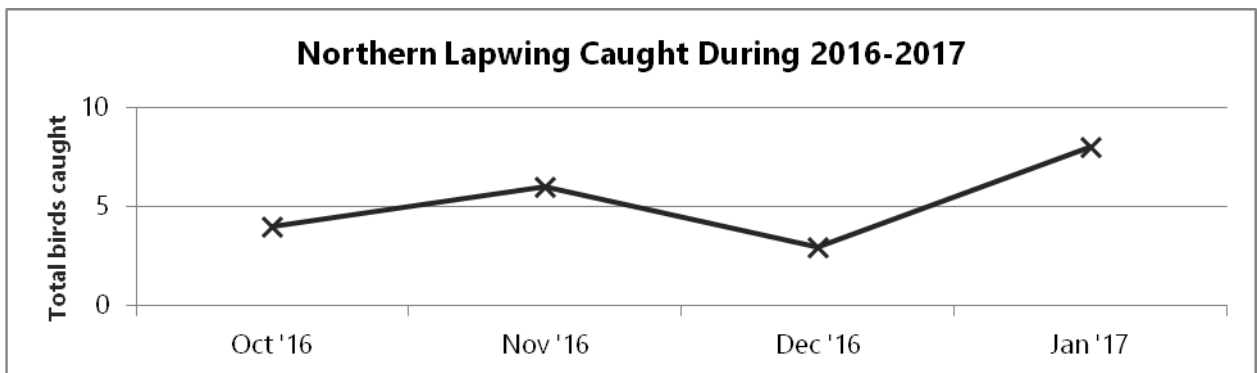


Vanellus vanellus

Northern Lapwing

Venewwa

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October '16	4
November '16	6
December '16	3
January '17	8
Total	21

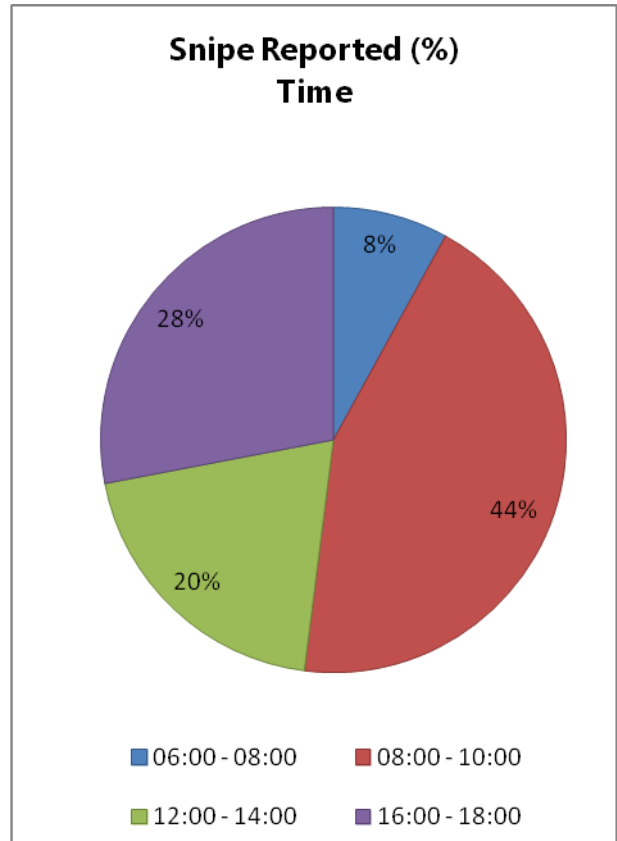
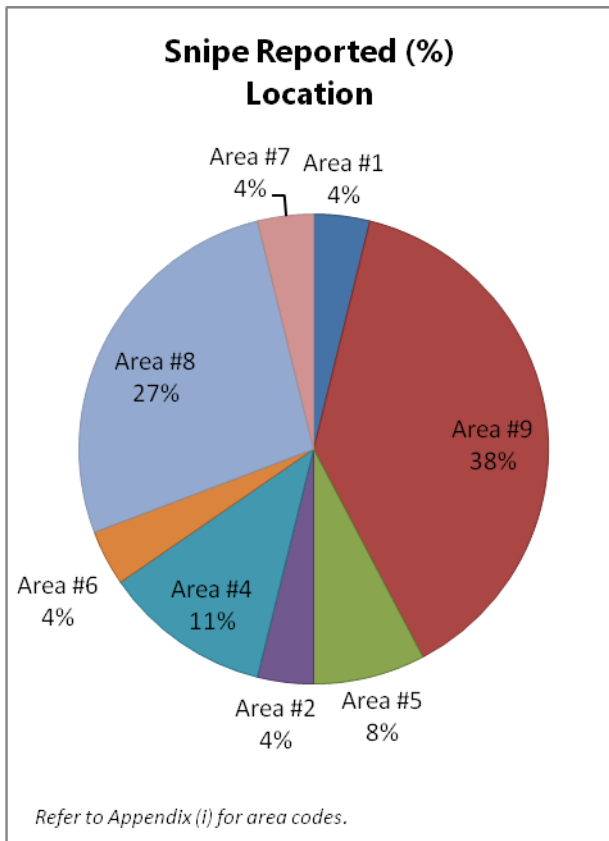
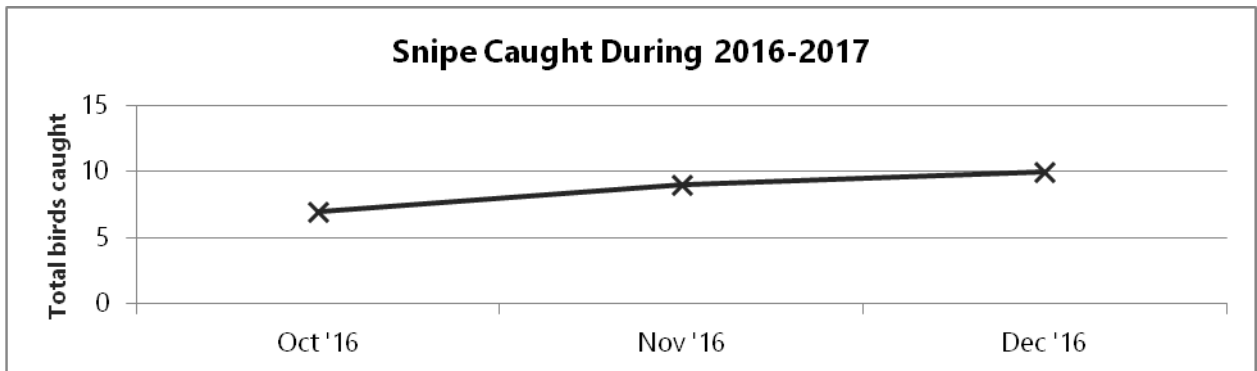


Gallinago gallinago

Snipe

Bekkačč

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October '16	7
November '16	9
December '16	10
January '17	0
Total	26

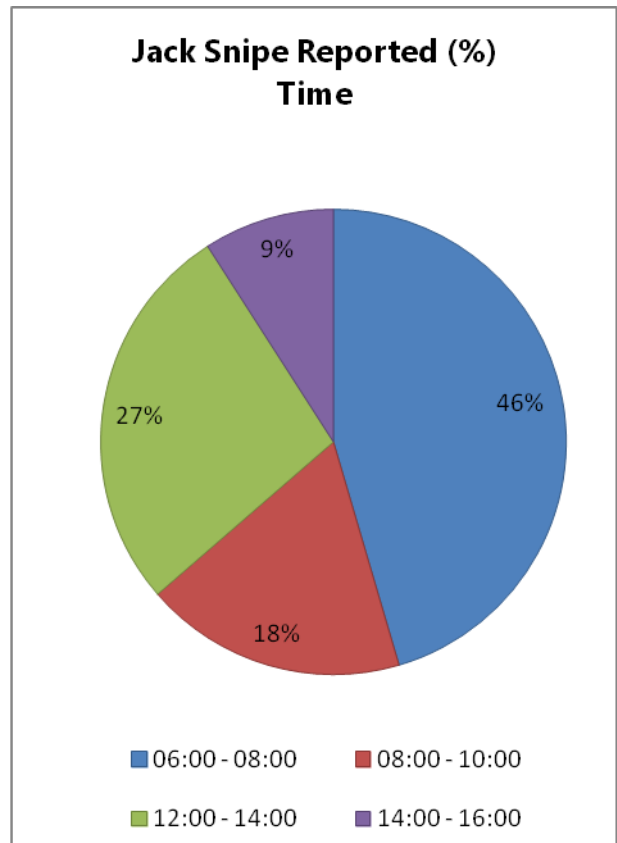
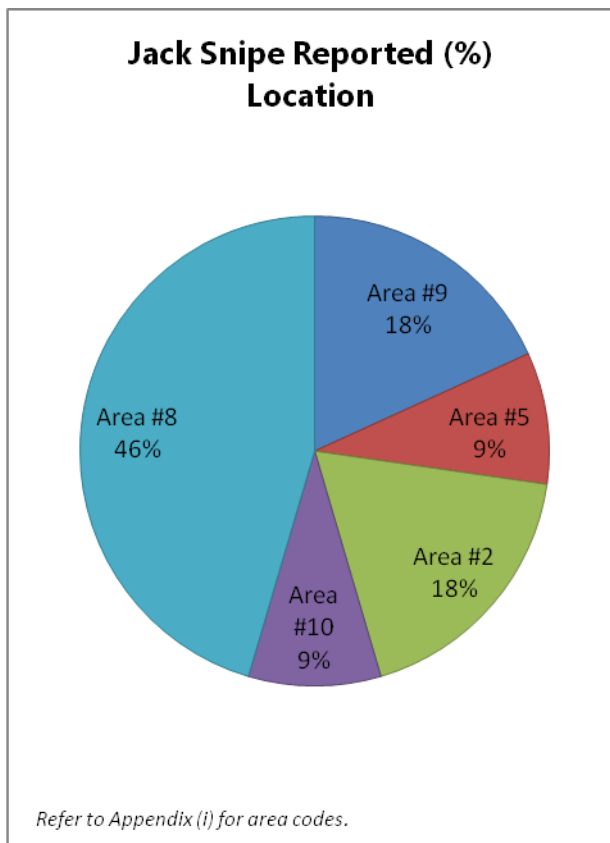
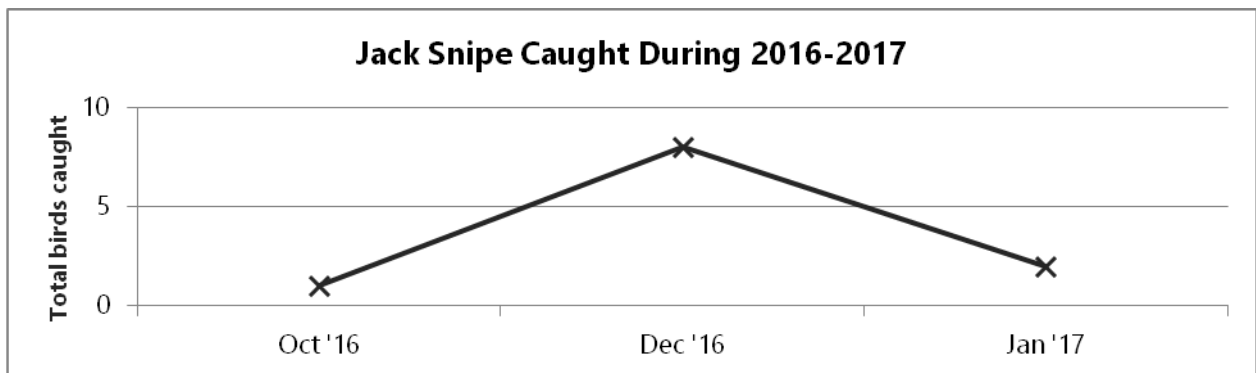


Lymnocyptes minimus

Jack Snipe

Činkonja

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October '16	1
November '16	0
December '16	8
January '17	2
Total	11

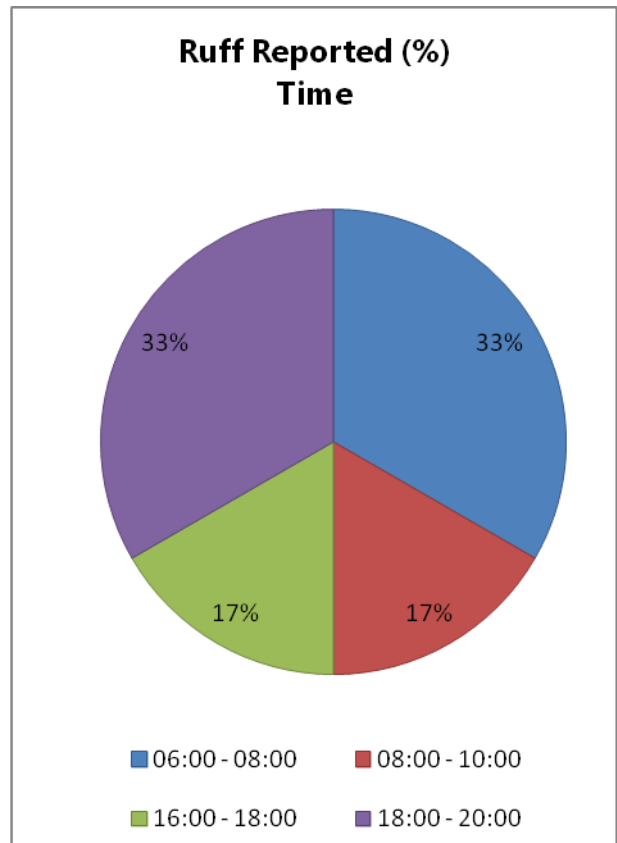
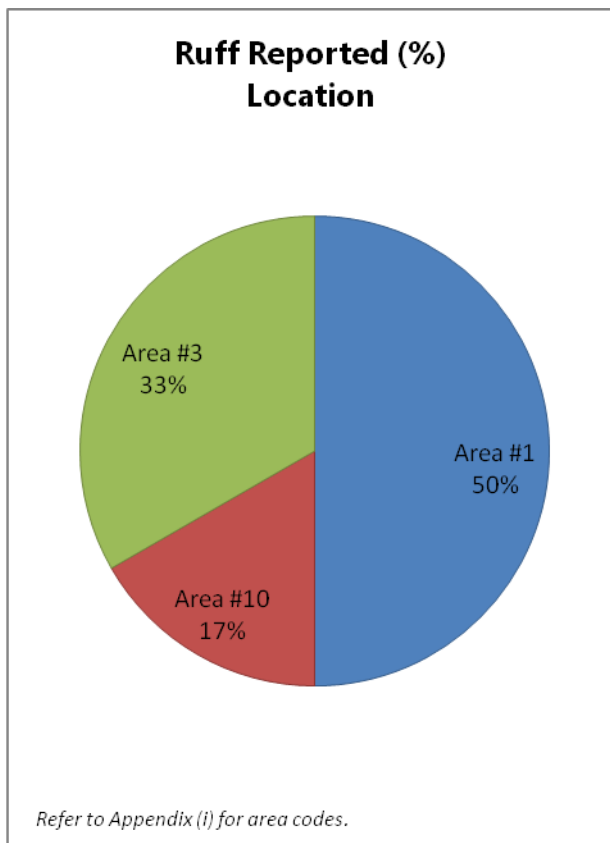
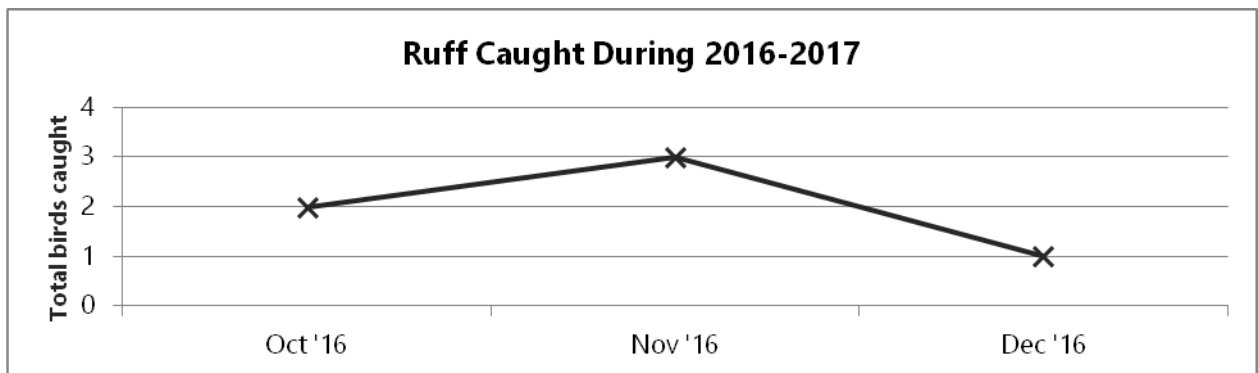


Philomachus pugnax

Ruff

Girviel

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October '16	2
November '16	3
December '16	1
January '17	0
Total	6

