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# Game Reporting Data

## 2018 Report

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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.

Live-capturing data for 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 accessible at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/livecapturingder.aspx>.

The table below outlines the number of licences active for each general licence category in 2018. Individual licensees could have one or a combination of multiple categories of these licences. Licensees could only report game caught pertaining to their respective licence categories.

| Licence Category   | Nº of licences |
|--|----------------|
| General Licence for Hunting birds on land                                    | 10,556         |
| Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Quail</i>                                | 6,754          |
| General Licence for Hunting birds at sea                                     | 278            |
| General Licence for Hunting of wild rabbit                                   | 2,691          |
| General Licence for Capture of wild rabbit with nets                         | 56             |
| General licence for live-capturing of birds                                  | 4,537          |
| Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i> | 1,542          |

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.

During the reporting period, a total of 6,827 specimens belonging to huntable species were reported hunted and a total of 744 specimens were reported as captured under live-capturing derogations. The system received a total of 2,738 telephonic reports (telephone calls) from 977 individual callers.

# **Hunting Data**

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| Anseriformes      | - Anatidae | Month         | Specimens Hunted |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Anas acuta</i> |            |               |                  |
| <b>Pintail</b>    |            |               |                  |
| Silfjun           |            |               |                  |
|                   |            | September '18 | 0                |
|                   |            | October '18   | 0                |
|                   |            | November '18  | 0                |
|                   |            | December '18  | 0                |
|                   |            | January '19   | 0                |
|                   |            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>         |

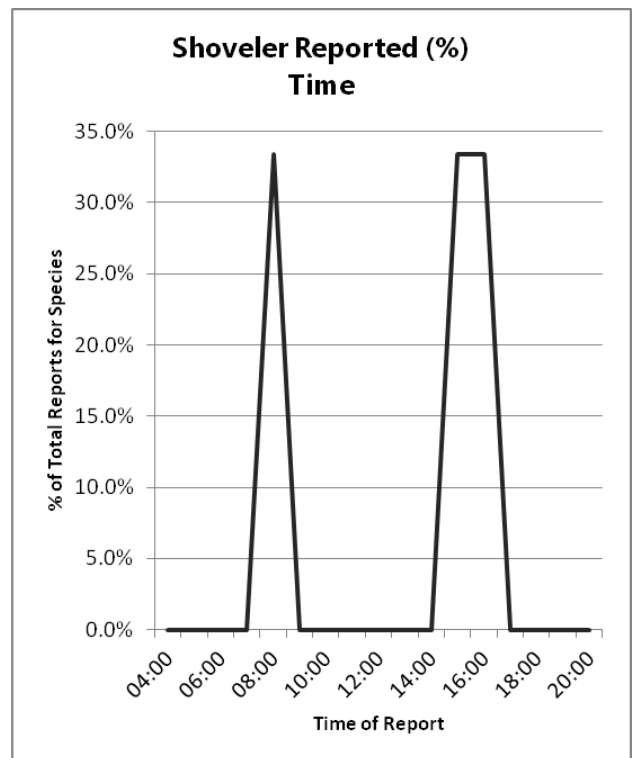
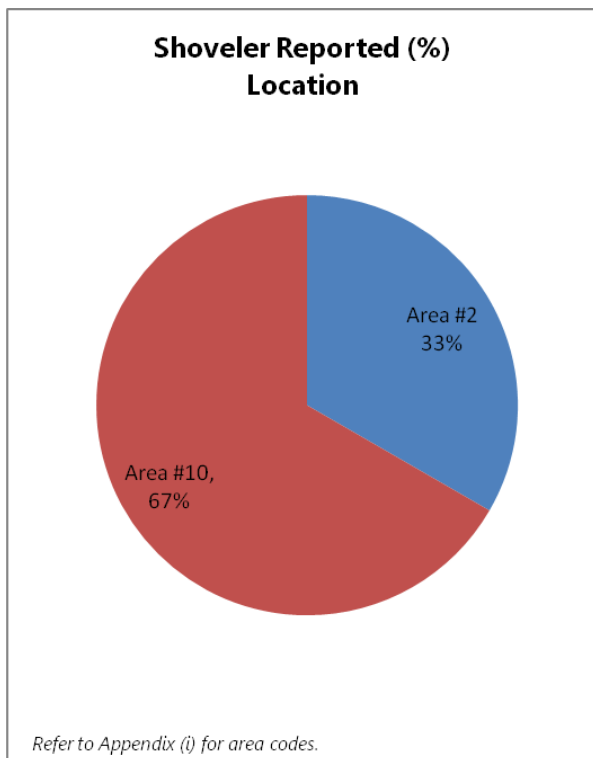
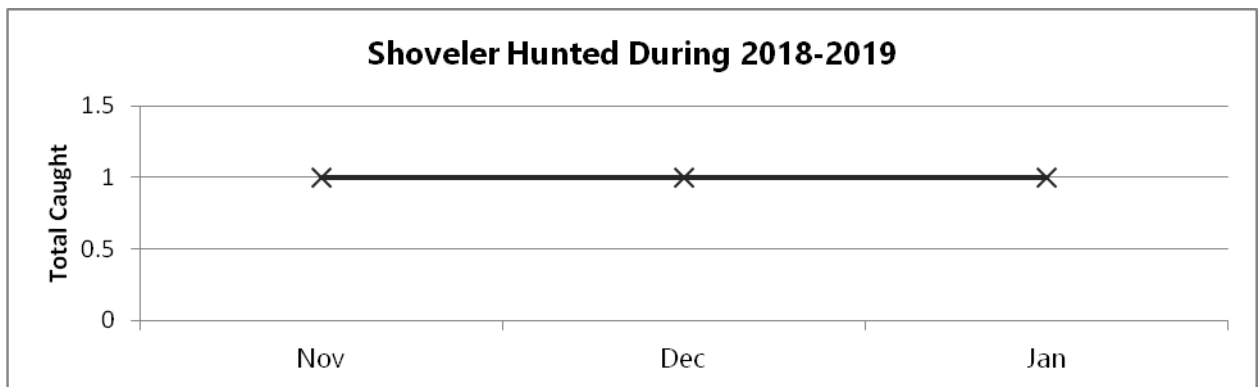
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

*Anas clypeata*

**Shoveler**

Palettuna

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 1        |
| December '18  | 1        |
| January '19   | 1        |
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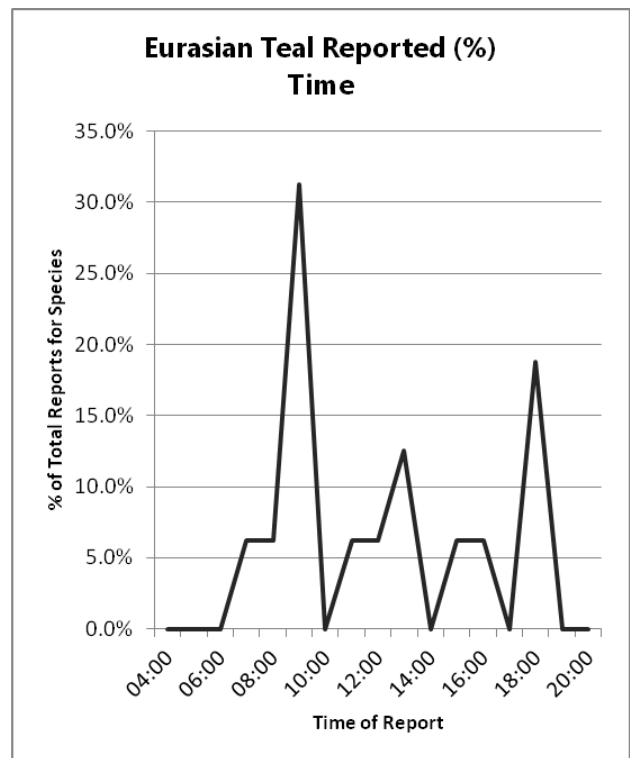
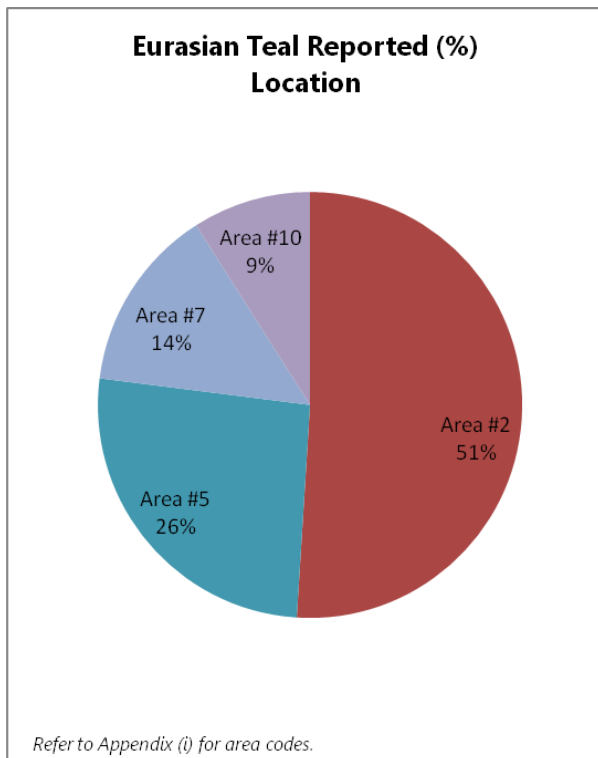
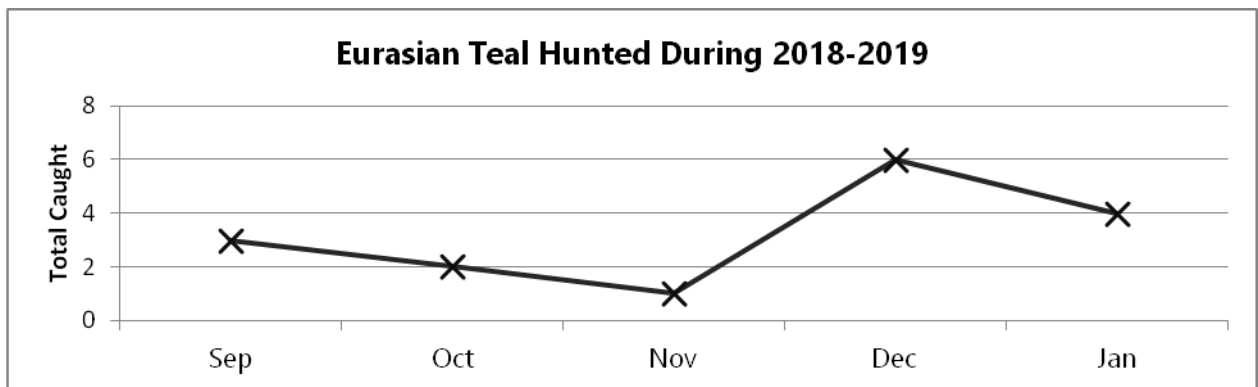


*Anas crecca*

**Eurasian Teal**

Sarsella

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 3         |
| October '18   | 2         |
| November '18  | 1         |
| December '18  | 6         |
| January '19   | 4         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>16</b> |



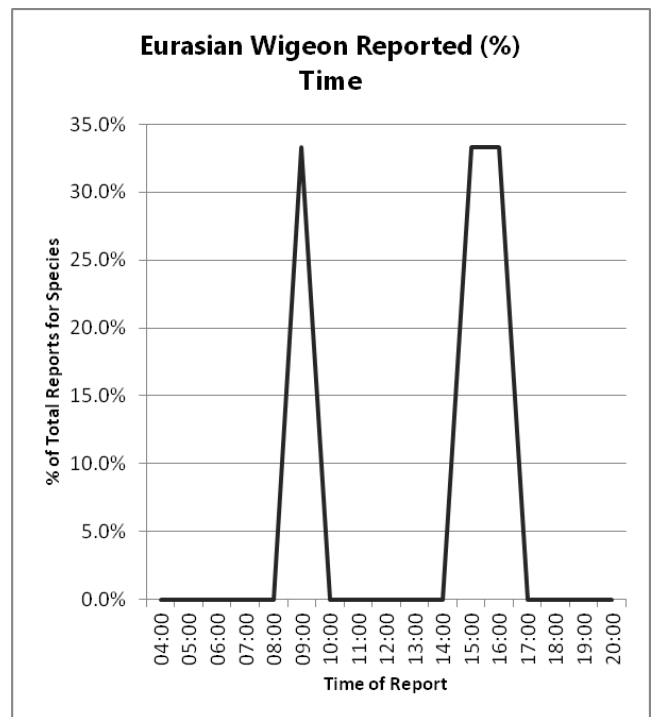
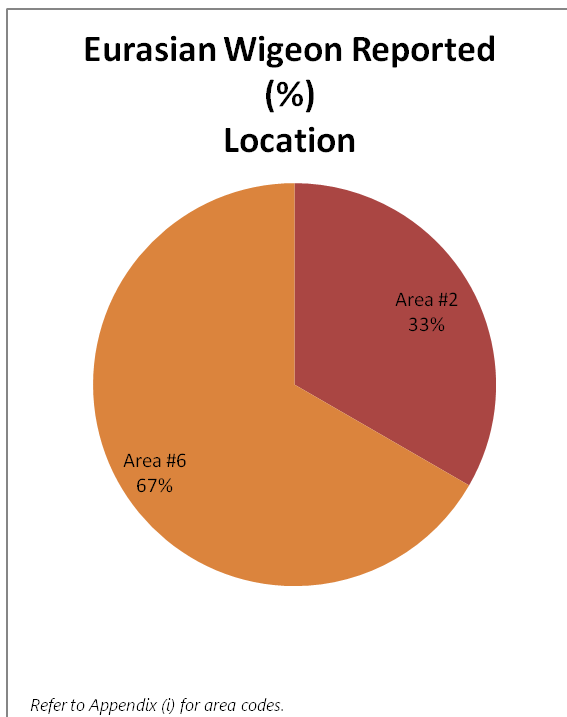
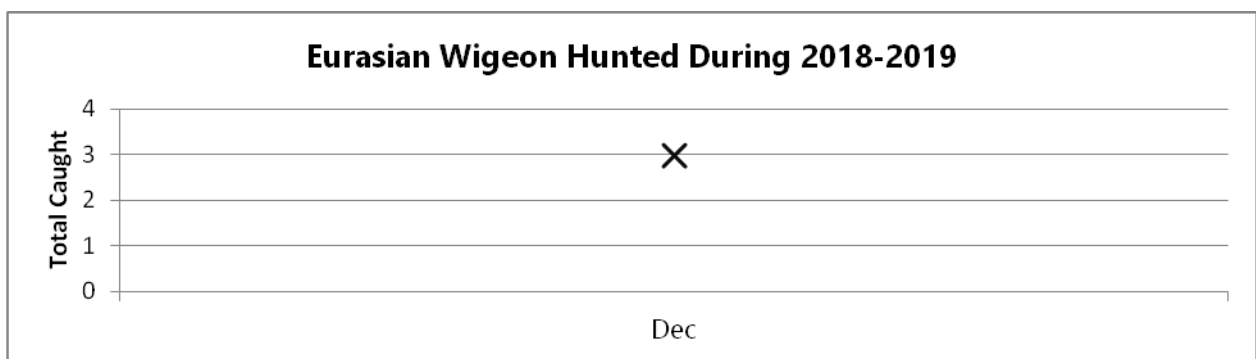
Anseriformes - Anatidae Month Specimens Hunted

*Anas penelope*

**Eurasian Wigeon**

Silfjun Ewropew

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 0        |
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| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3</b> |

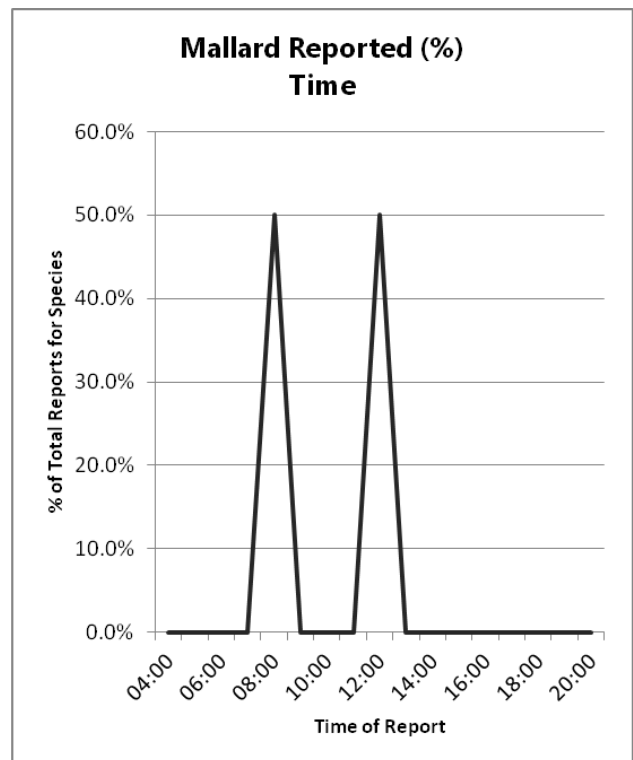
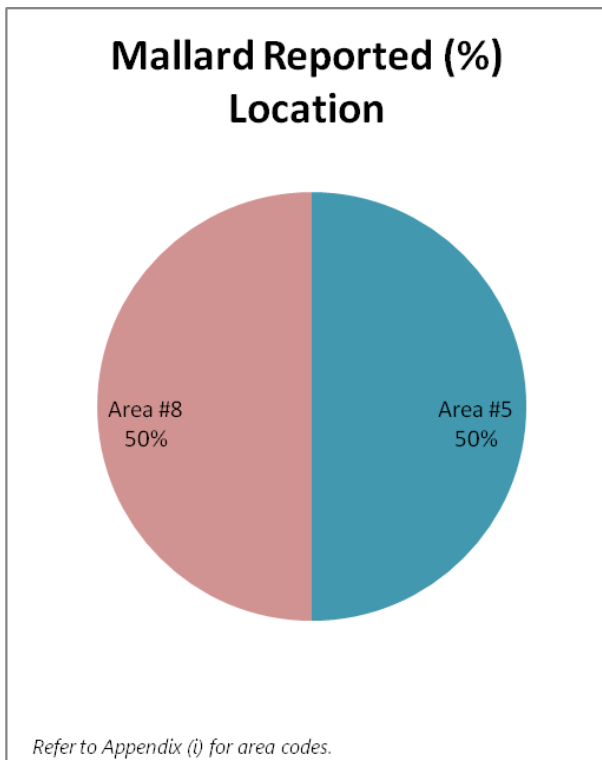
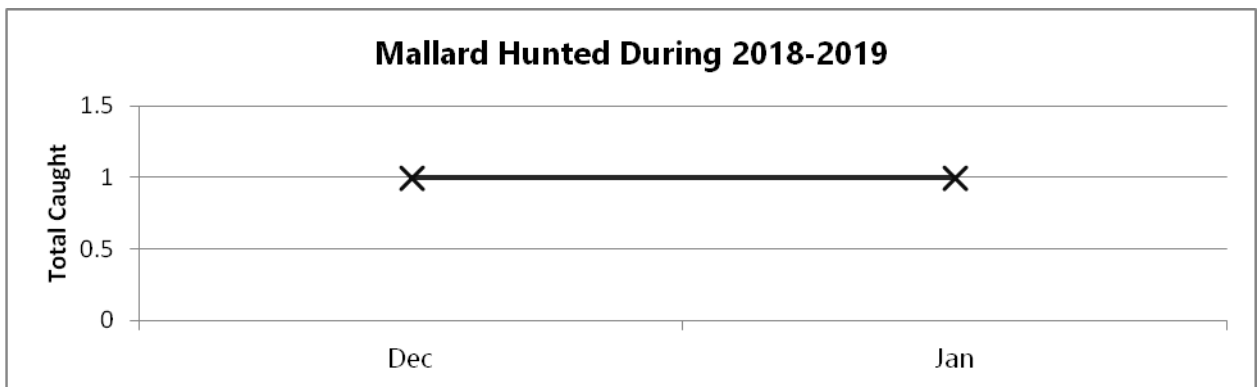


*Anas platyrhynchos*

**Mallard**

Kuluvert

| Month         | Specimens Hunted |
|---------------|------------------|
| September '18 | 0                |
| October '18   | 0                |
| November '18  | 0                |
| December '18  | 1                |
| January '19   | 1                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2</b>         |



| Anseriformes            | - Anatidae | Month         | Specimens Hunted |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Anas querquedula</i> |            |               |                  |
| <b>Garganey</b>         |            |               |                  |
| Sarsella Hamra          |            |               |                  |
|                         |            | September '18 | 0                |
|                         |            | October '18   | 0                |
|                         |            | November '18  | 0                |
|                         |            | December '18  | 0                |
|                         |            | January '19   | 0                |
|                         |            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>         |