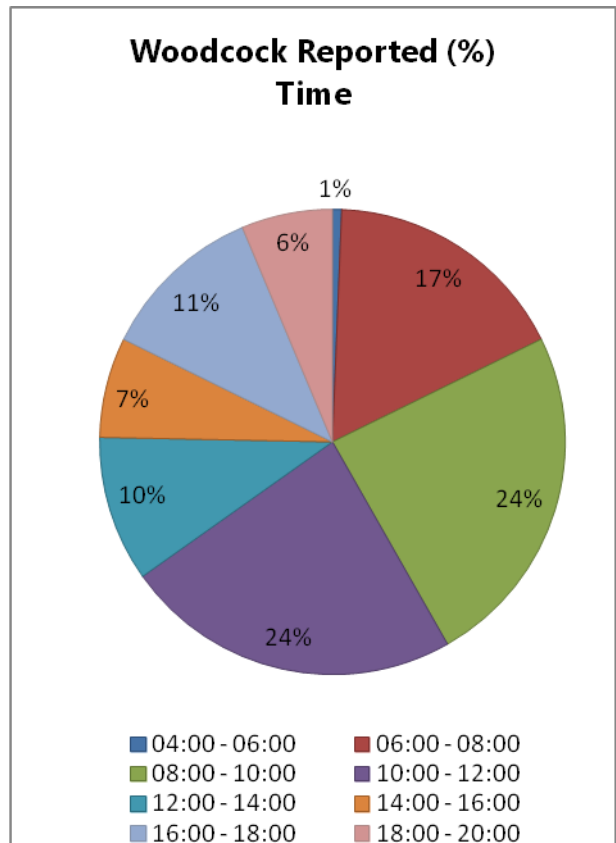
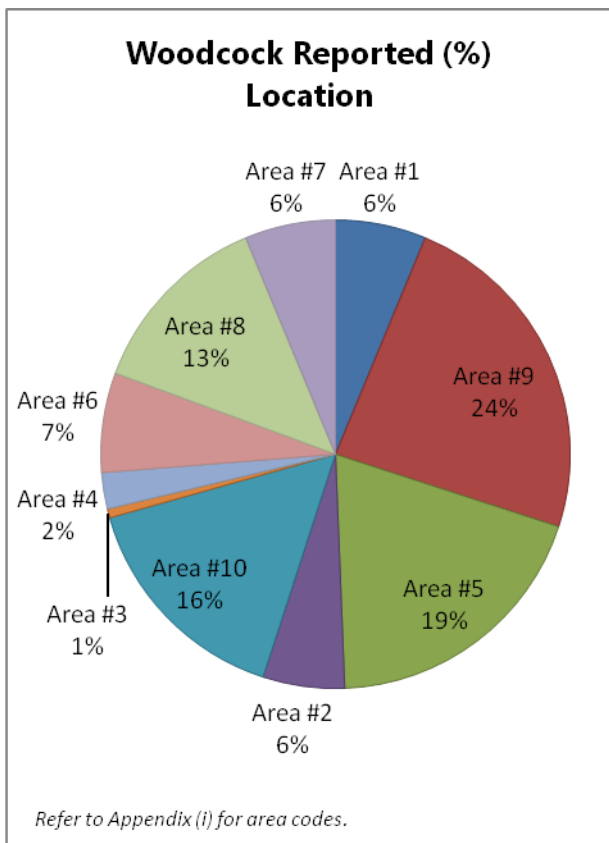
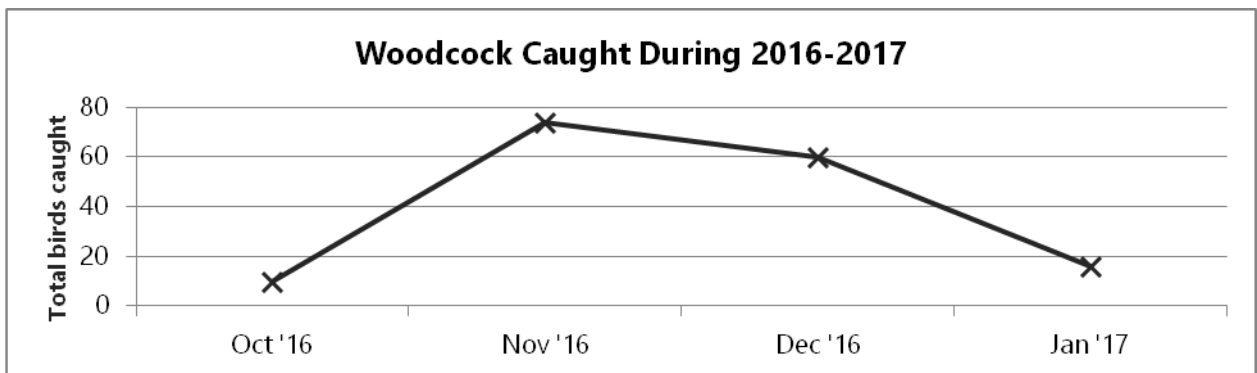


Scolopax rusticola

Woodcock

Gallina

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October '16	10
November '16	74
December '16	60
January '17	16
Total	160

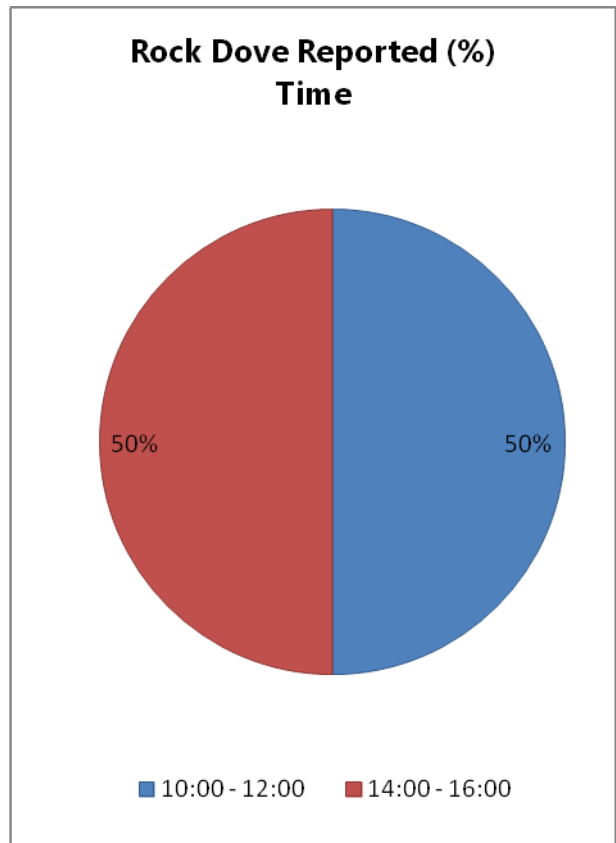
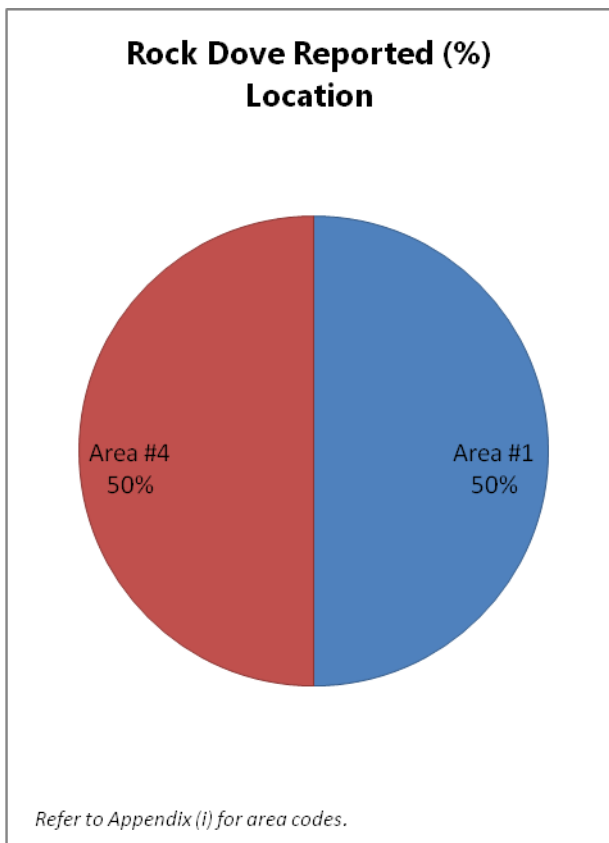
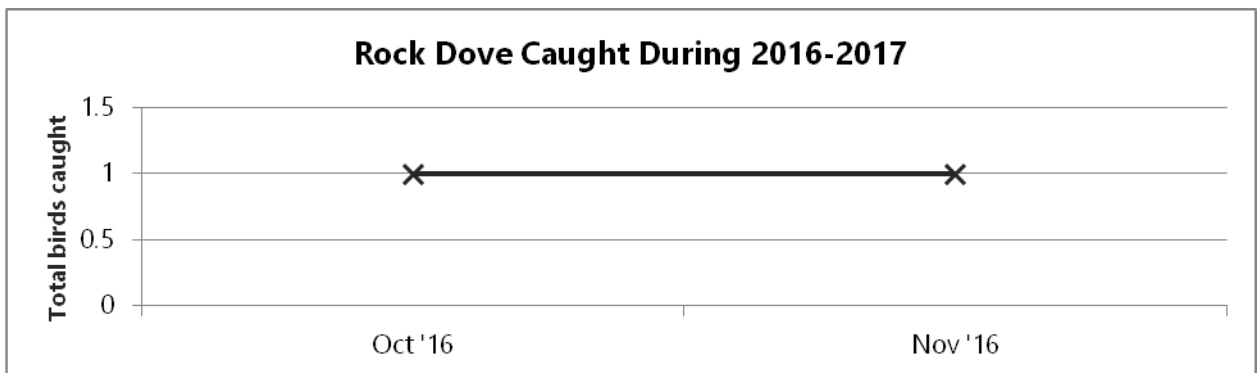


Columba livia

Rock Dove

Tudun Tal-Gebel

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October '16	1
November '16	1
December '16	0
January '17	0
Total	2

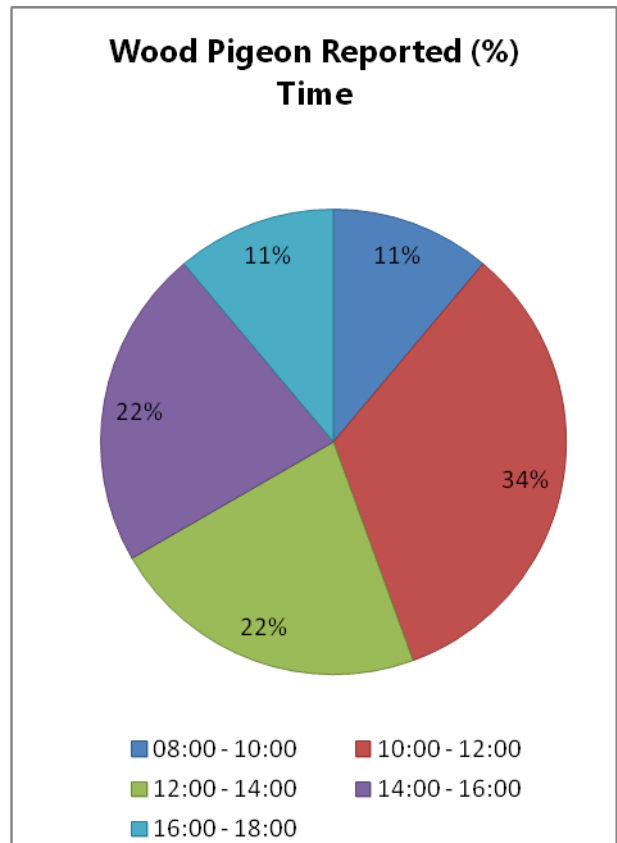
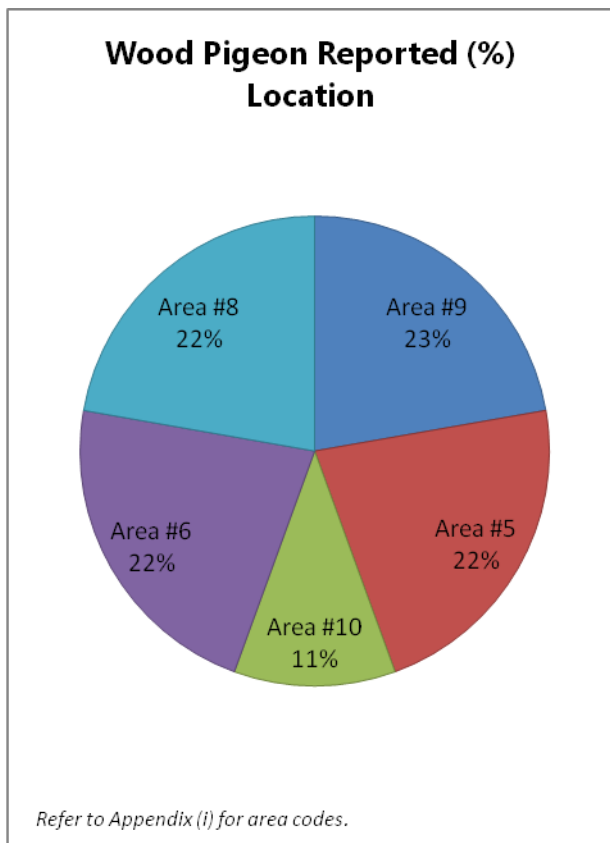
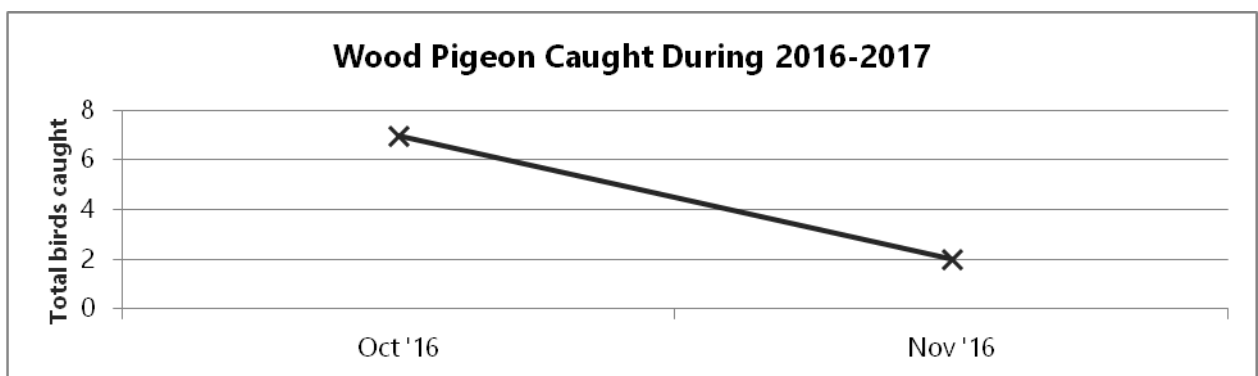


Columba palumbus

Wood Pigeon

Tudun

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October '16	7
November '16	2
December '16	0
January '17	0
Total	9

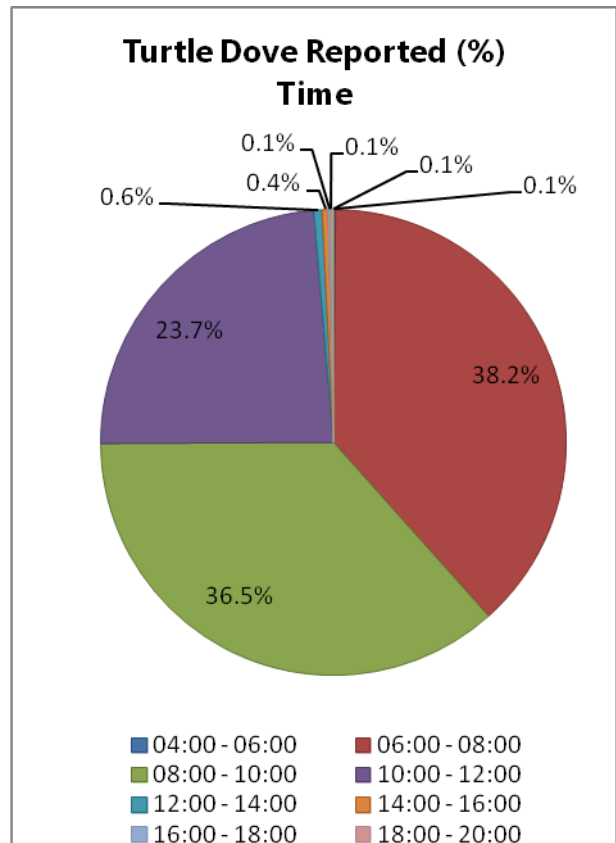
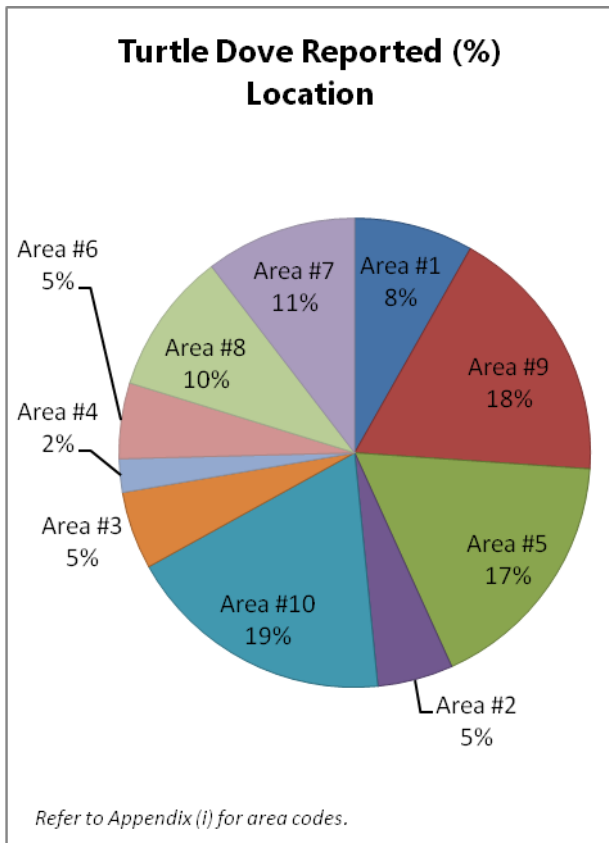
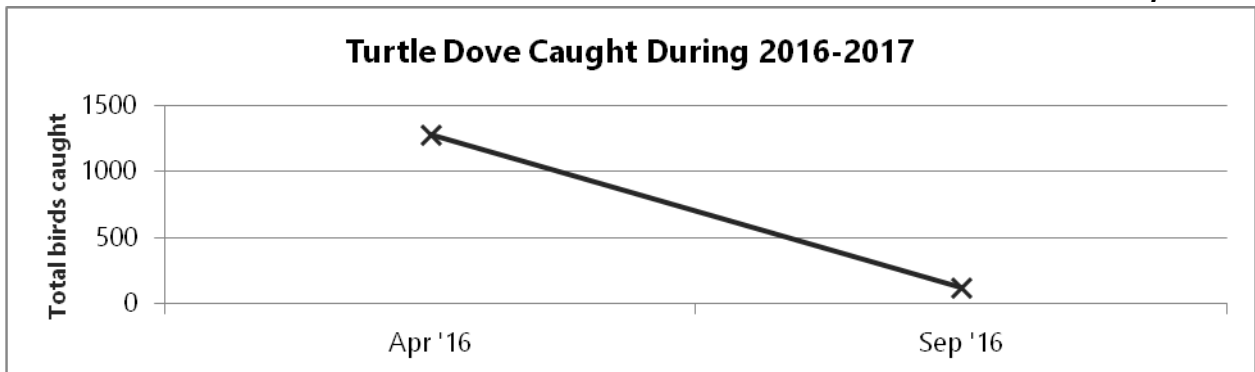


Streptopelia turtur

Turtle Dove

Gamiema

April '16	1,283
September '16	123
October '16	0
November '16	0
December '16	0
January '17	0
Total	1,406



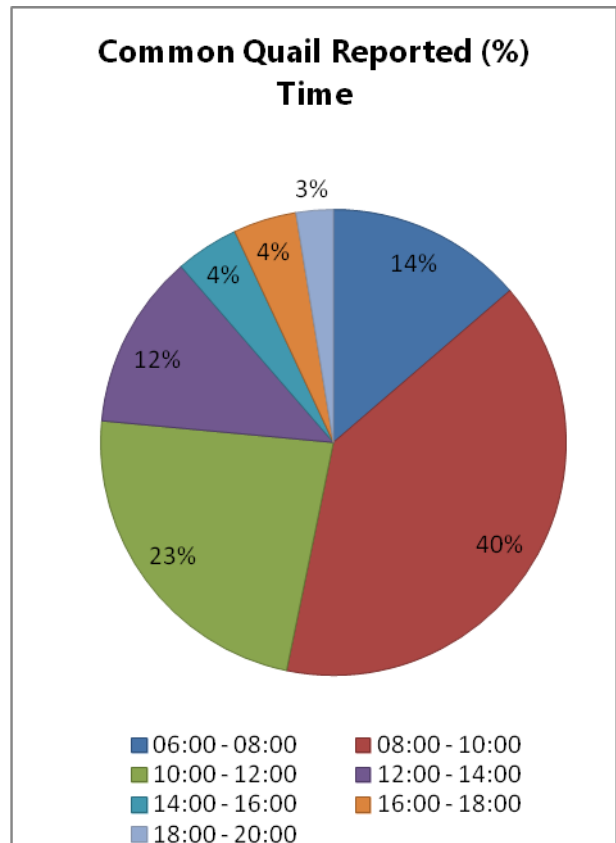
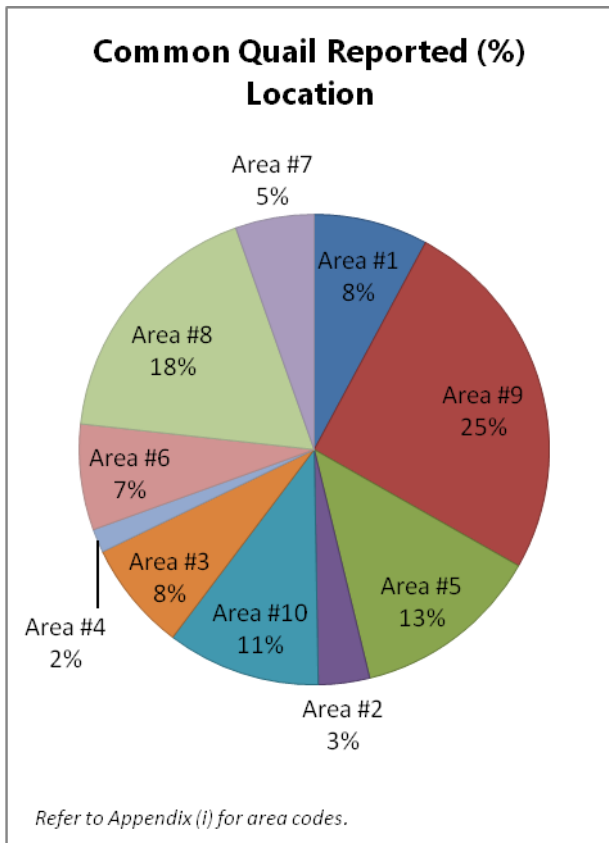
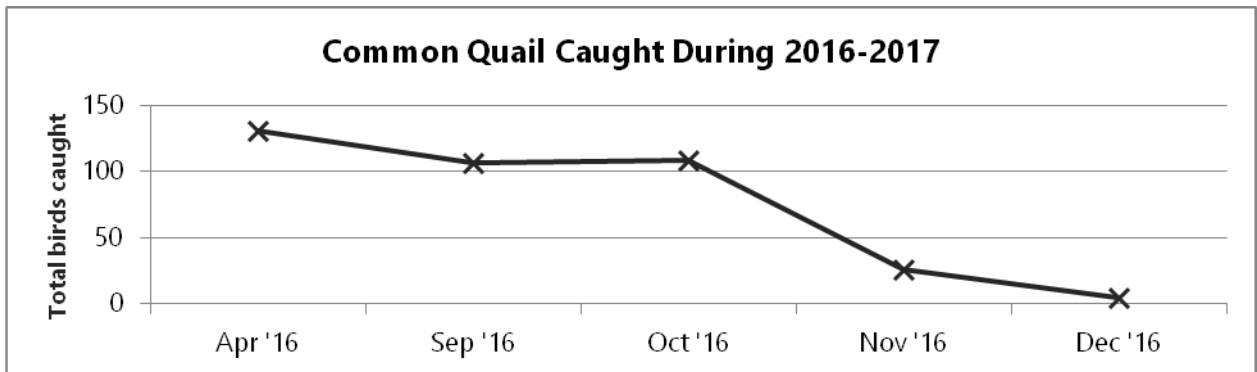
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Coturnix coturnix

Common Quail

Summiena

April '16	131
September '16	107
October '16	109
November '16	26
December '16	5
January '17	0
Total	378



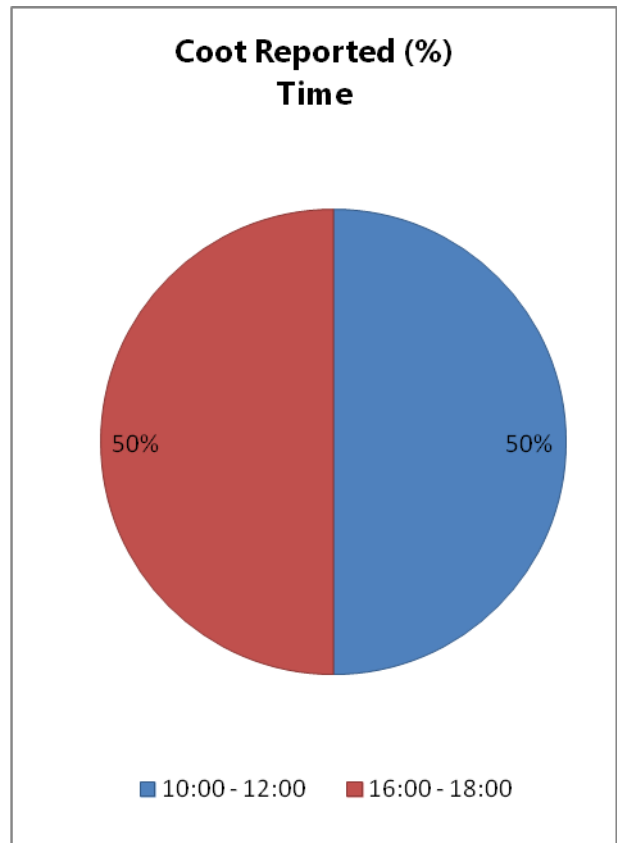
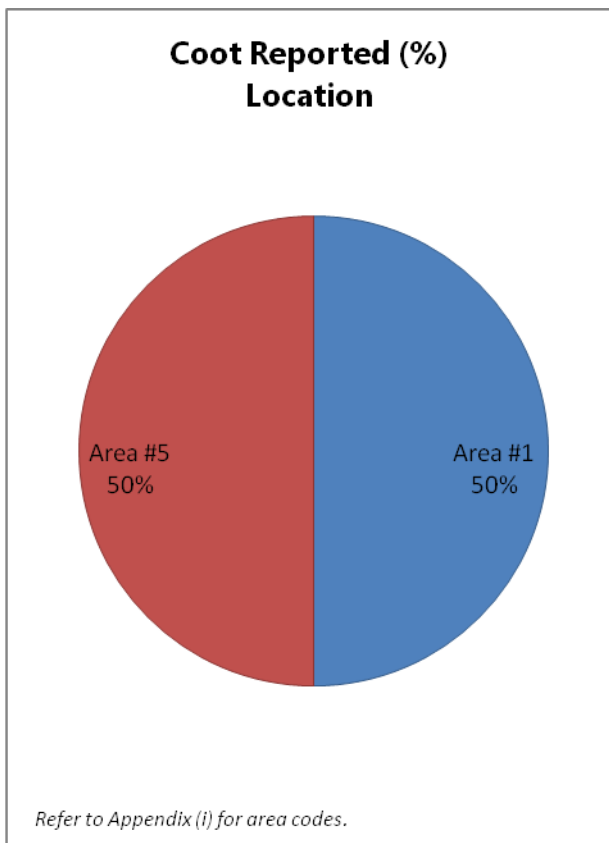
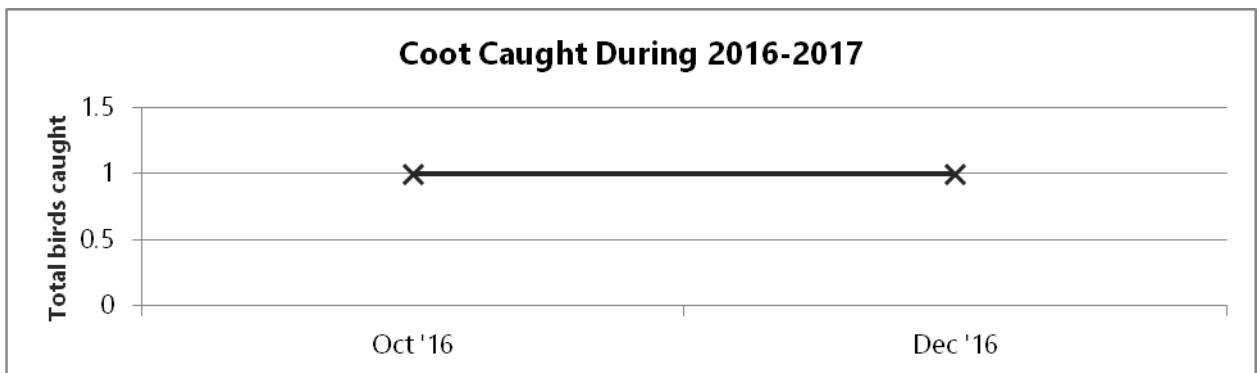
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Fulica atra

Coot

Tigieġa tal-Baħar

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October '16	1
November '16	0
December '16	1
January '17	0
Total	2

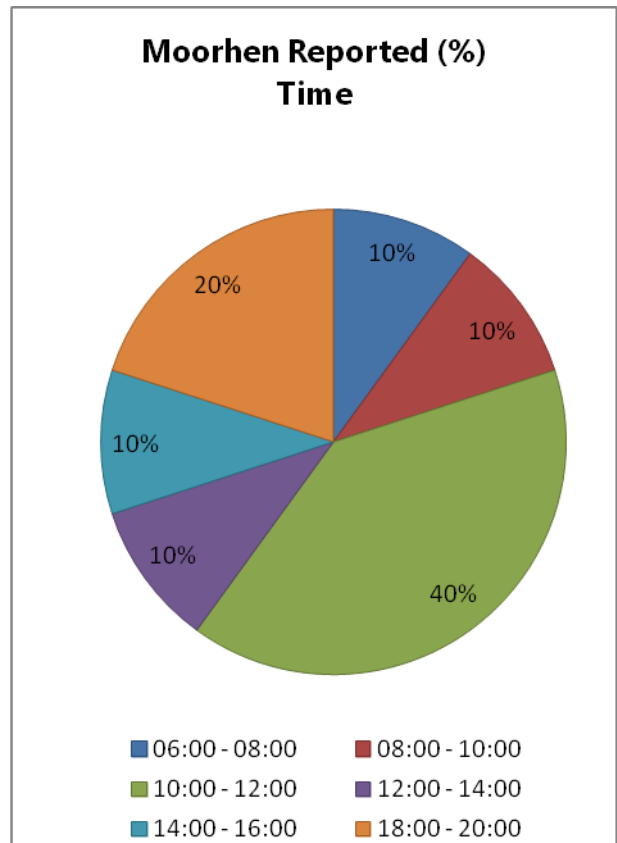
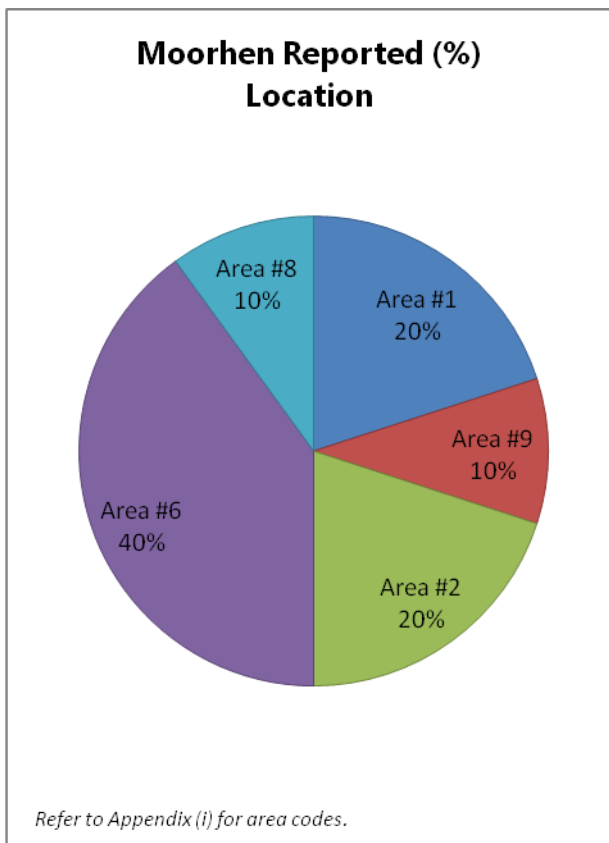
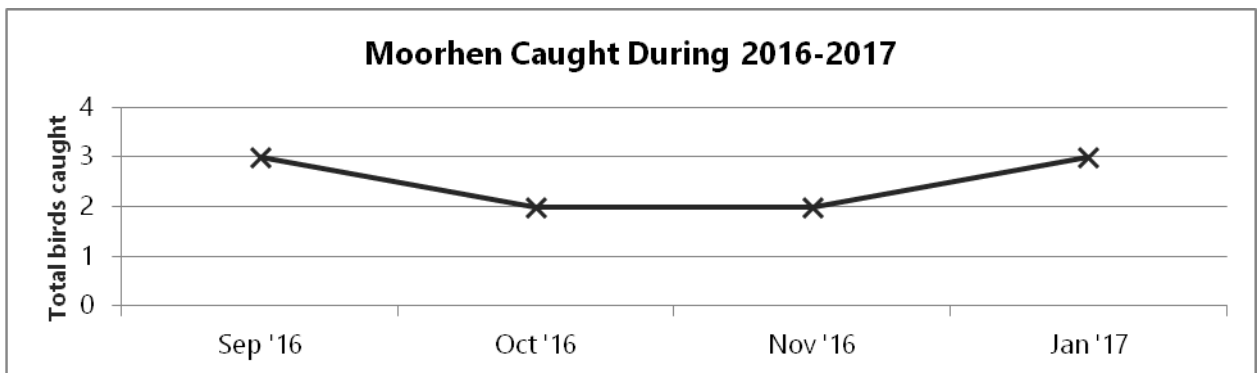


Gallinula chloropus

Moorhen

Gallozz Iswed

September '16	3
October '16	2
November '16	2
December '16	0
January '17	3
Total	10