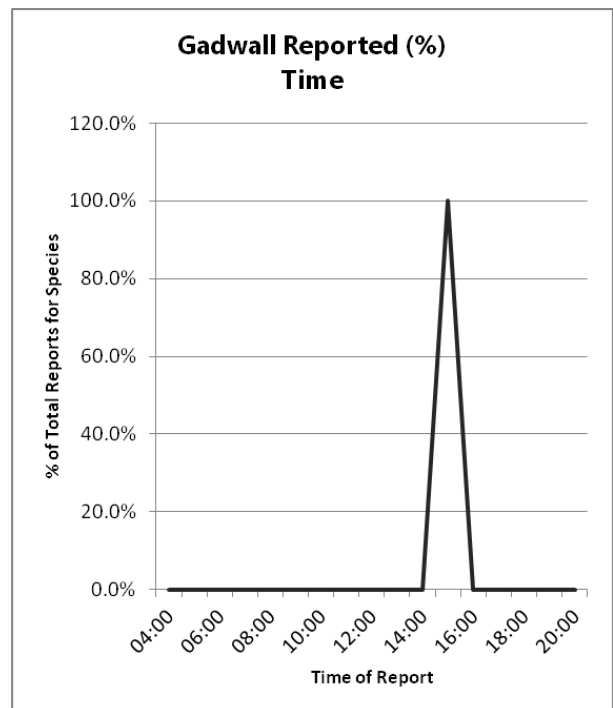
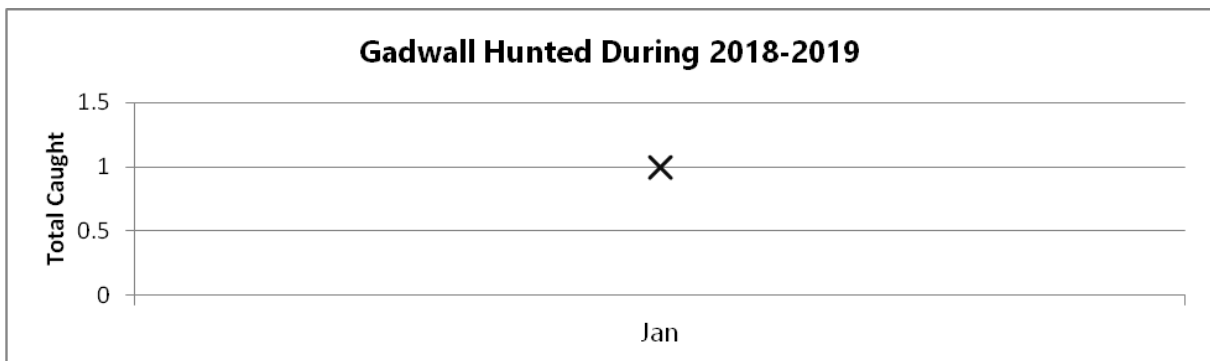
| Anseriformes | - Anatidae | Month | Specimens Hunted |
|--------------|------------|-------|------------------|
|--------------|------------|-------|------------------|

*Anas strepera*

**Gadwall**

Kuluvert Griz

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
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| January '19   | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b> |

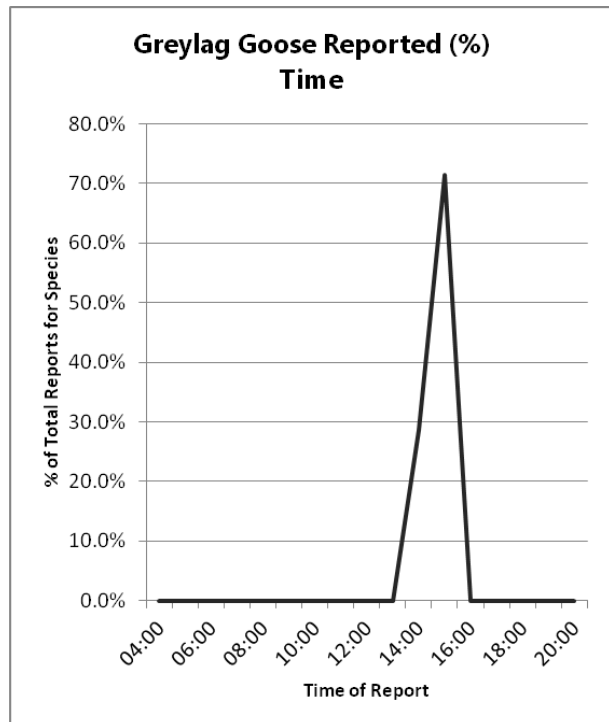
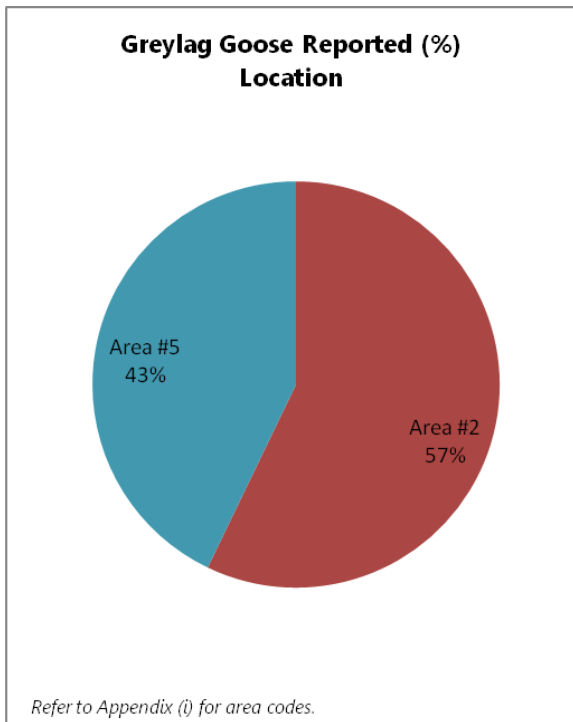
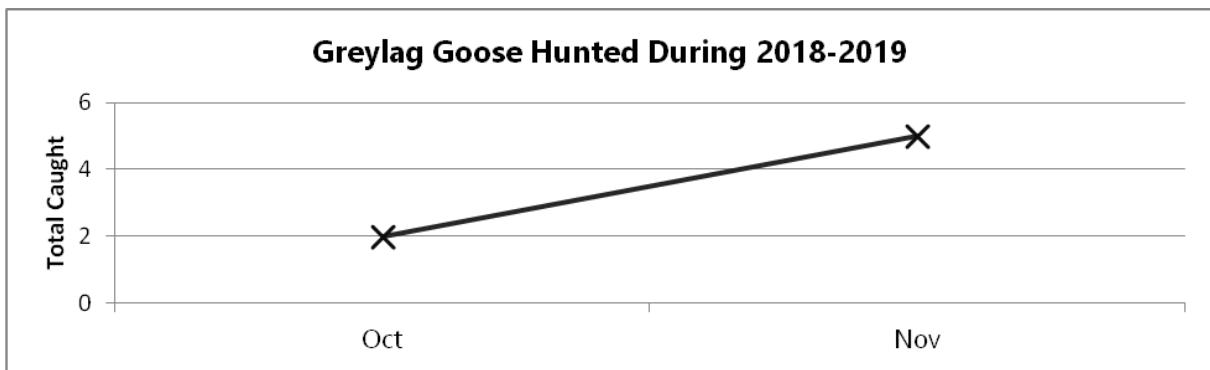


*Anser anser*

**Greylag Goose**

Wizza Griza

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 2        |
| November '18  | 5        |
| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>7</b> |



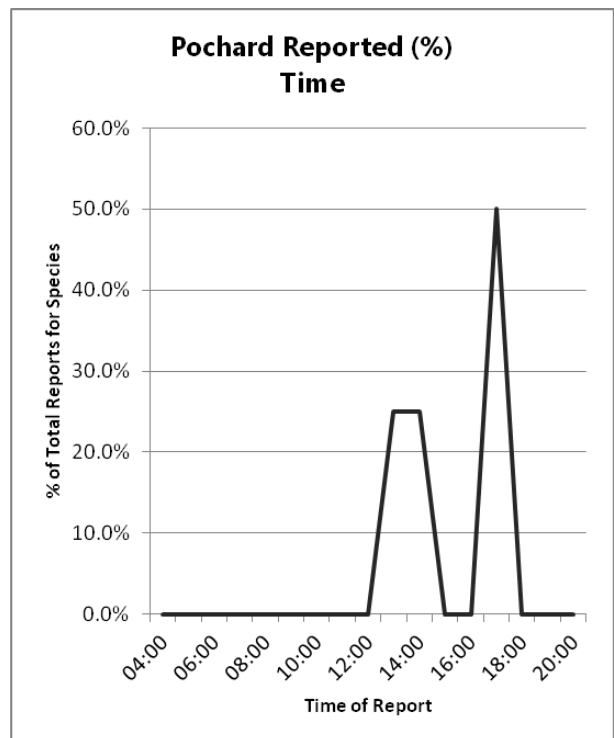
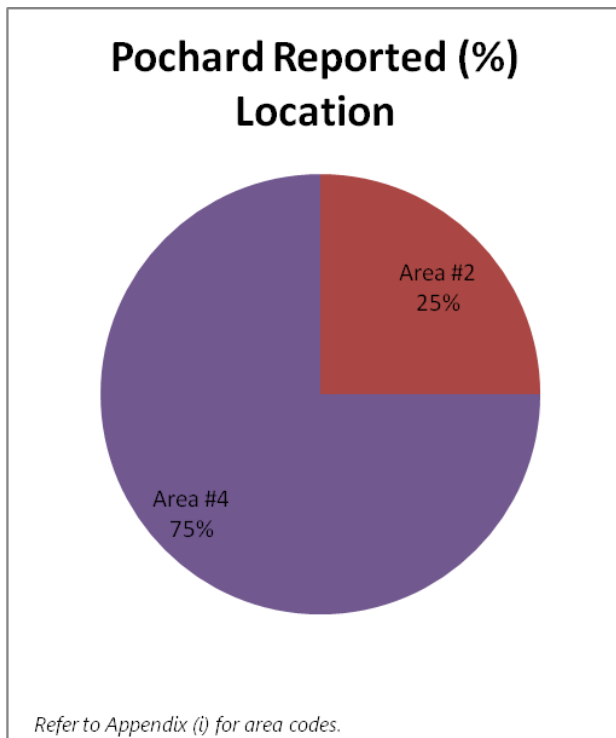
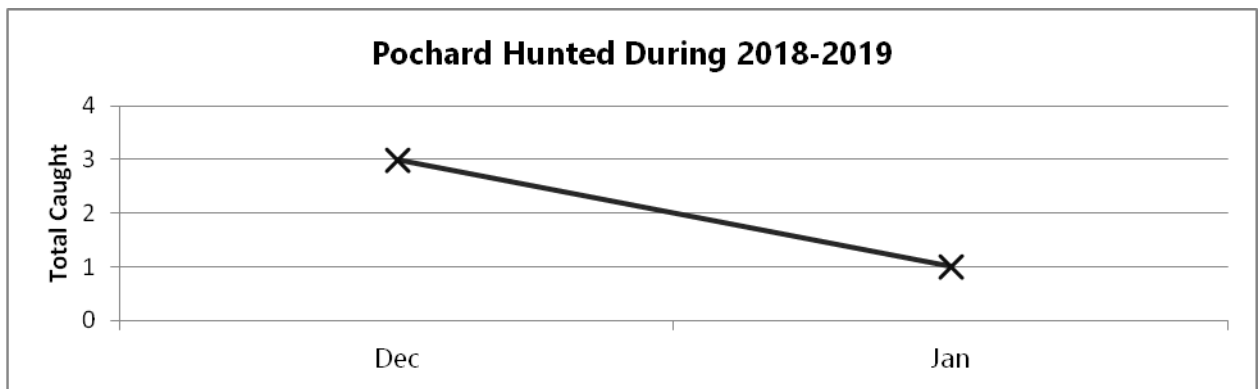
| Anseriformes            | - Anatidae | Month         | Specimens Hunted |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Anser fabalis</i>    |            |               |                  |
| <b>Taiga Bean Goose</b> |            |               |                  |
| Wizza tal-Ful           |            |               |                  |
|                         |            | September '18 | 0                |
|                         |            | October '18   | 0                |
|                         |            | November '18  | 0                |
|                         |            | December '18  | 0                |
|                         |            | January '19   | 0                |
|                         |            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>         |