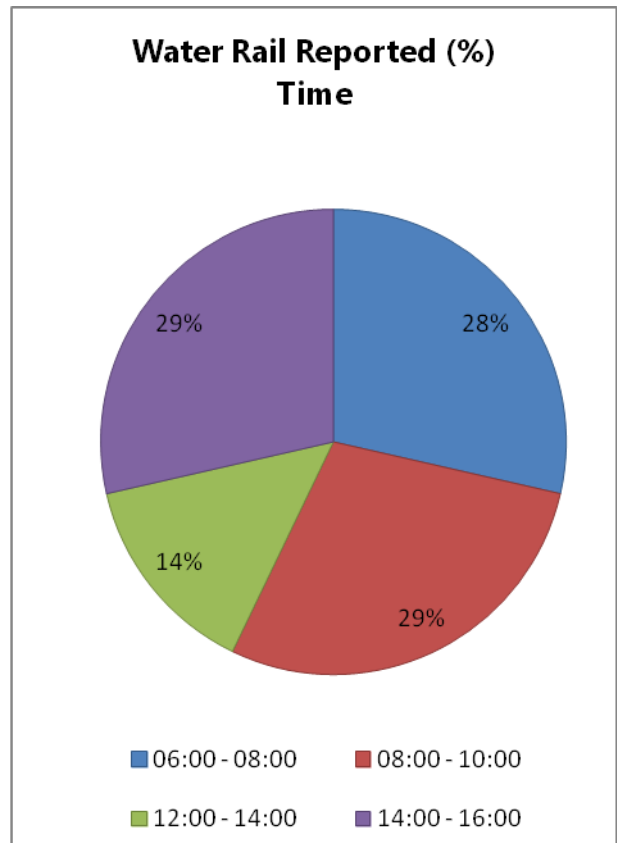
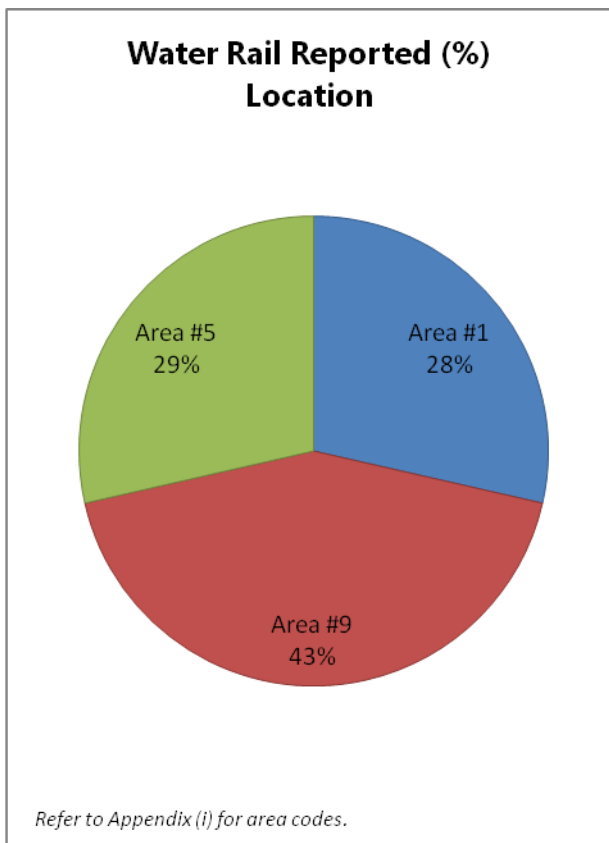
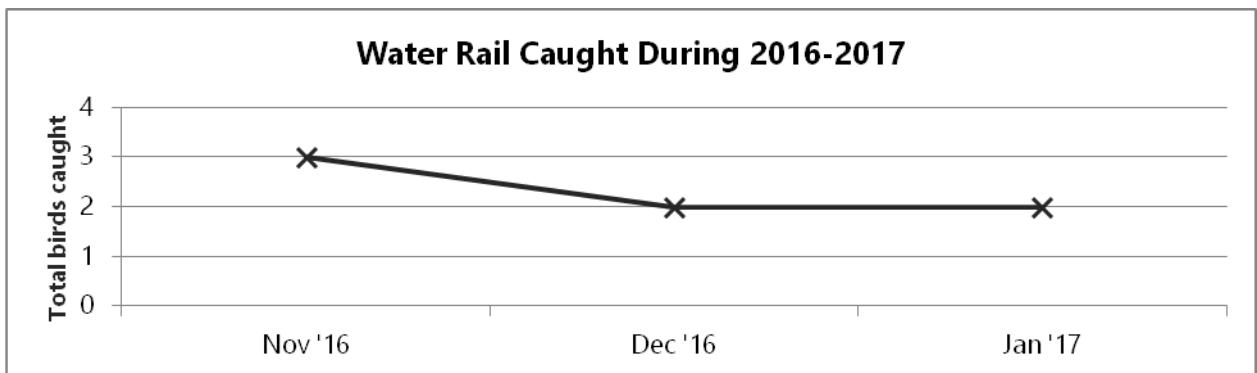


Rallus aquaticus

Water Rail

Gallozz tax-Xitwa

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December '16	2
January '17	2
Total	7

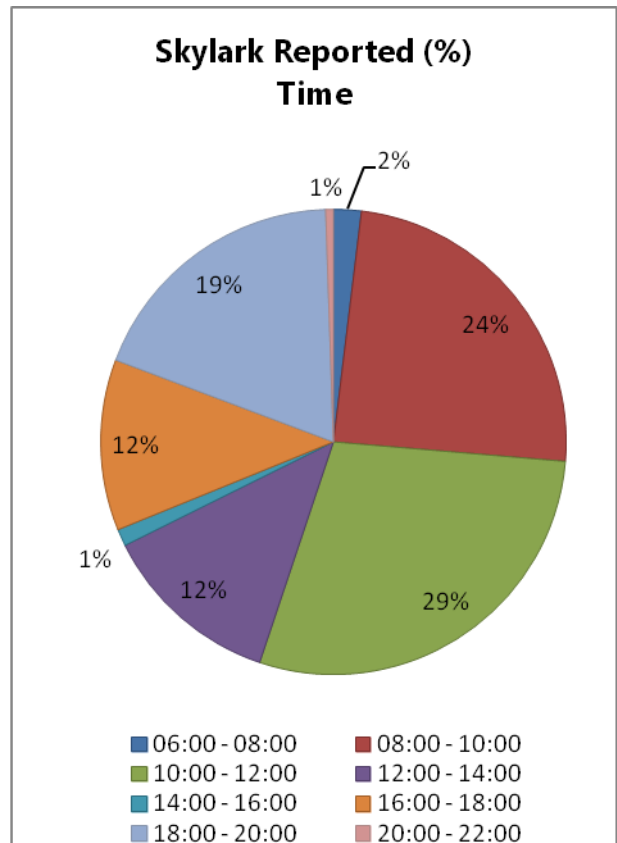
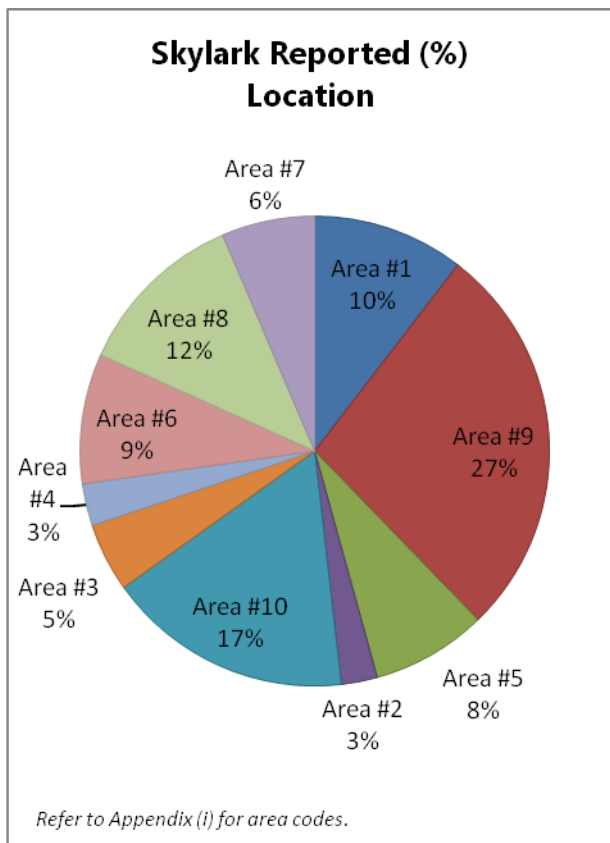
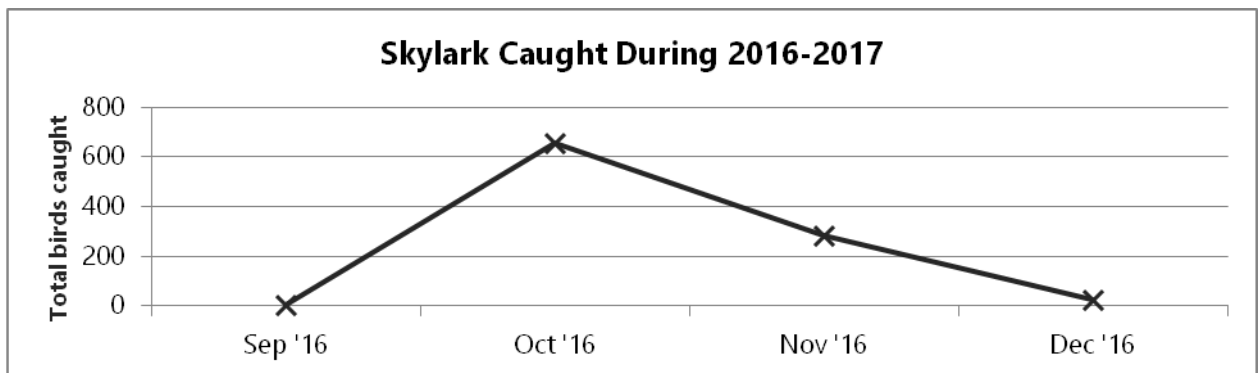


Alauda arvensis

Skylark

Alwetta

September '16	6
October '16	655
November '16	283
December '16	25
January '17	0
Total	969

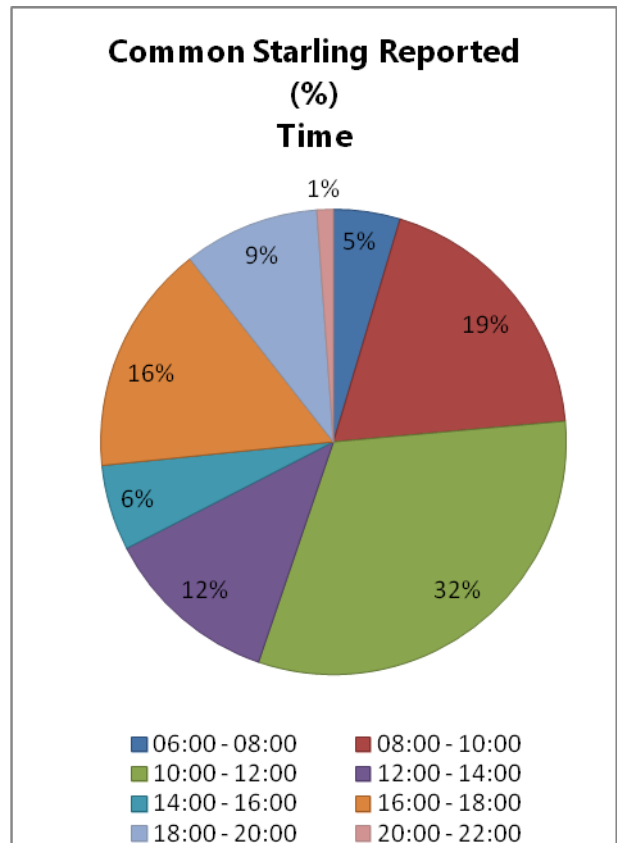
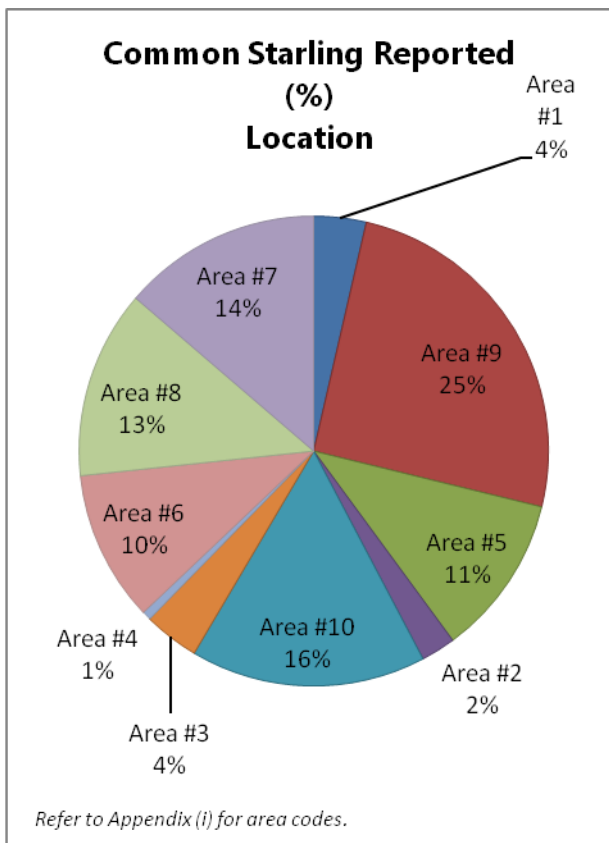
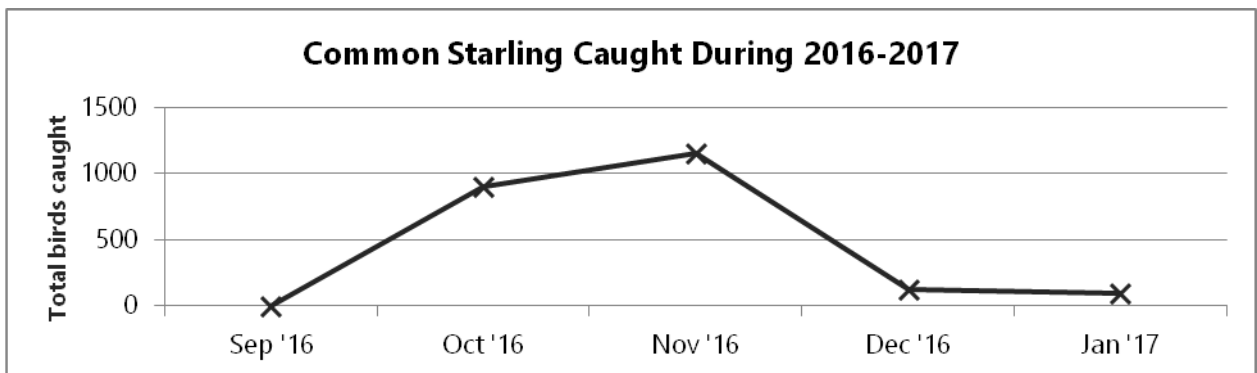


Sturnus vulgaris

Common Starling

Sturnell

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October '16	901
November '16	1,157
December '16	126
January '17	92
Total	2,279

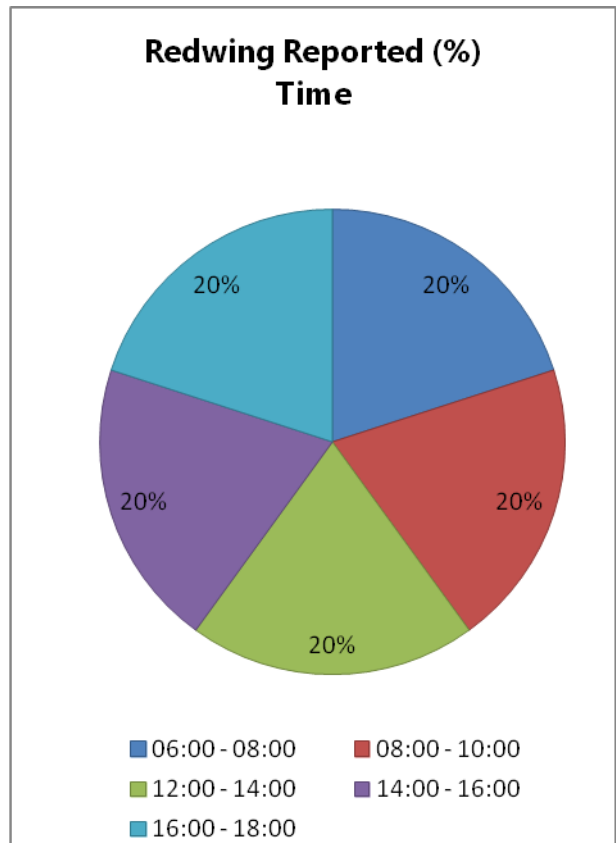
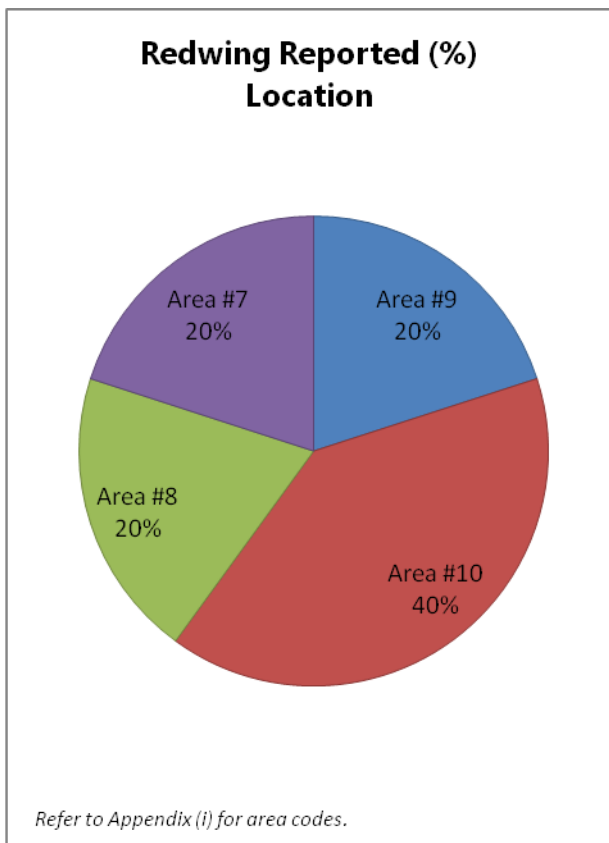
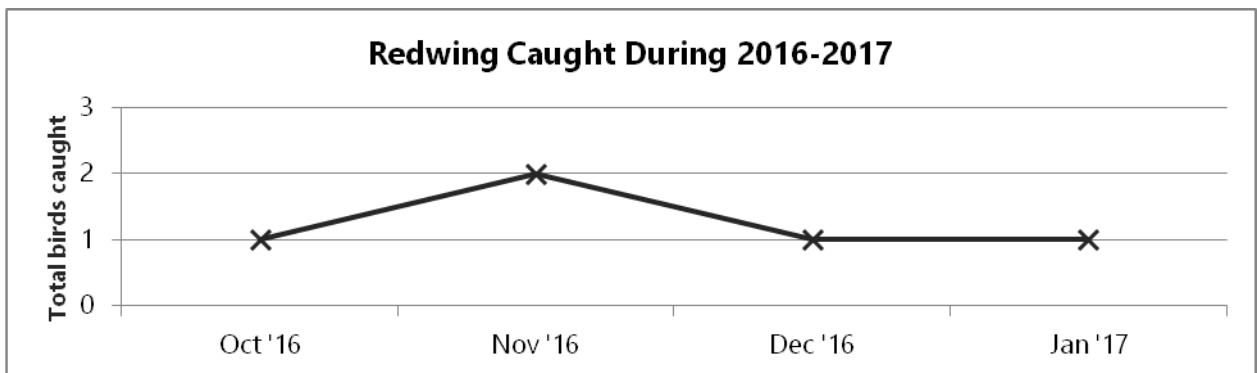