*Aythya ferina*

**Pochard**

Brajmla

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 0        |
| December '18  | 3        |
| January '19   | 1        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4</b> |

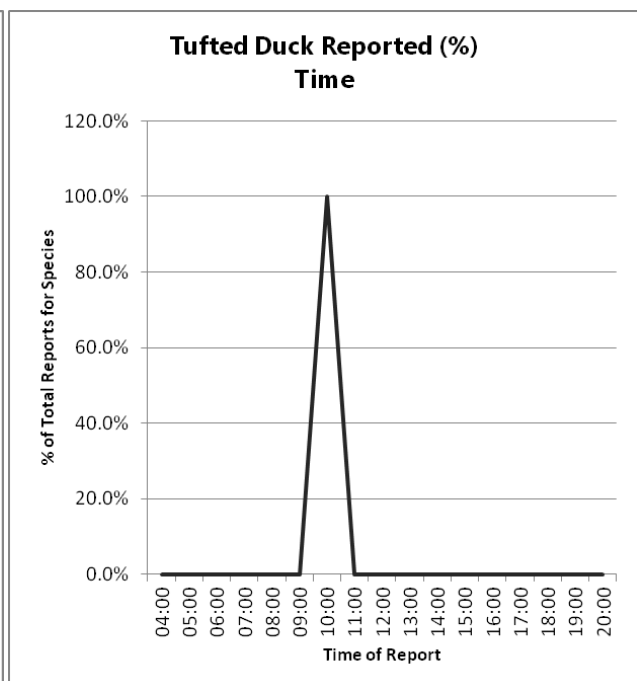
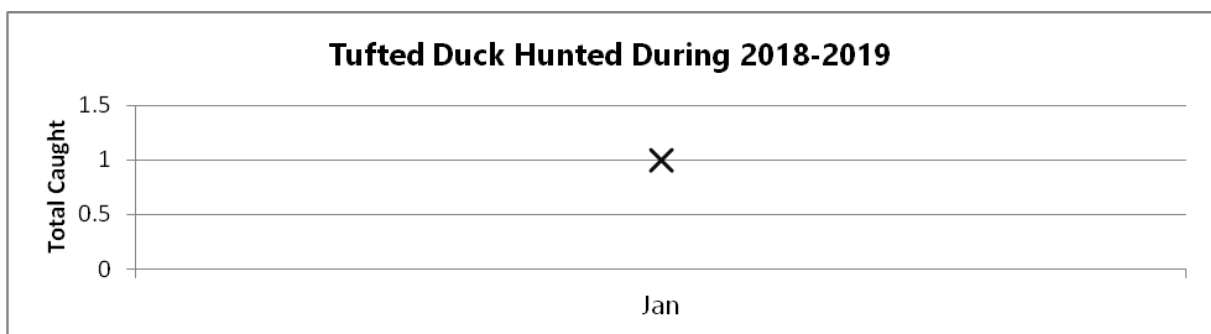


*Aythya fuligula*

**Tufted Duck**

Brajmla tat-Toppu

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
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| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b> |



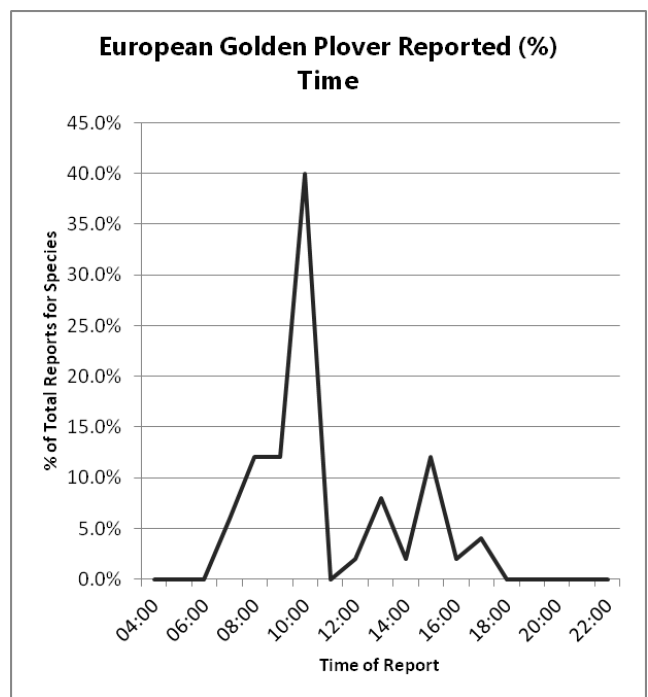
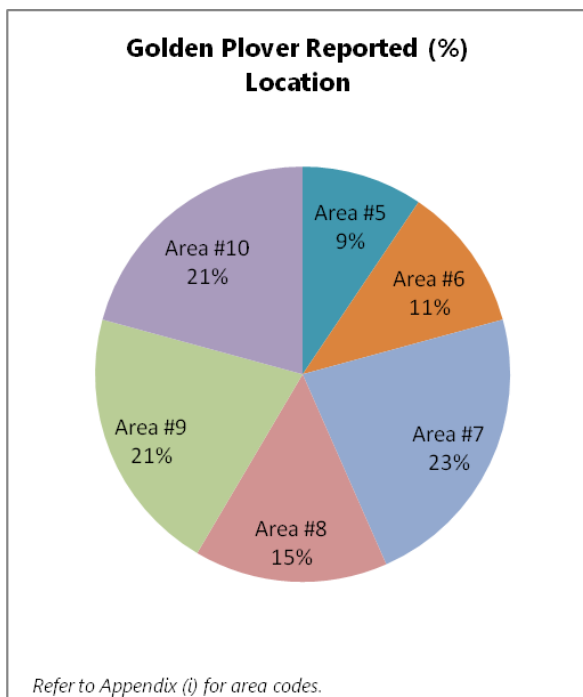
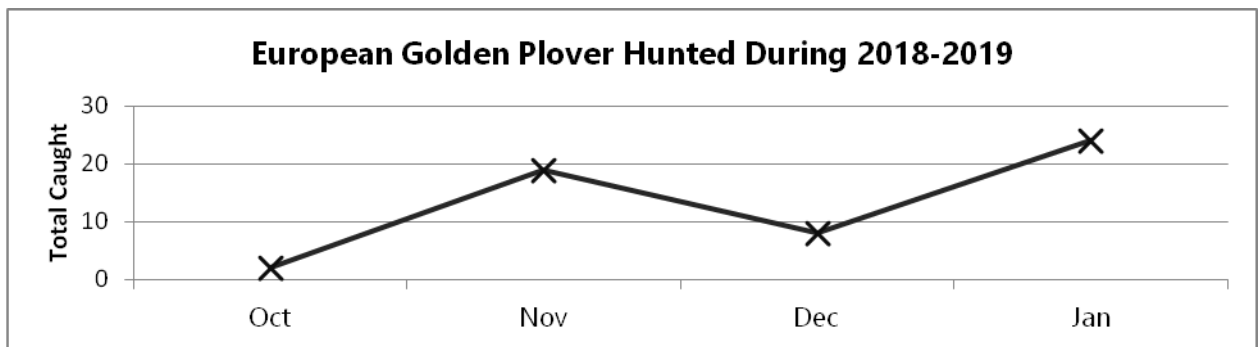
*Pluvialis apricaria*

**European Golden Plover**

Pluviera

(Hunting Data)

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 2         |
| November '18  | 19        |
| December '18  | 8         |
| January '19   | 24        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>53</b> |