Turdus iliacus

Redwing

Malvizz Aħmar

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October '16	1
November '16	2
December '16	1
January '17	1
Total	5

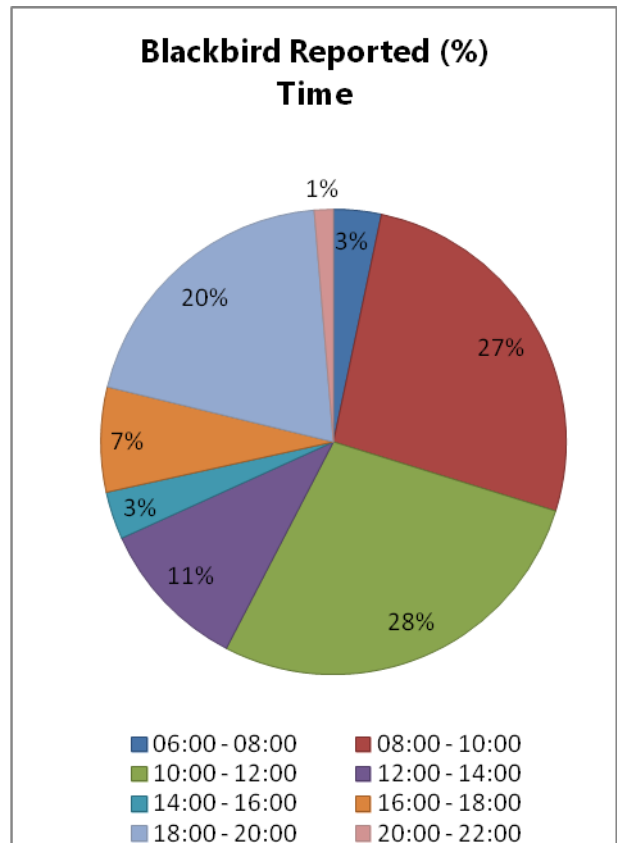
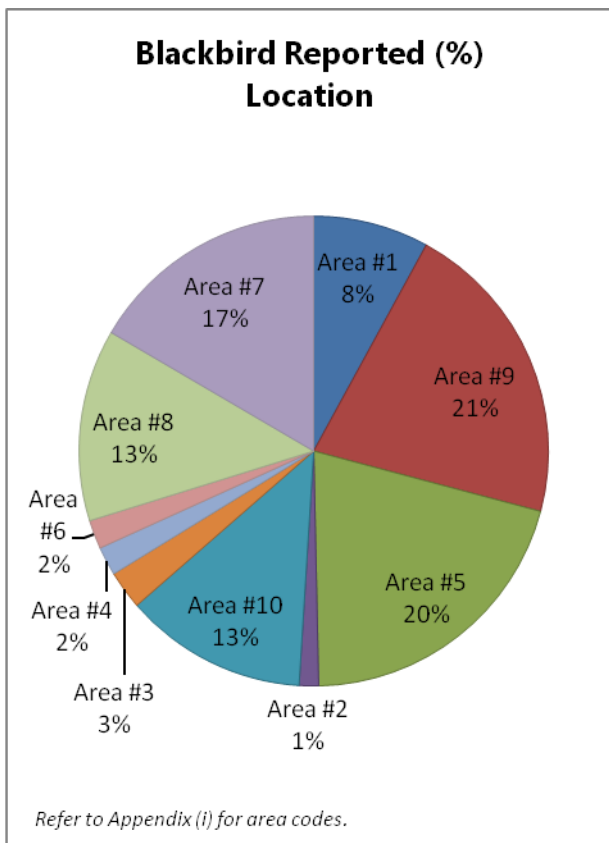
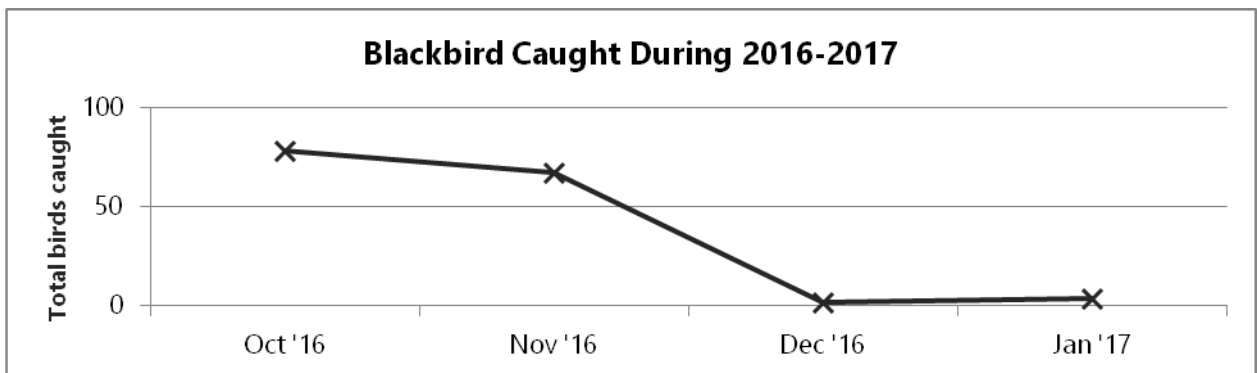


Turdus merula

Blackbird

Malvizz Iswed

September '16	0
October '16	78
November '16	67
December '16	2
January '17	4
Total	151

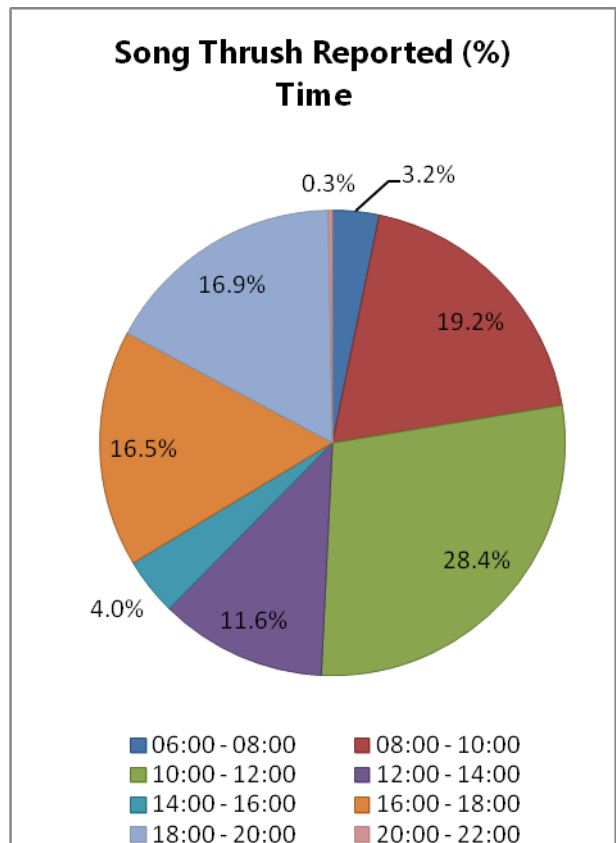
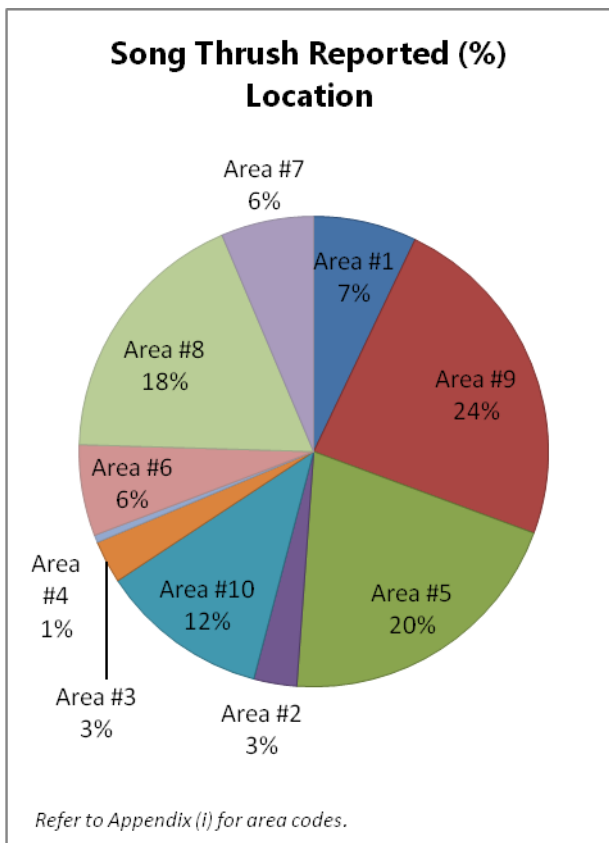
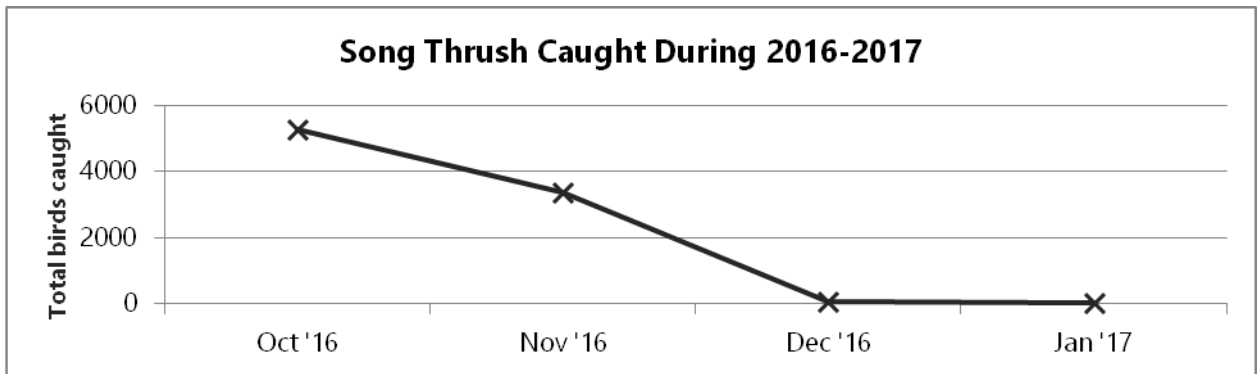


Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

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November '16	3,368
December '16	67
January '17	23
Total	8,735

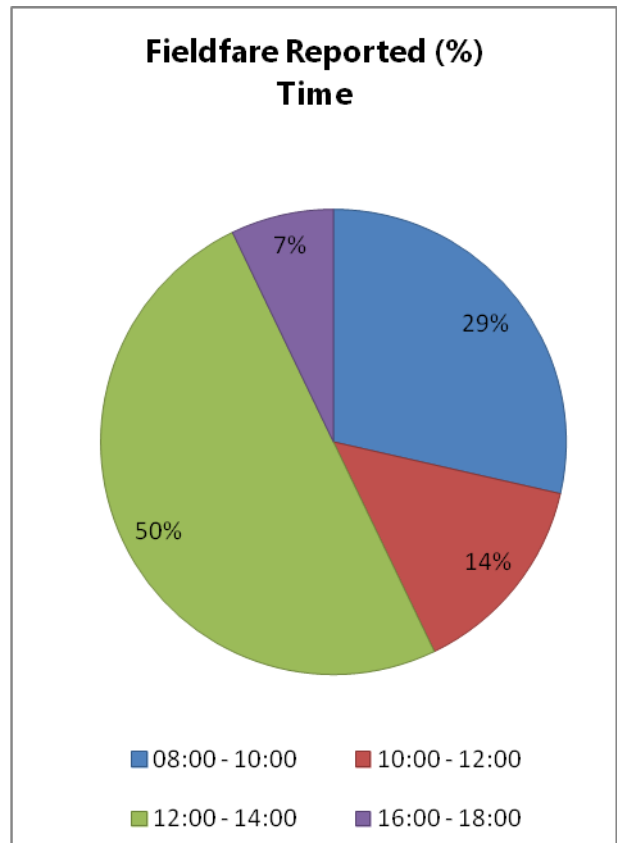
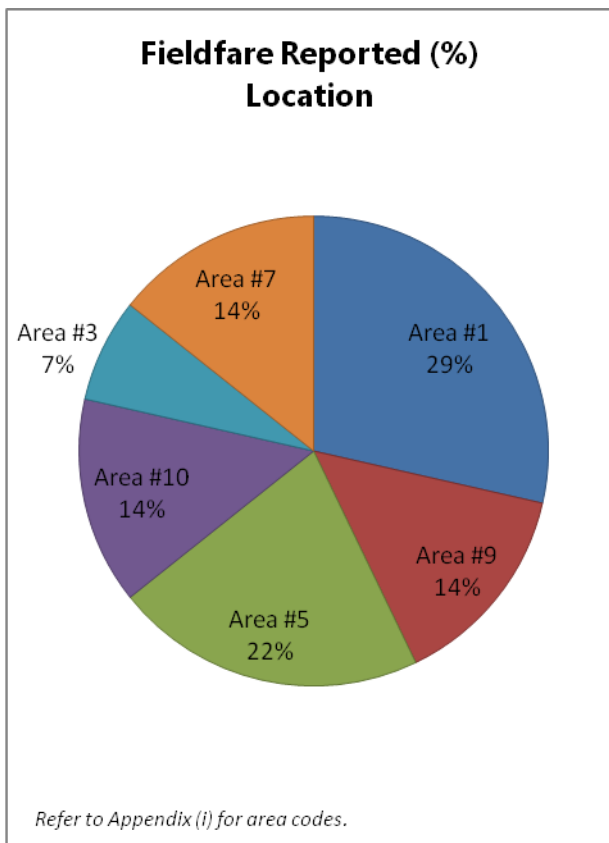
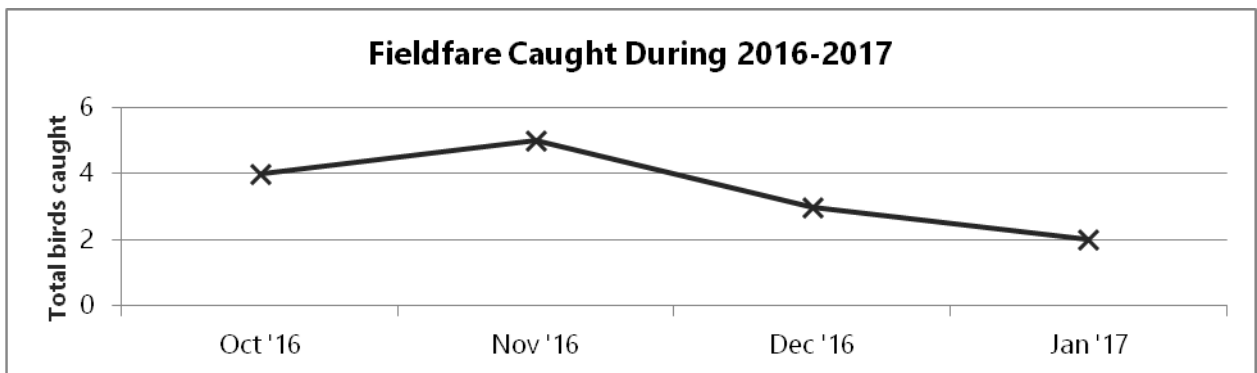


Turdus pilaris

Fieldfare

Malvizz tal-Qtajja'

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October '16	4
November '16	5
December '16	3
January '17	2
Total	14

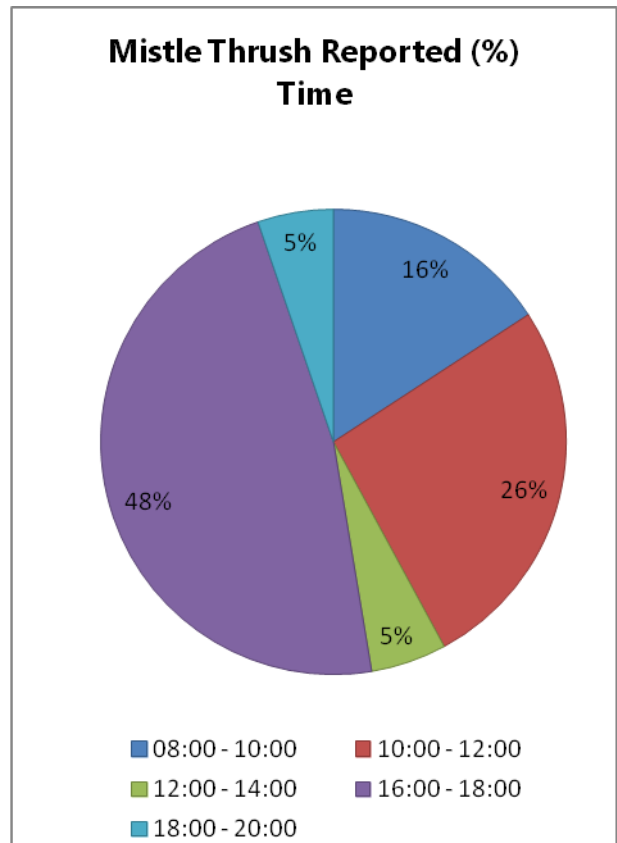
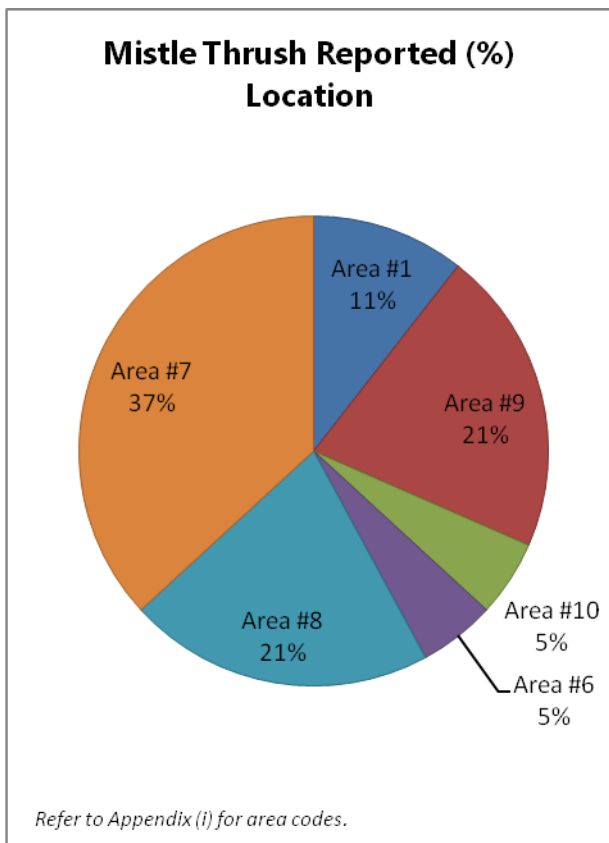
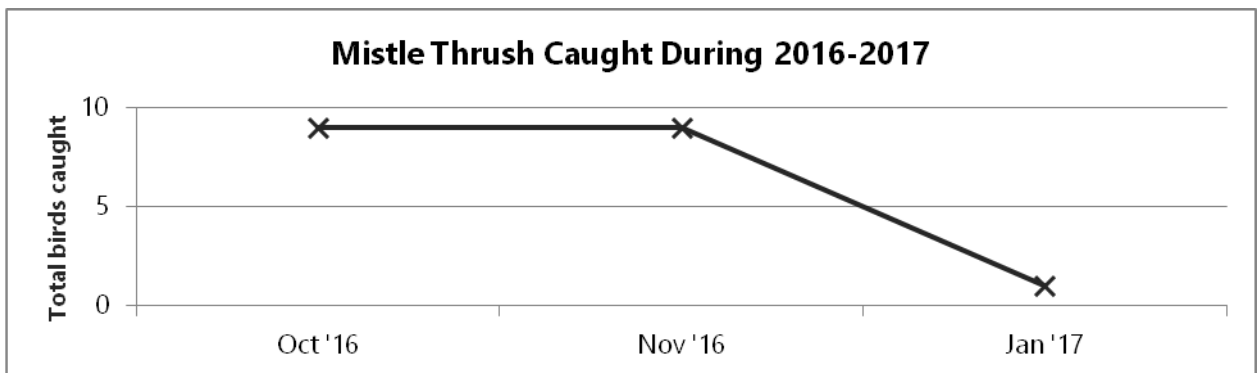


Turdus viscivorus

Mistle Thrush

Malvizzun Prim

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November '16	9
December '16	0
January '17	1
Total	19



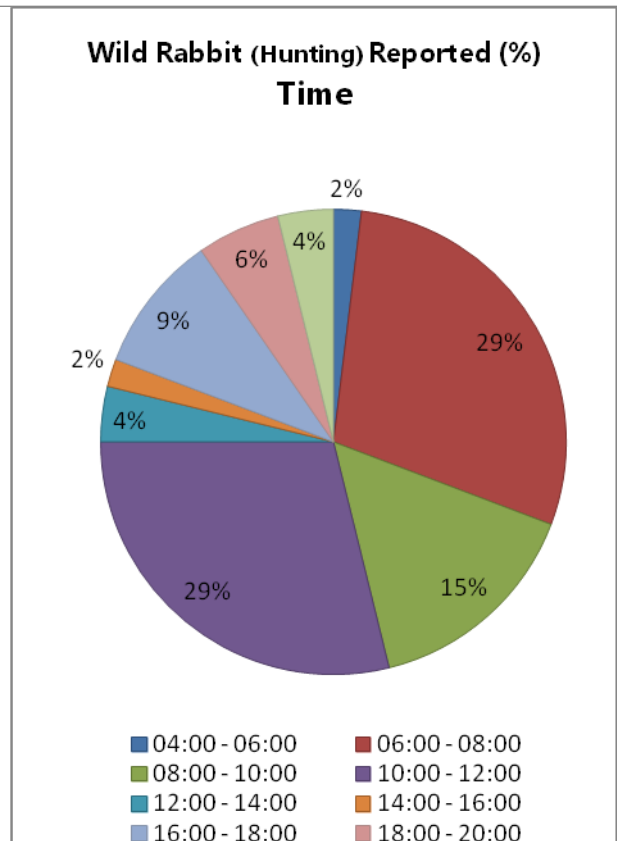
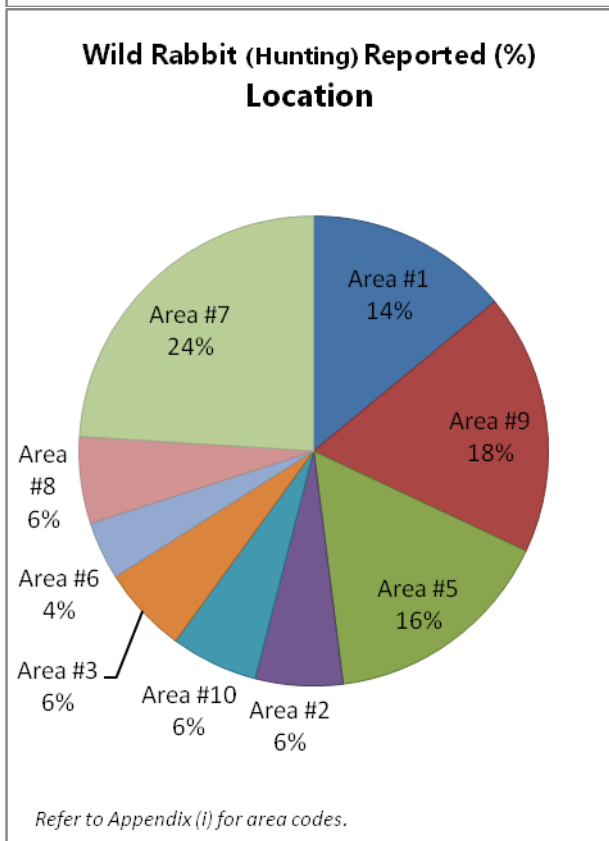
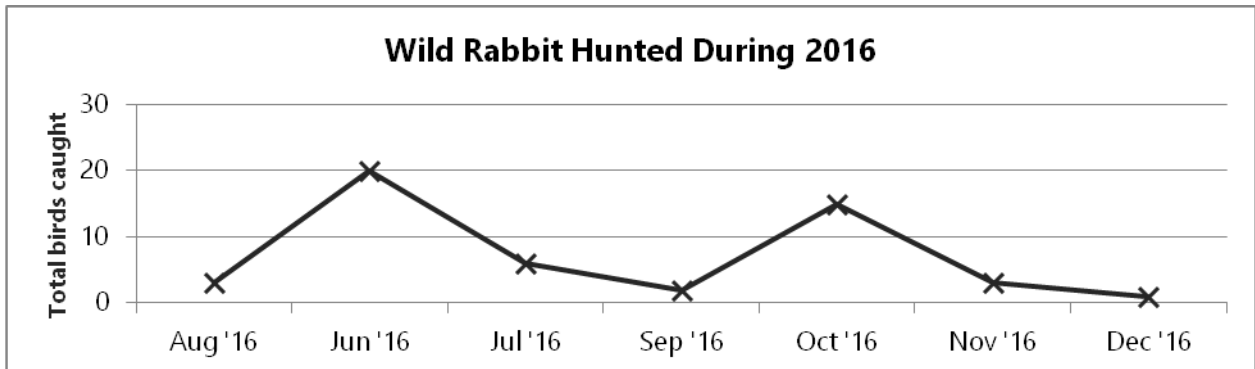
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Wild Rabbit

Fenek Selvağg

(Hunting for Wild Rabbit)

June '16	20
July '16	6
August '16	3
September '16	2
October '16	15
November '16	3
December '16	1
January '17	0
Total	50



Lagomorpha - Leporidae Month Specimens Caught

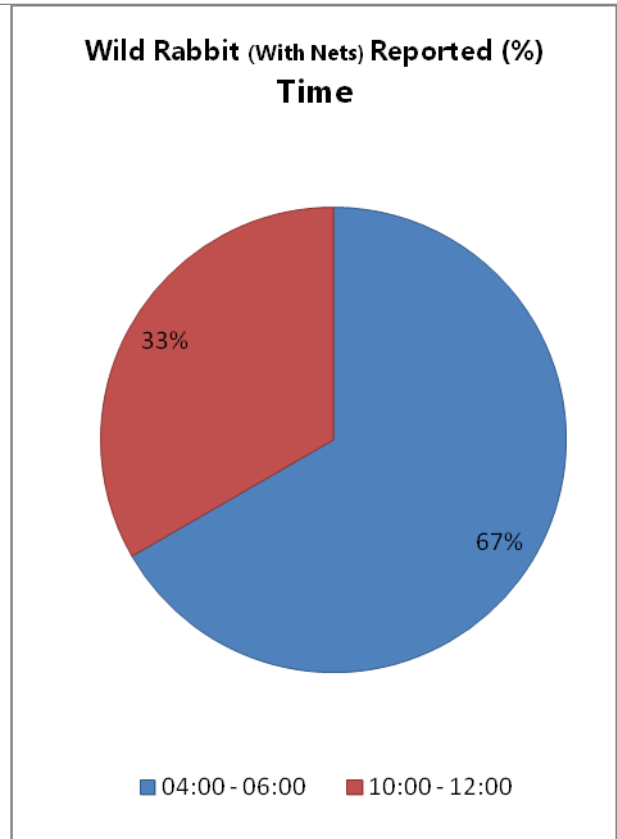
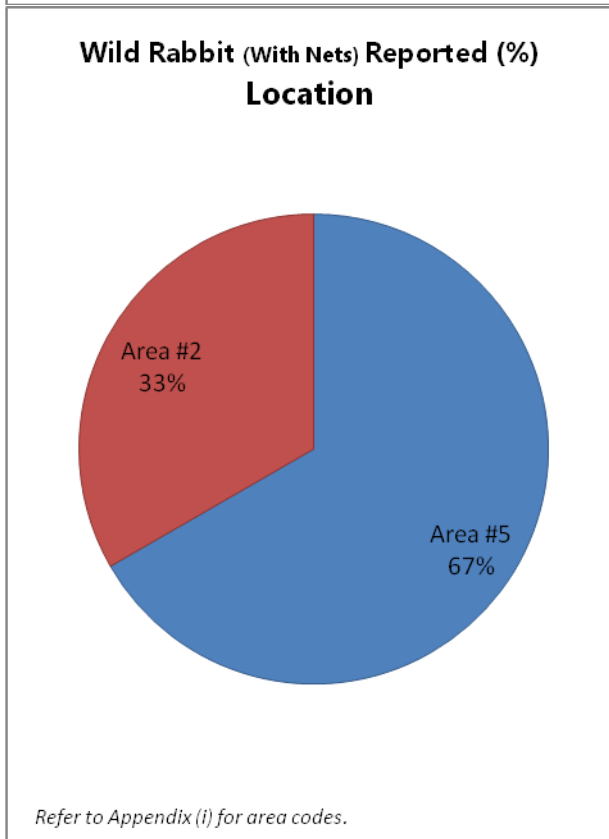
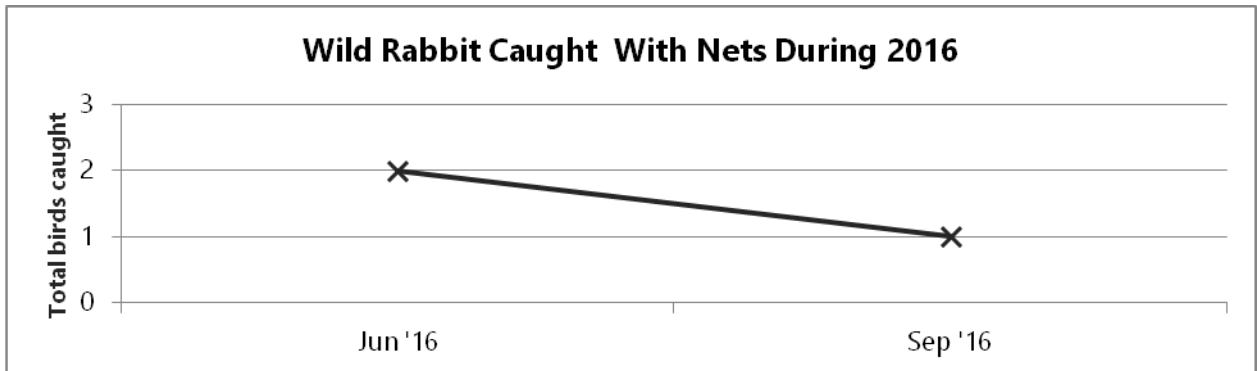
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Wild Rabbit

Fenek Selvaðg

(Capture of Wild Rabbit with nets [ferreting])

June '16	2
July '16	0
August '16	0
September '16	1
October '16	0
November '16	0
December '16	0
January '17	0
Total	3



Live-Capturing Data

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Note: Since live-capturing applications are submitted alongside registered site-plans individuals were not required to report location on the game reporting system.

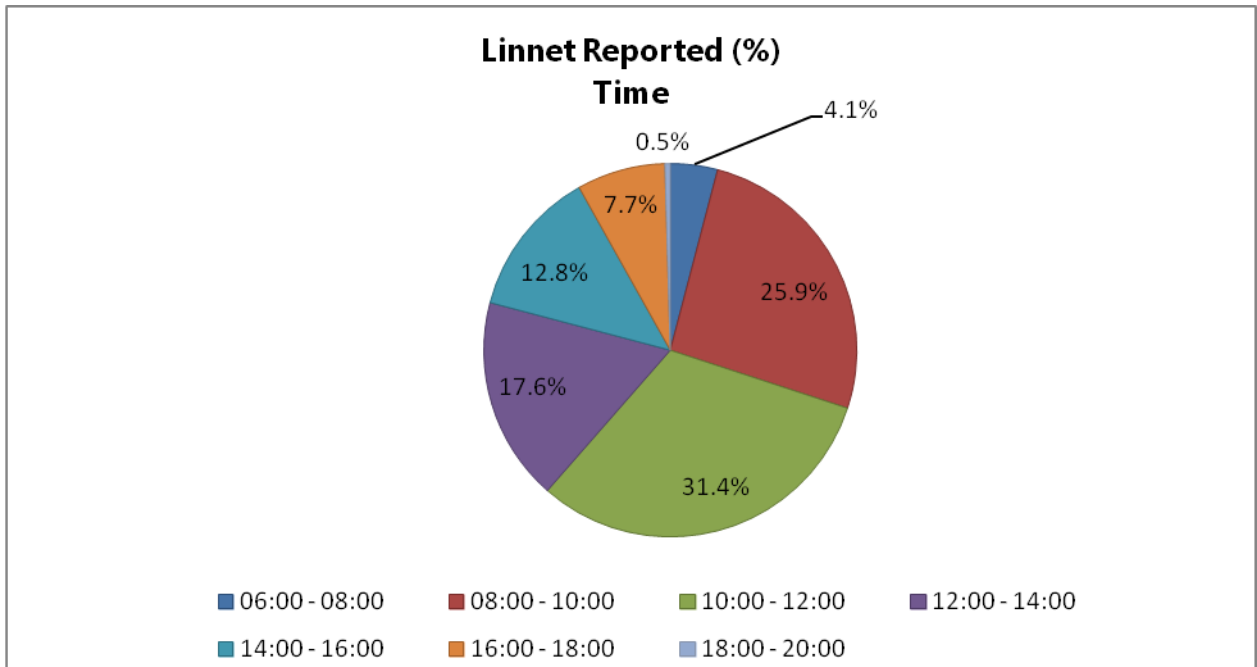
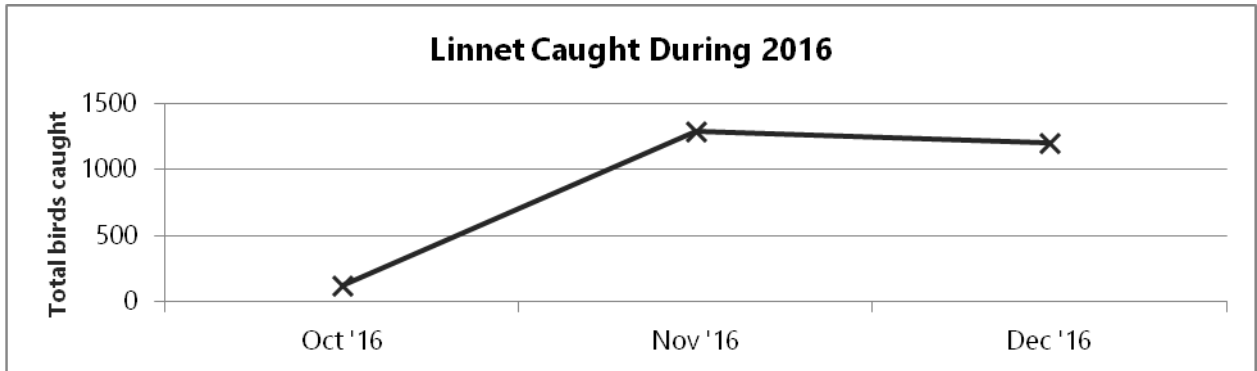
Passeriformes	- Fringillidae	Month	Specimens Caught
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Linaria cannabina