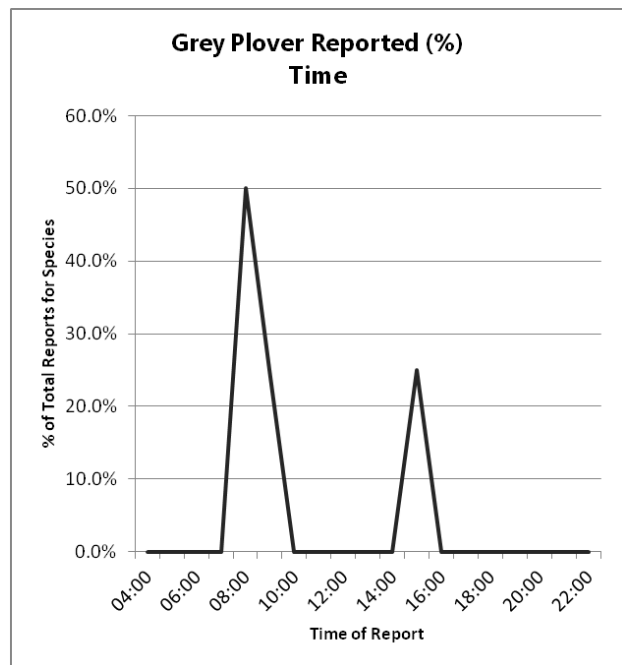
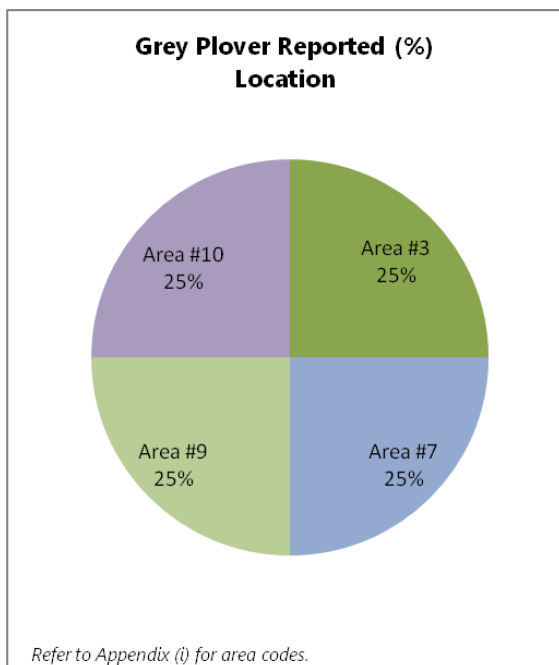
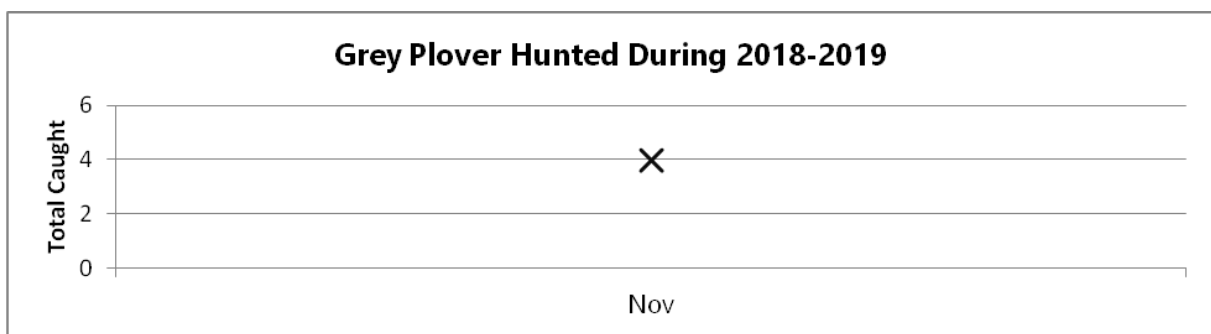


*Pluvialis squatarola*

**Grey Plover**

Pluviera Pastarda

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 4        |
| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4</b> |

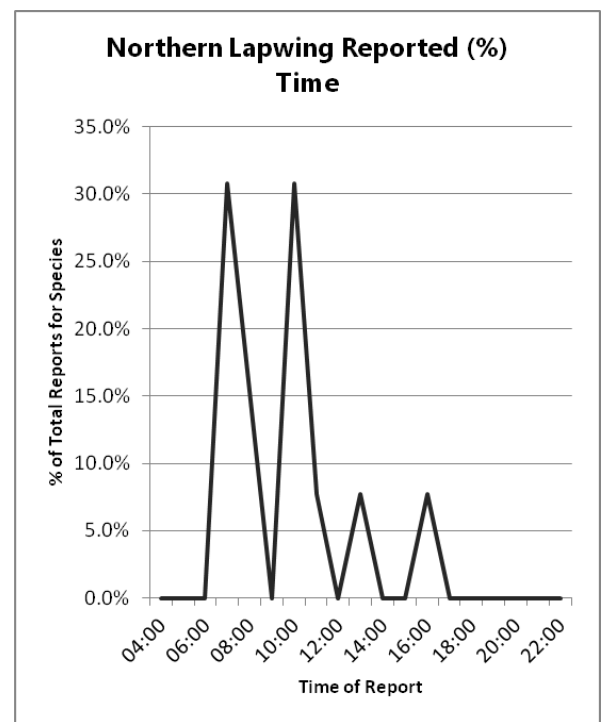
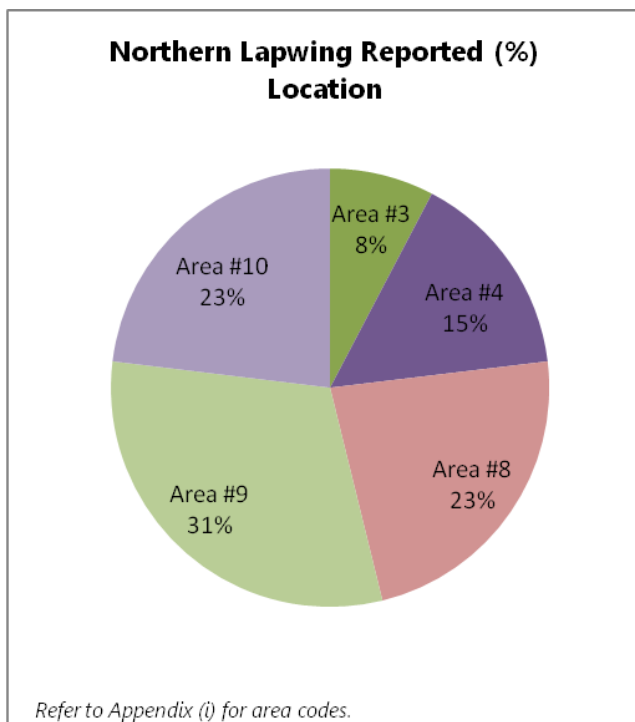
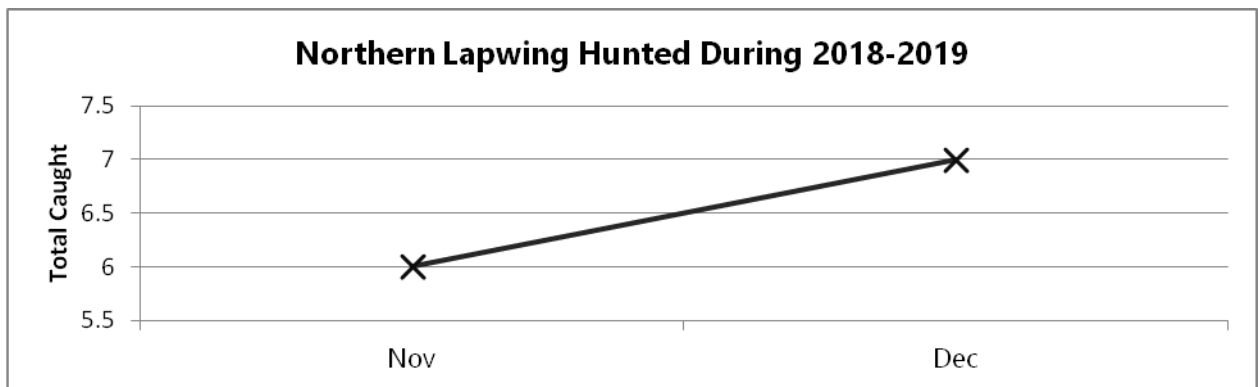


*Vanellus vanellus*

**Northern Lapwing**

Venewwa

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 0         |
| November '18  | 6         |
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| January '19   | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>13</b> |

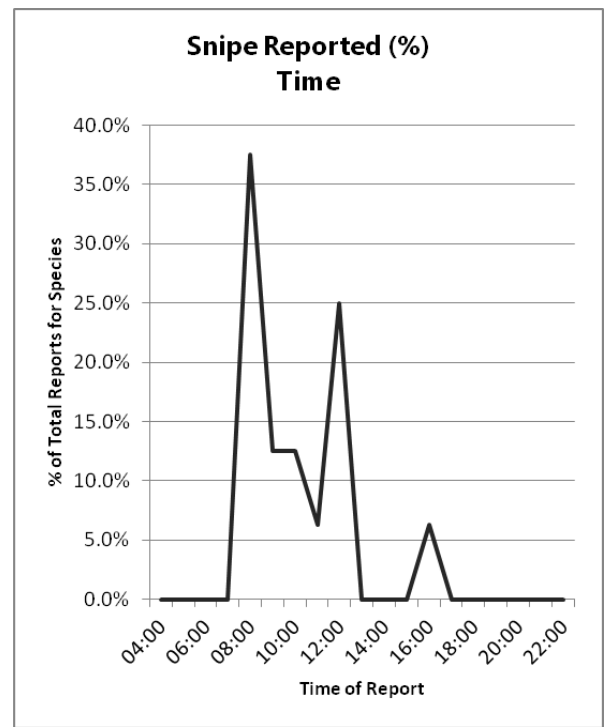
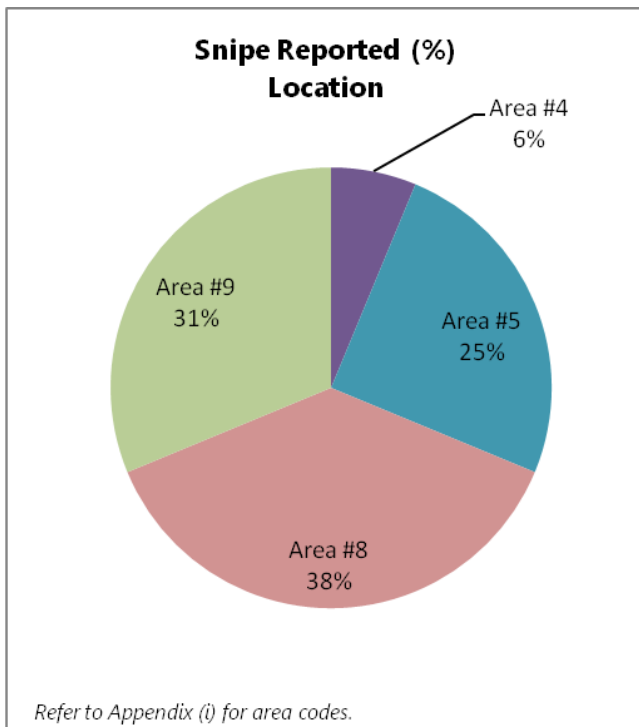
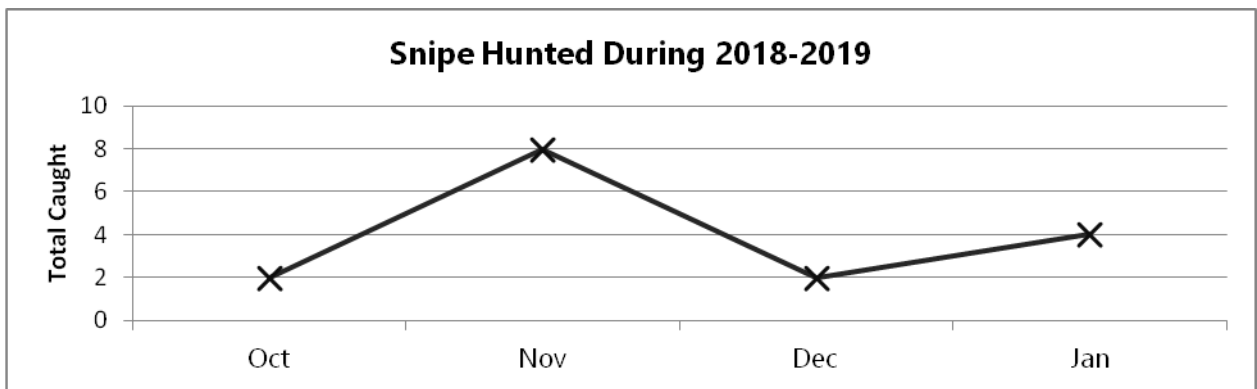


*Gallinago gallinago*

**Snipe**

Bekkačč

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 2         |
| November '18  | 8         |
| December '18  | 2         |
| January '19   | 4         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>16</b> |

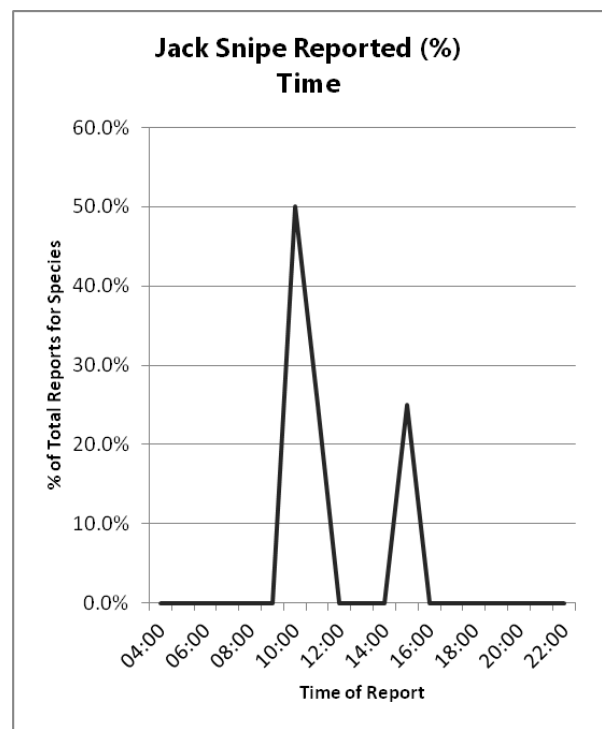
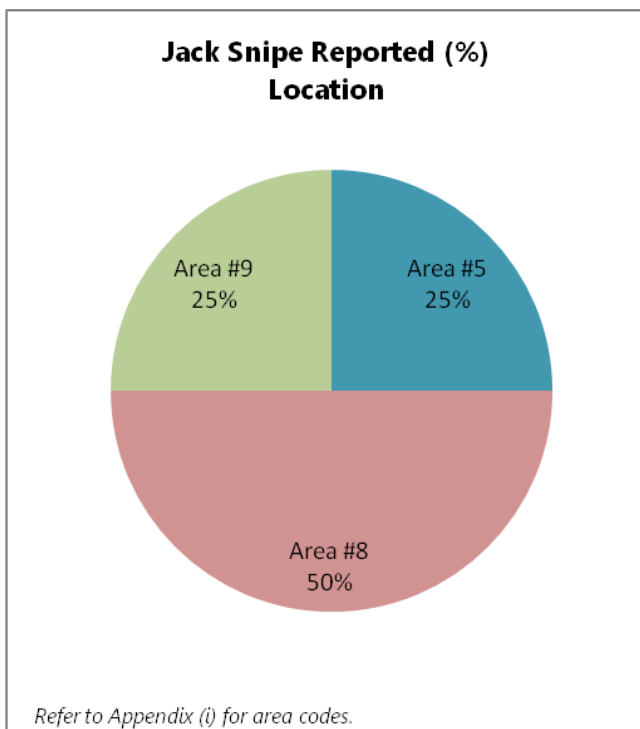
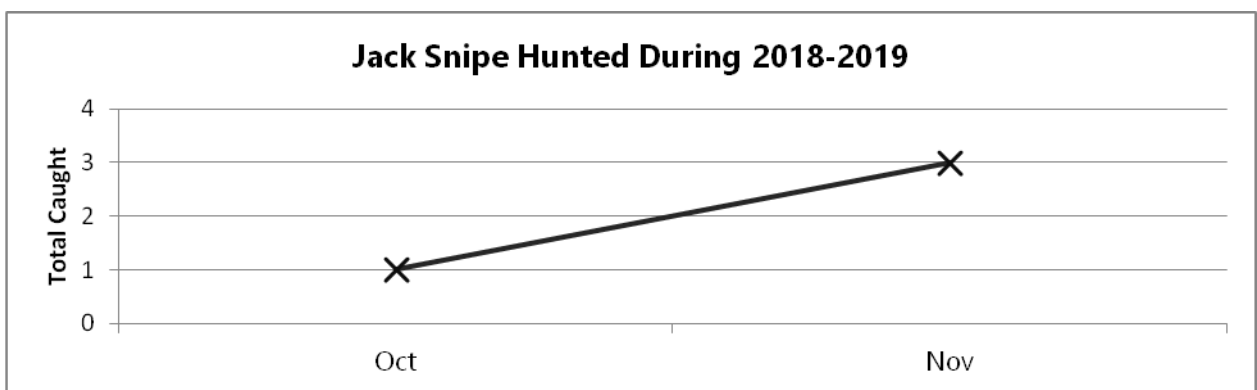


*Lymnocyptes minimus*

**Jack Snipe**

Činkonja

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 1        |
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| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4</b> |

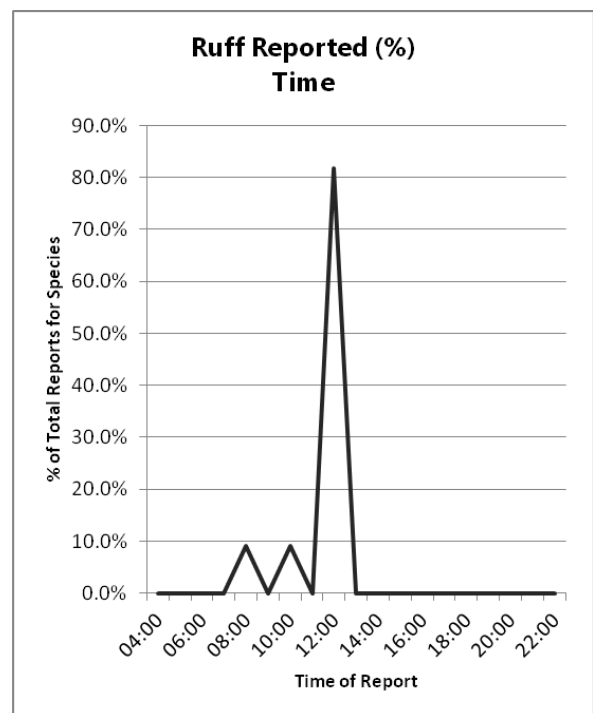
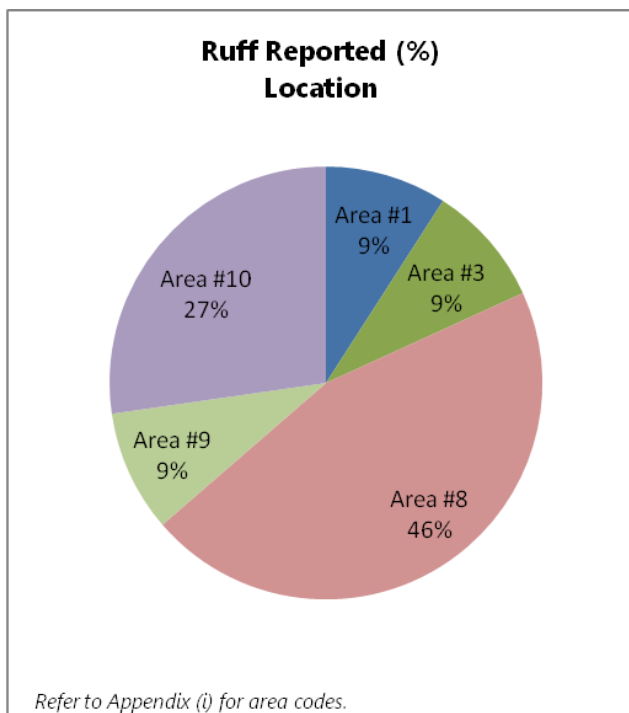
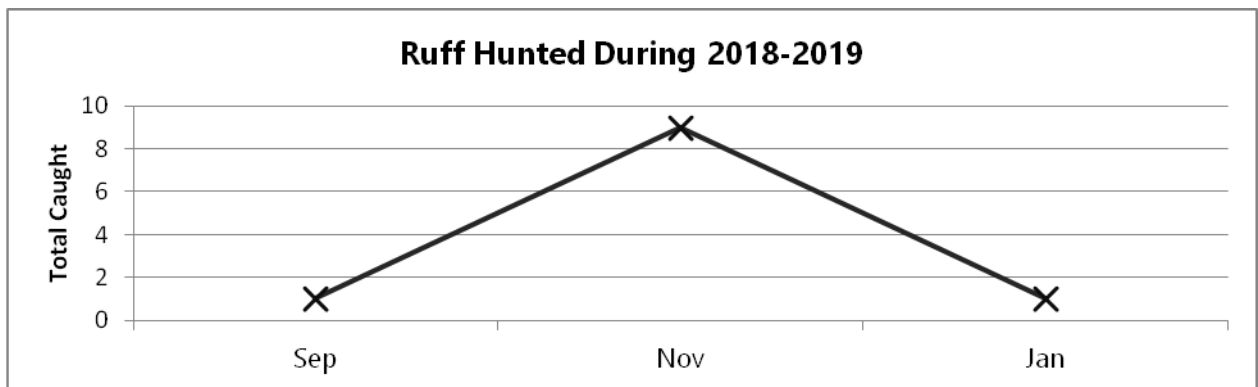


*Philomachus pugnax*

**Ruff**

Girviel

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 1         |
| October '18   | 0         |
| November '18  | 9         |
| December '18  | 0         |
| January '19   | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11</b> |