Common Linnet

Ġojjin

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November '16	1,286
December '16	1,201
Total	2,614



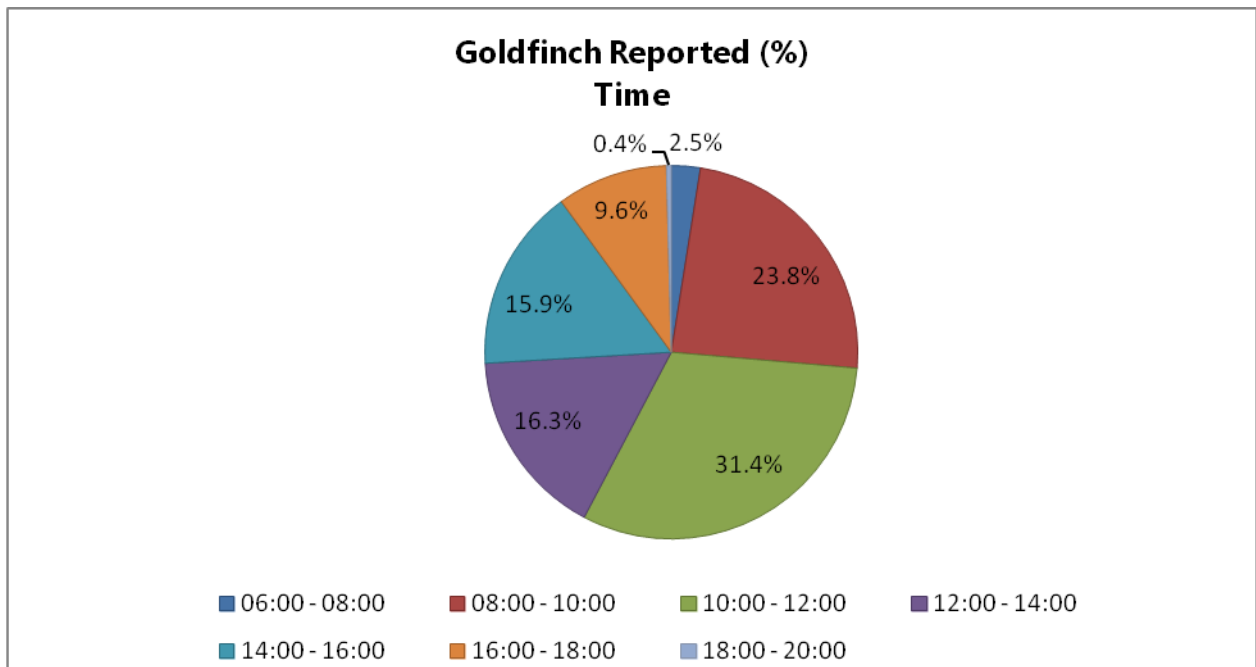
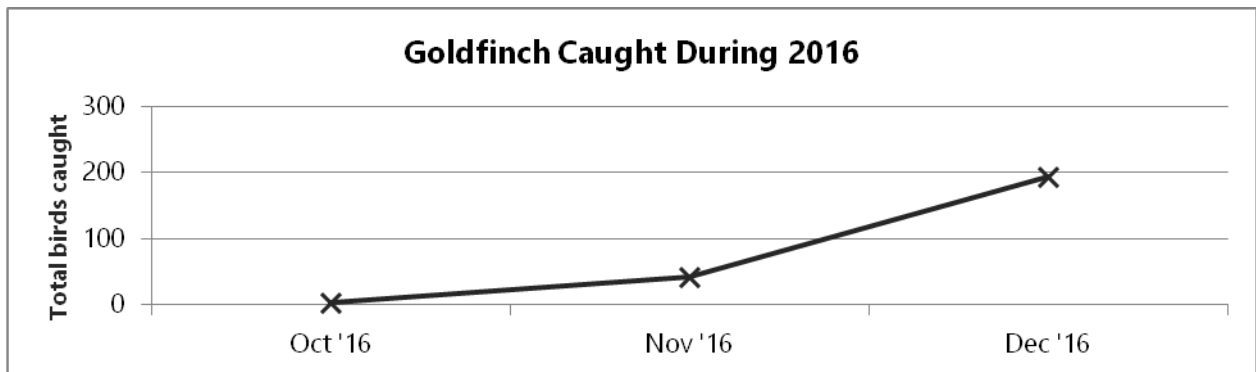
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Carduelis carduelis

European Goldfinch

Gardell

October '16	4
November '16	42
December '16	194
Total	240



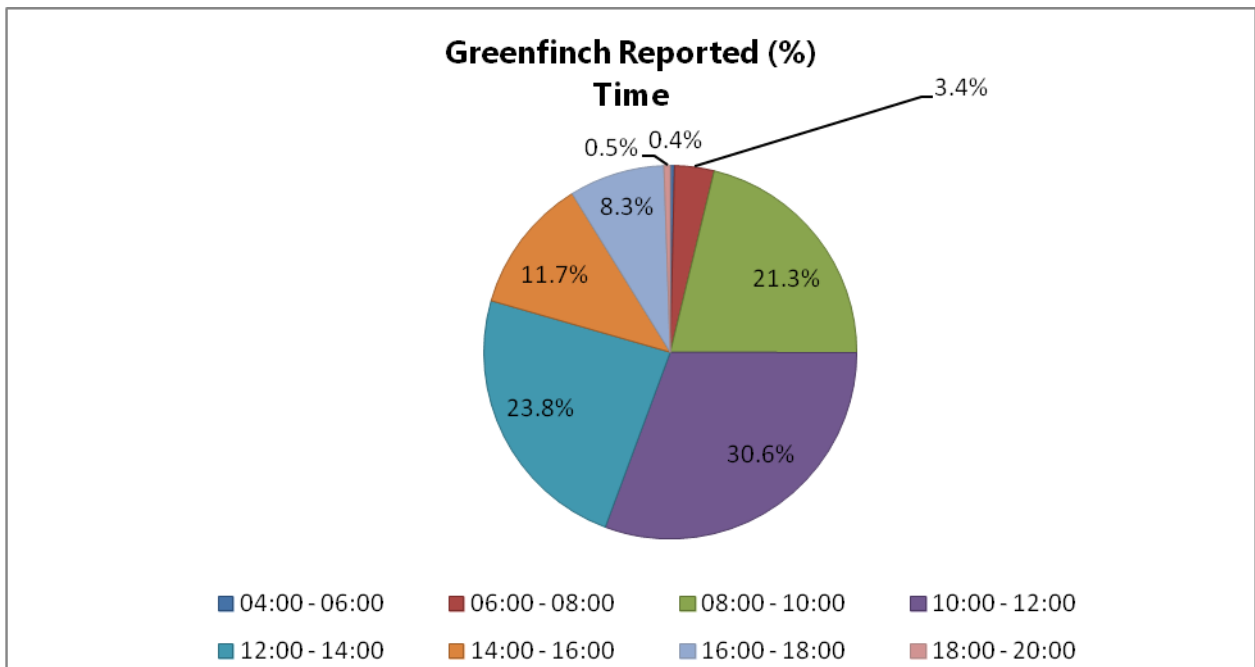
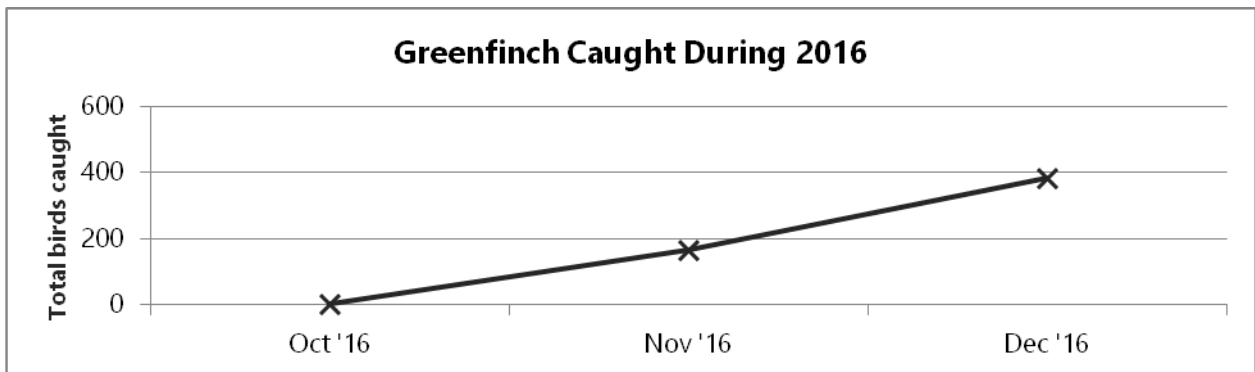
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Chloris chloris

European Greenfinch

Verdun

October '16	5
November '16	167
December '16	385
Total	557



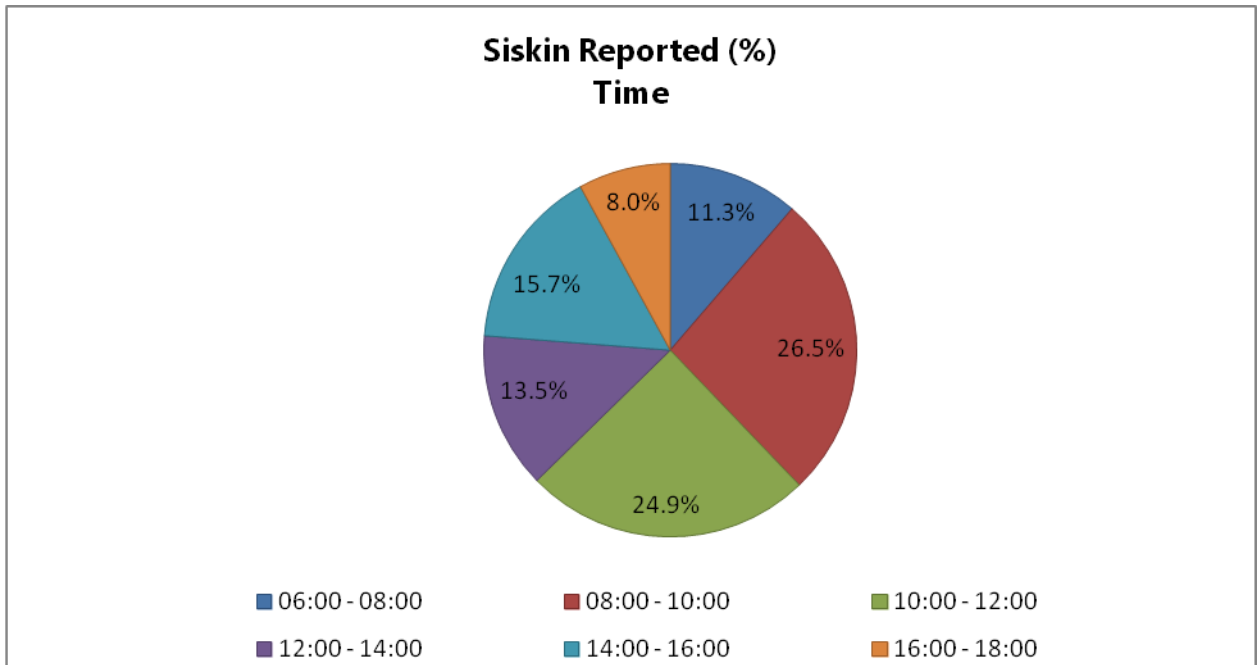
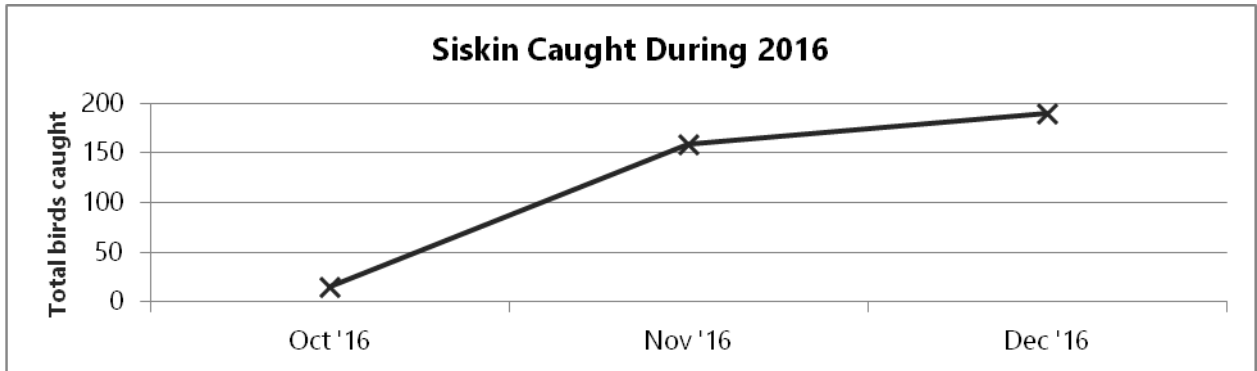
Passeriformes	- Fringillidae	Month	Specimens Caught
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Spinus spinus

Eurasian Siskin

Ekra

October '16	16
November '16	159
December '16	190
Total	365

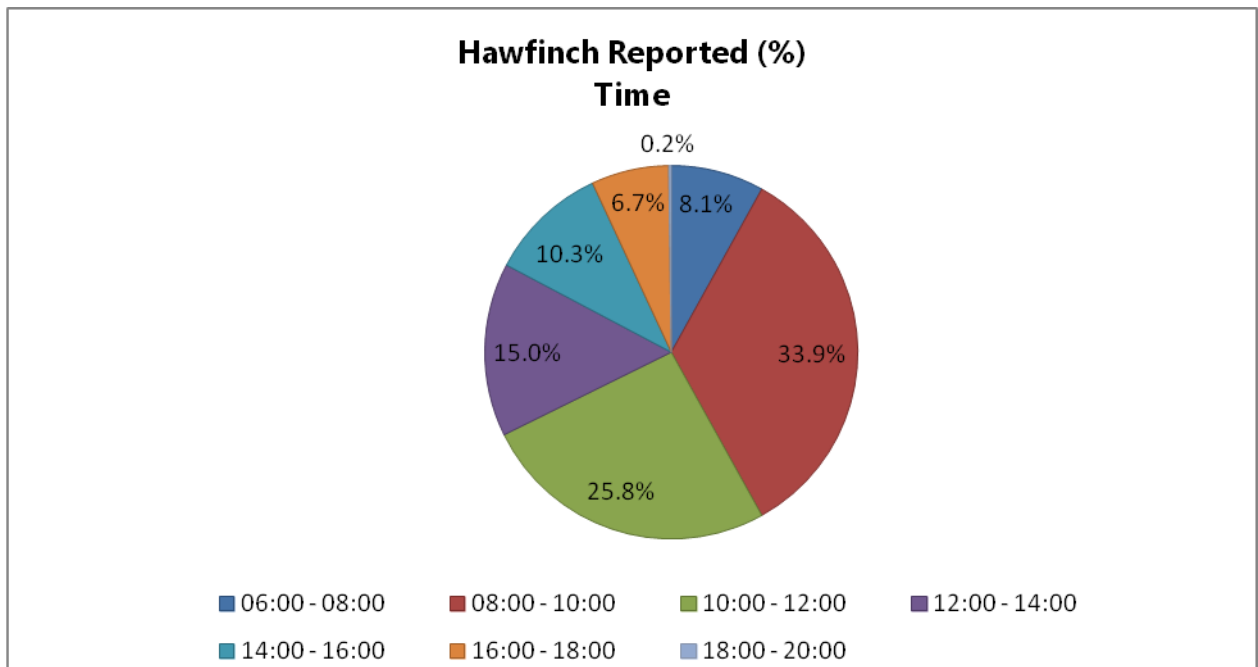
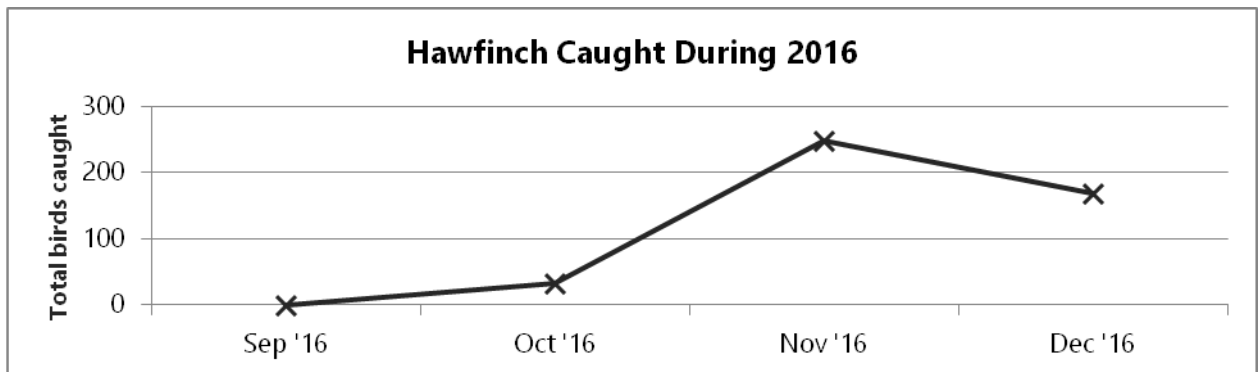


Coccothraustes coccothraustes

Hawfinch

Taż-Żebbuġ

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November '16	248
December '16	169
Total	449

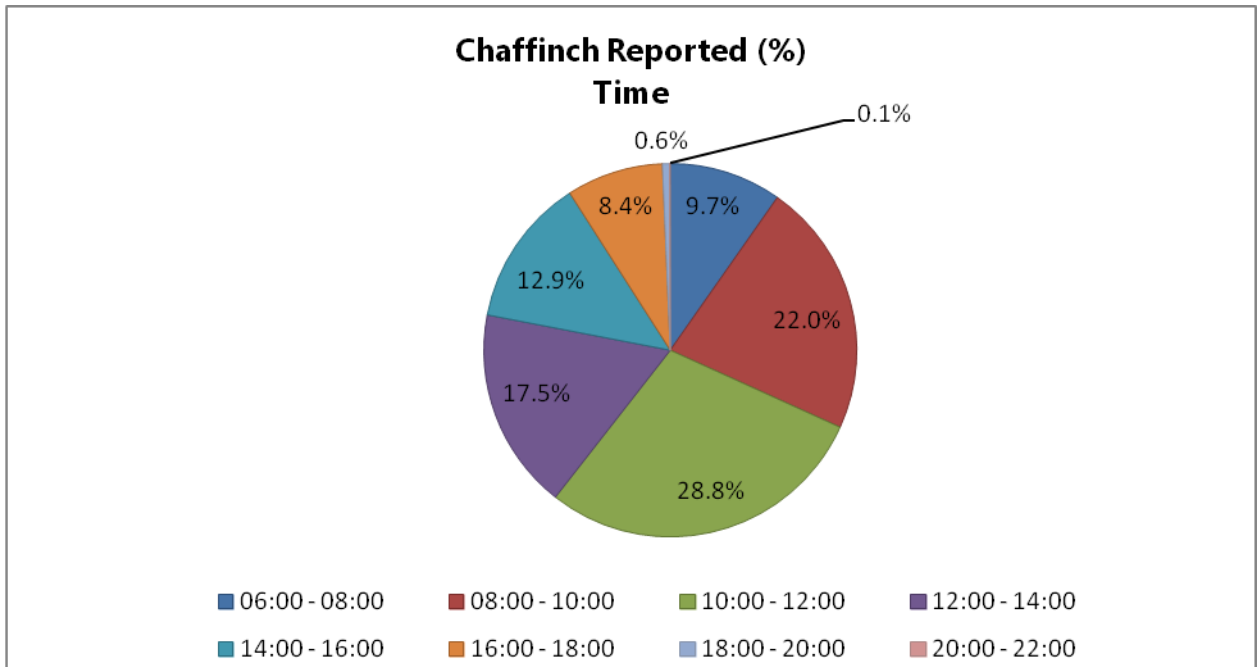
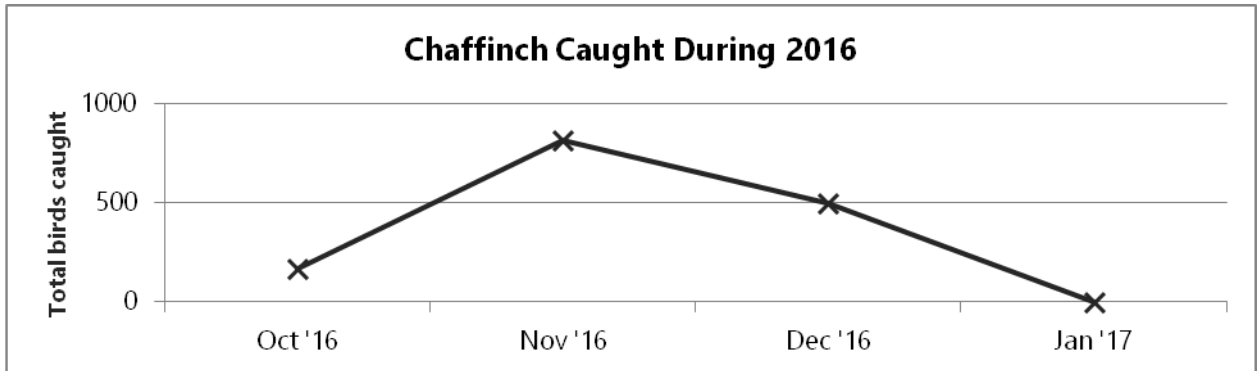


Fringilla coelebs

Common Chaffinch

Sponsun

October '16	171
November '16	814
December '16	496
Total	1,481



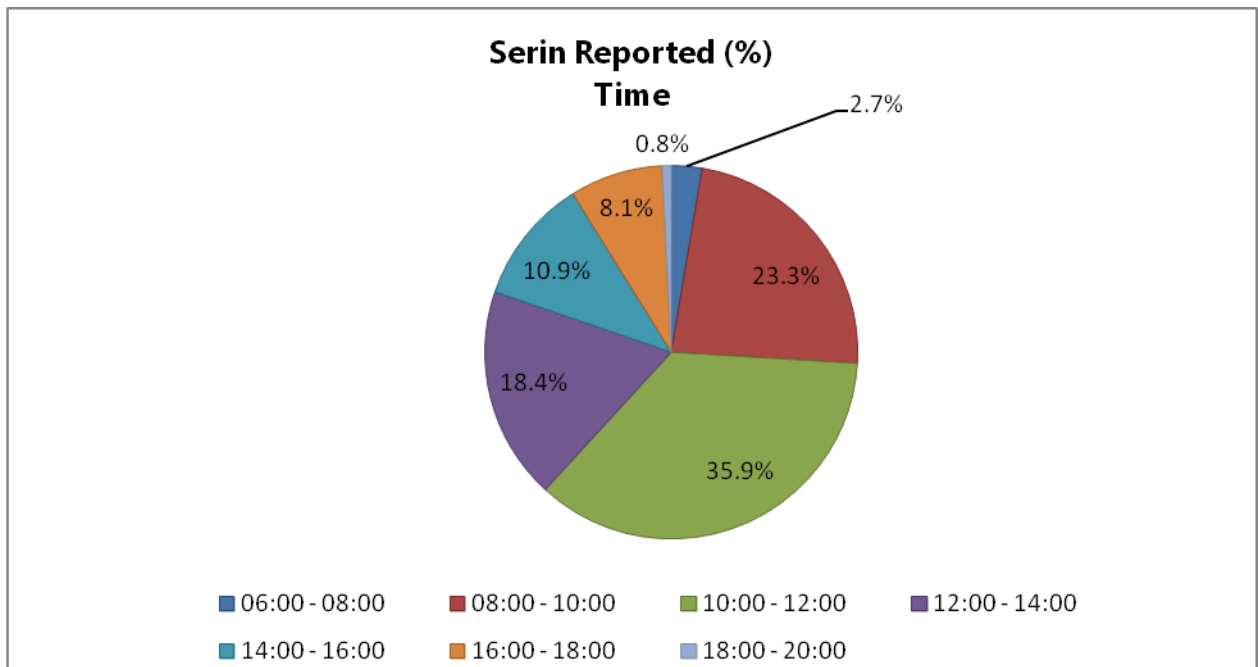
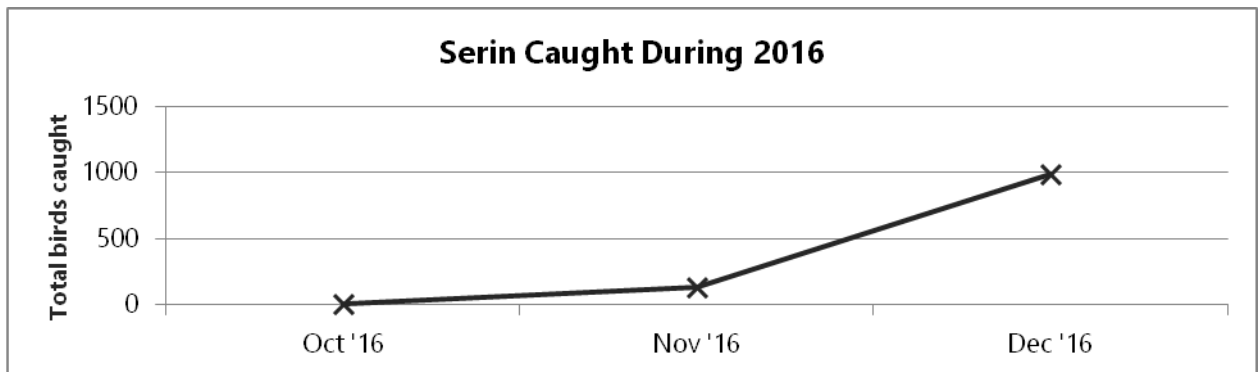
Passeriformes - Fringillidae Month Specimens Caught

Serinus serinus

European Serin

Apparell

October '16	5
November '16	139
December '16	992
Total	1,136

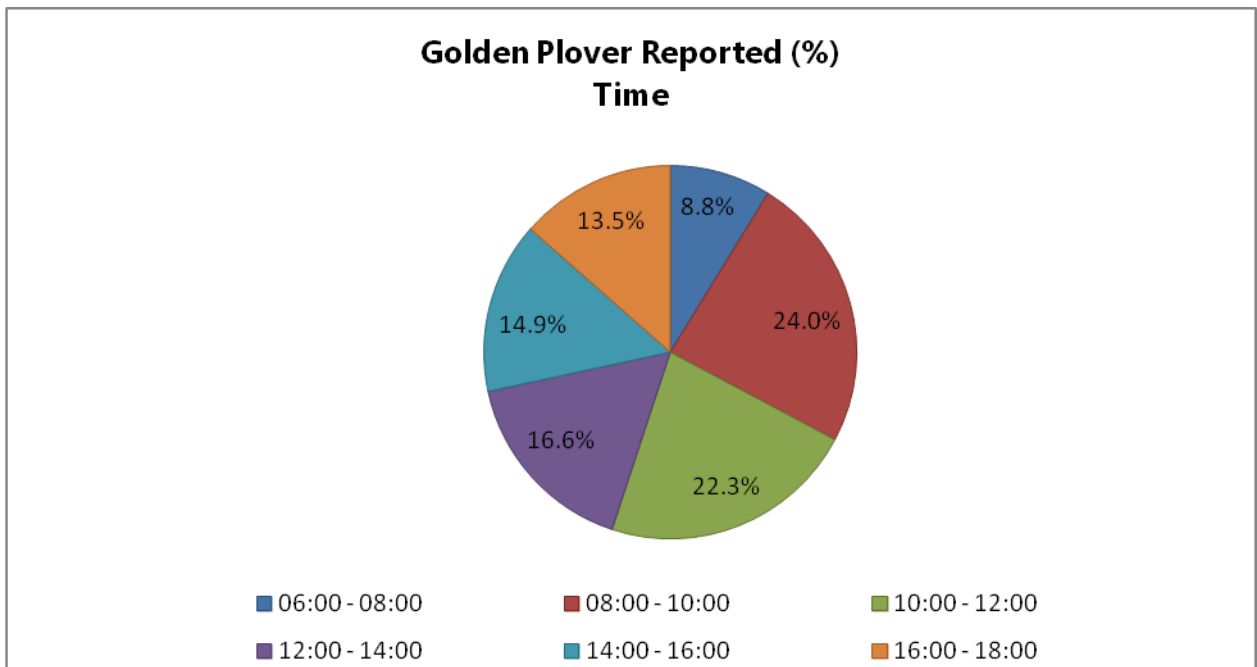
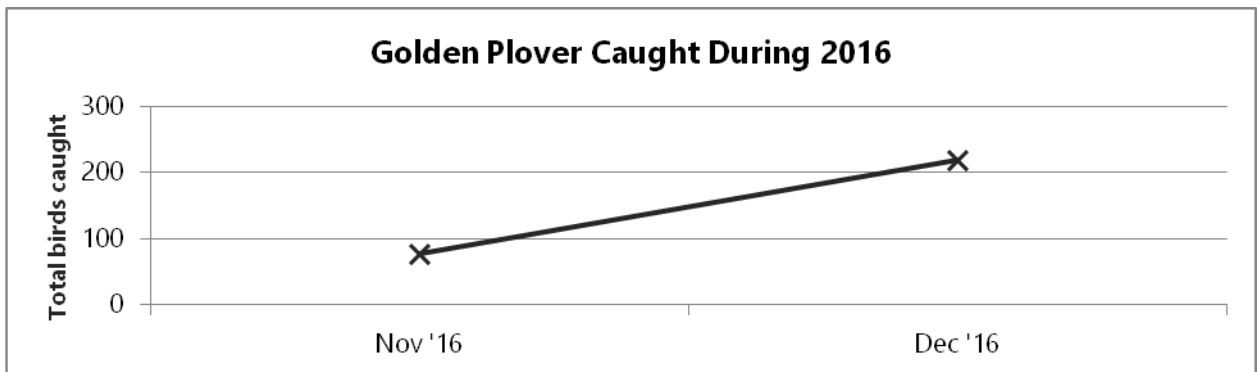


Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

October '16	0
November '16	78
December '16	219
Total	297



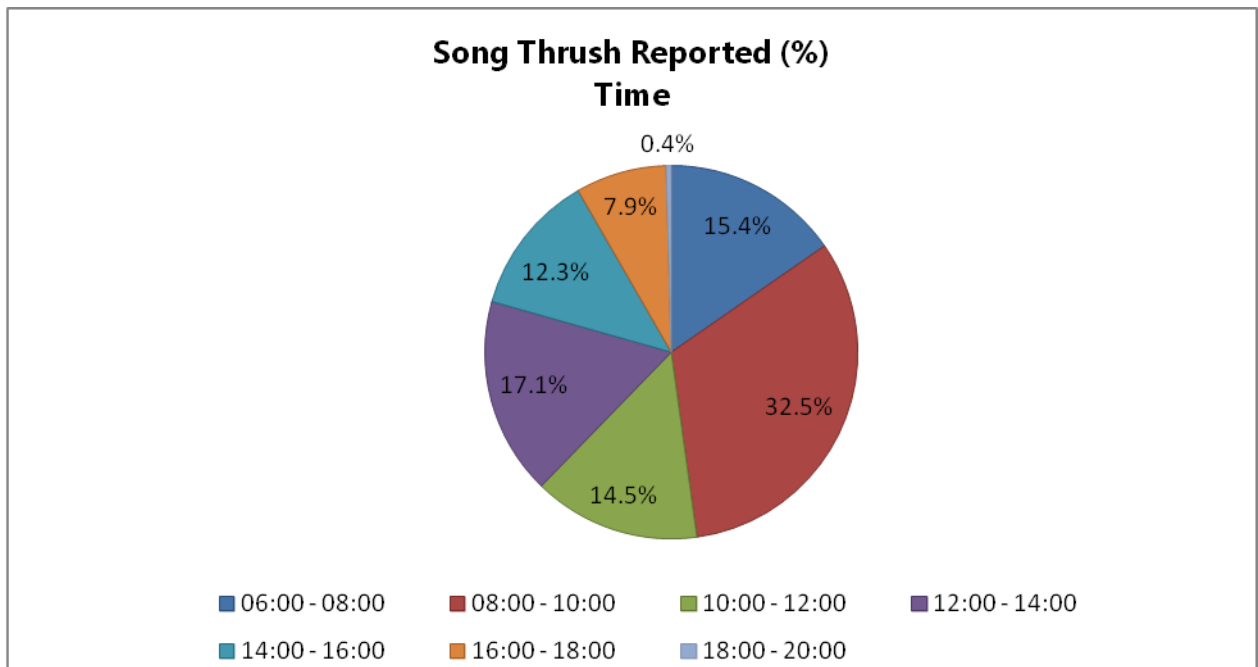
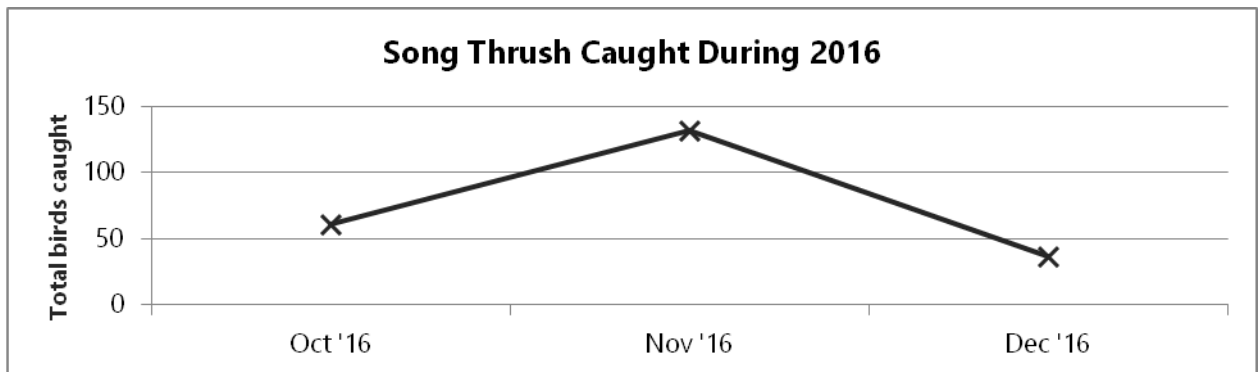
Passeriformes	- Turdidae	Month	Specimens Caught
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Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

October '16	61
November '16	132
December '16	37
Total	230



Appendix (i)

Note: Birds hunted under the 'Hunting birds at sea' licence are marked as **Location #0**