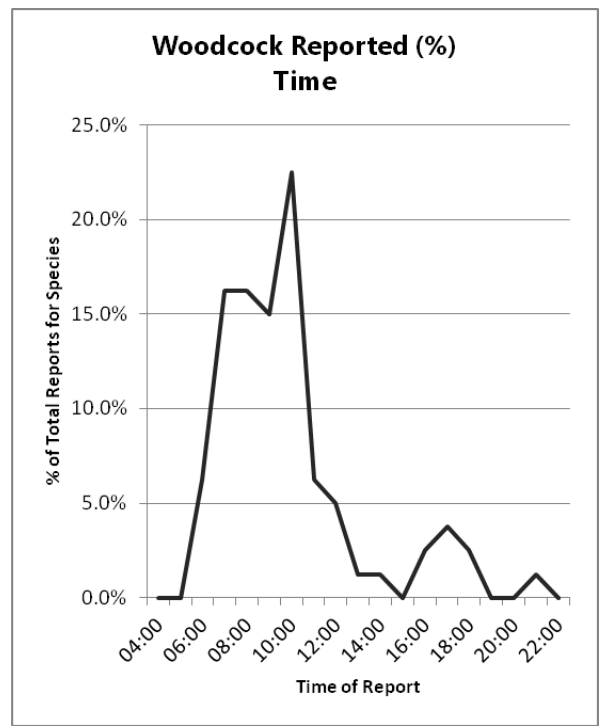
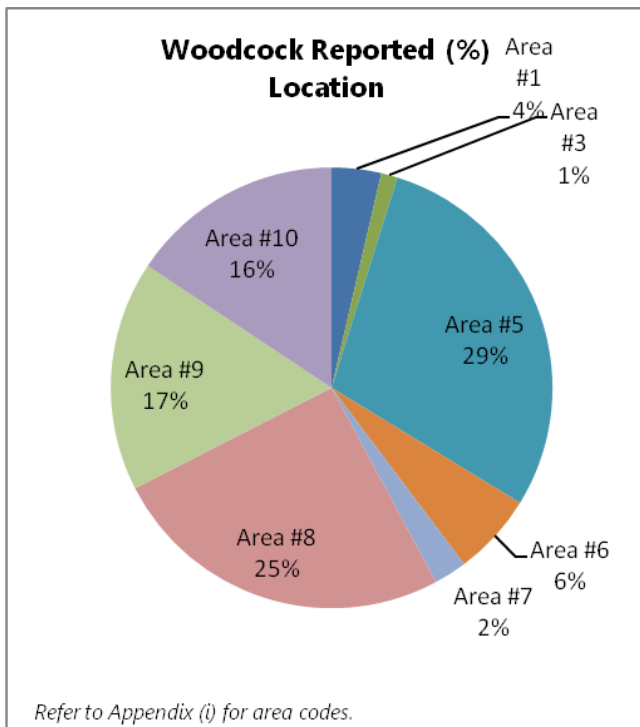
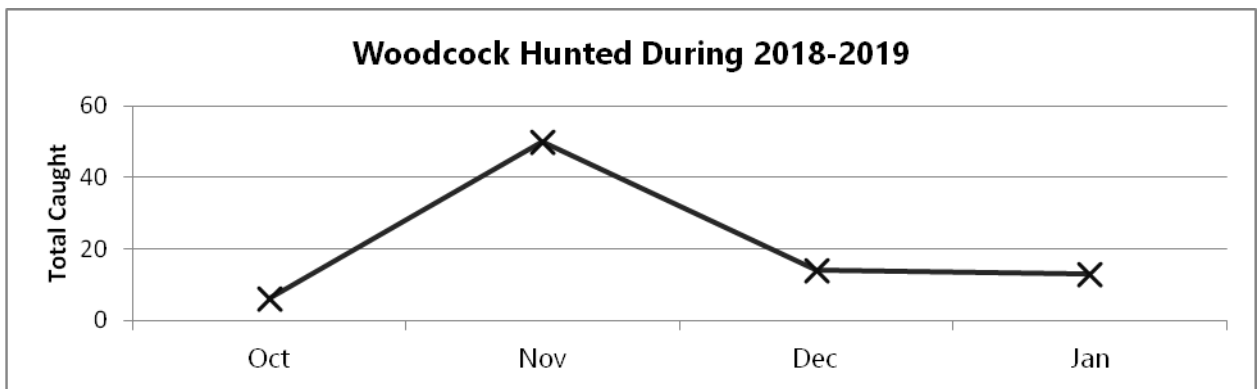


*Scolopax rusticola*

**Woodcock**

Gallina

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 6         |
| November '18  | 50        |
| December '18  | 14        |
| January '19   | 13        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>83</b> |

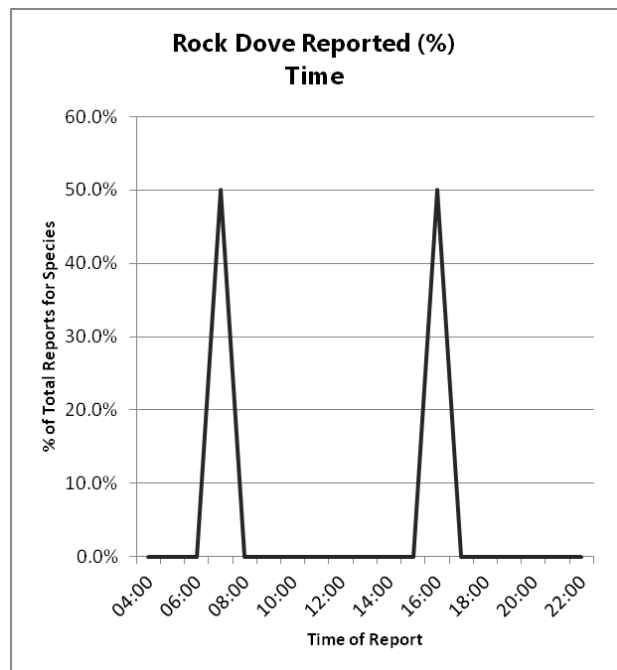
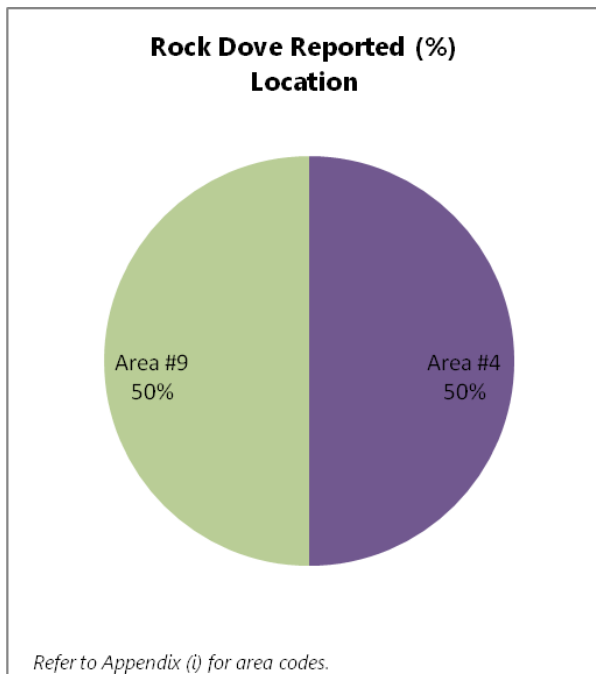
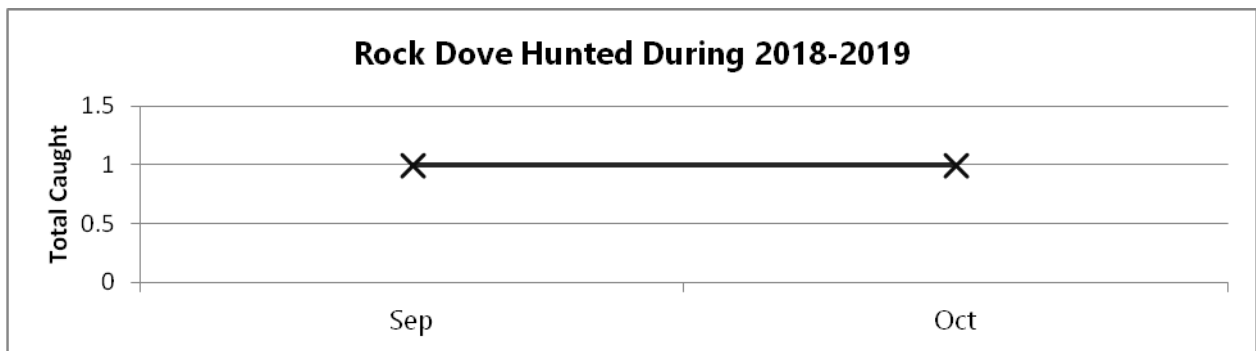


*Columba livia*

**Rock Dove**

Tudun Tal-Gebel

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 1        |
| October '18   | 1        |
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| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2</b> |



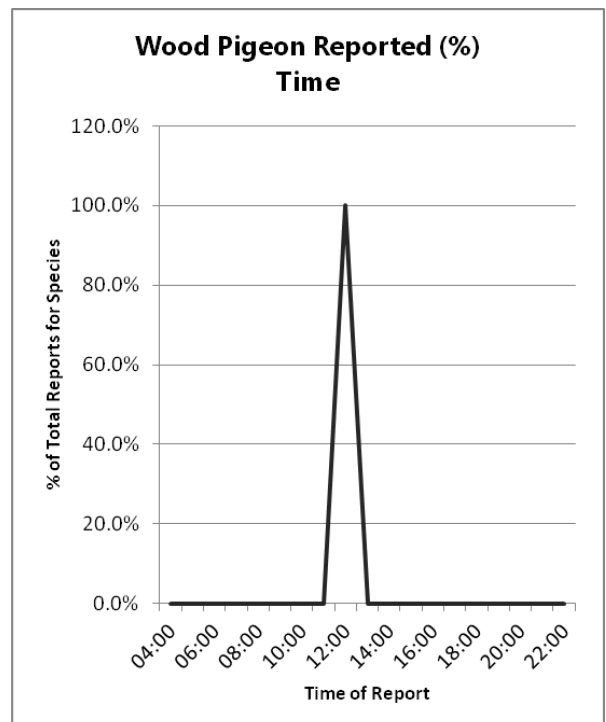
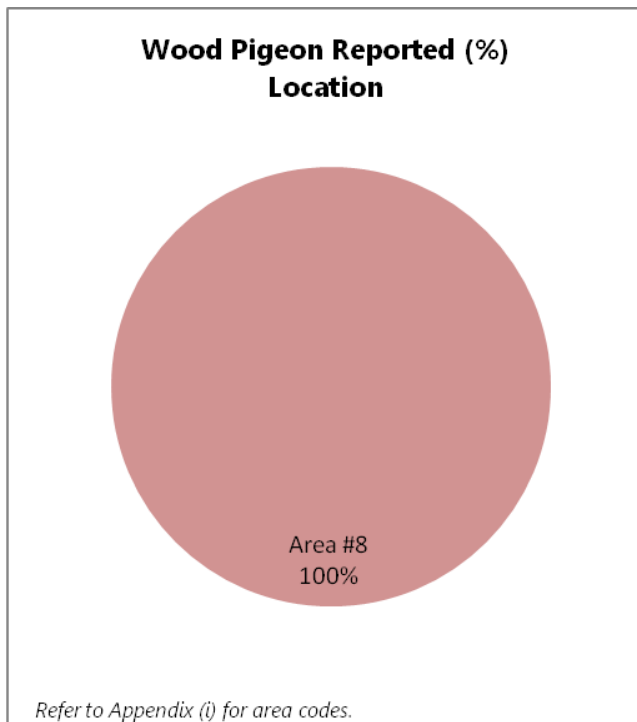
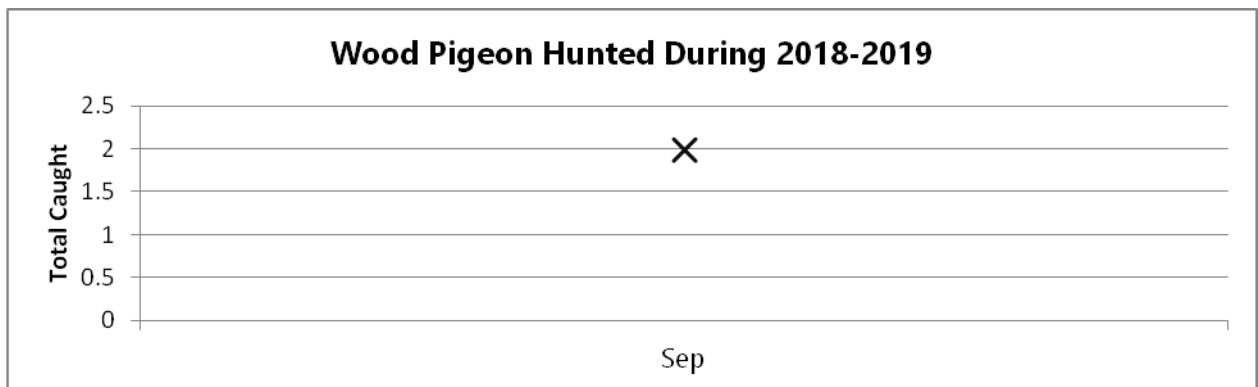
Columbiformes - Columbidae Month Specimens Hunted

*Columba palumbus*

**Wood Pigeon**

Tudun

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 2        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 0        |
| December '18  | 0        |
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| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2</b> |



*Streptopelia turtur*

**European Turtle-dove**

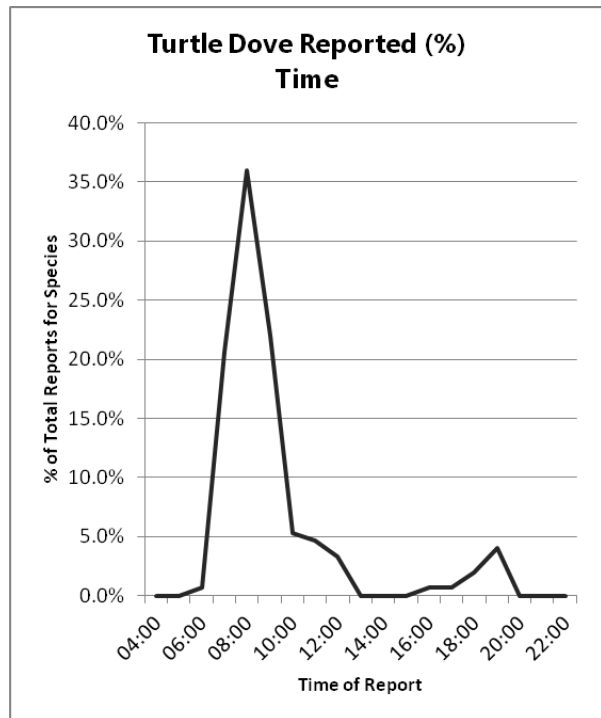
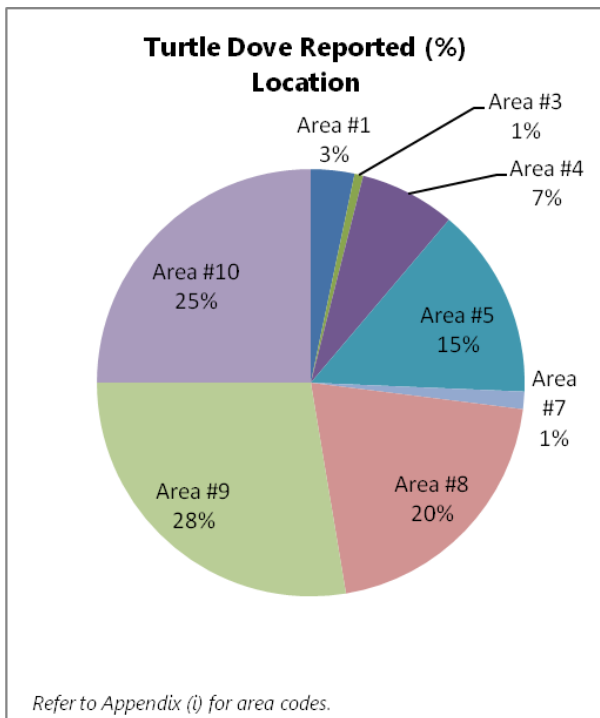
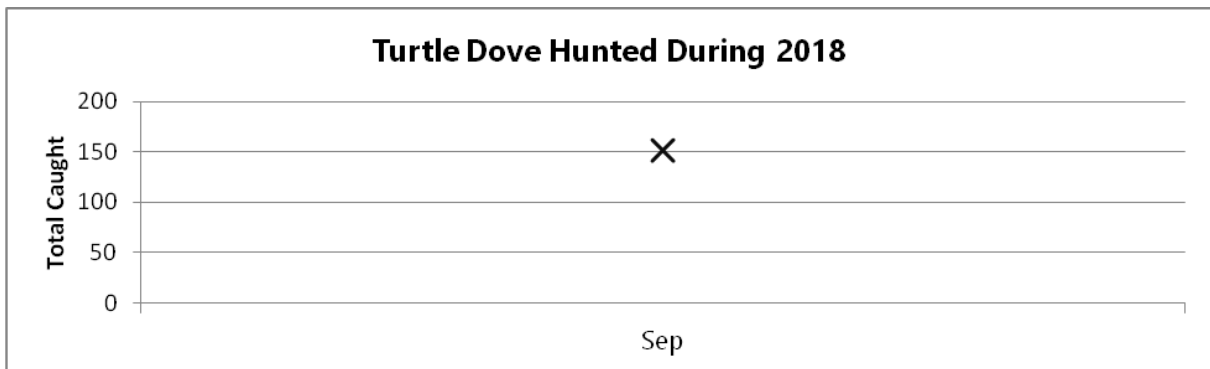
Gamiema

September '18

152

**Total**

**152**

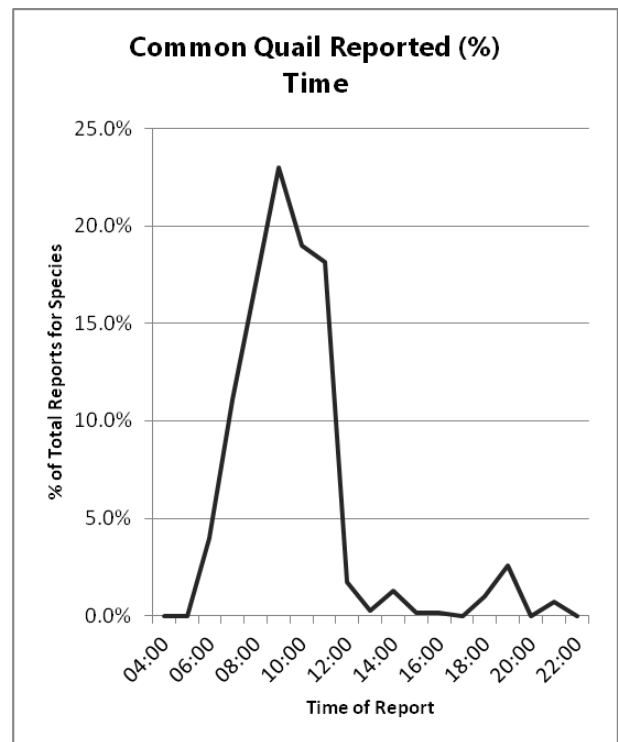
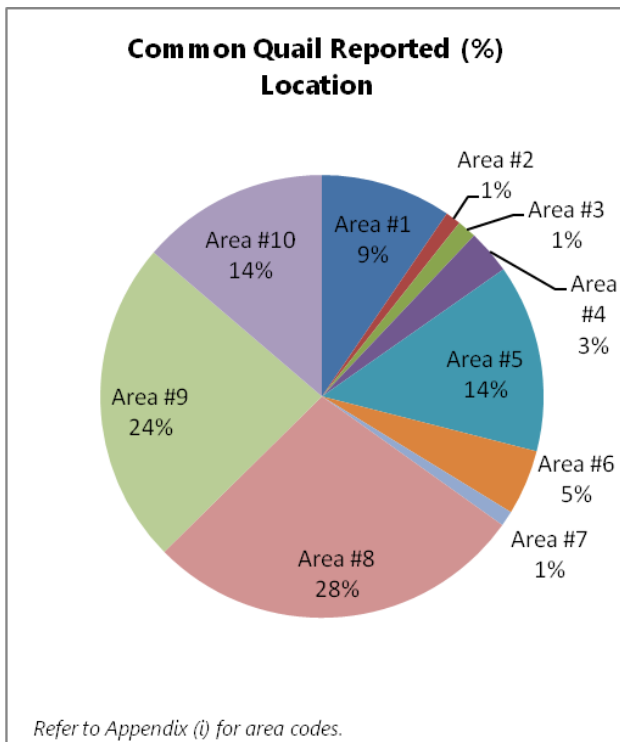
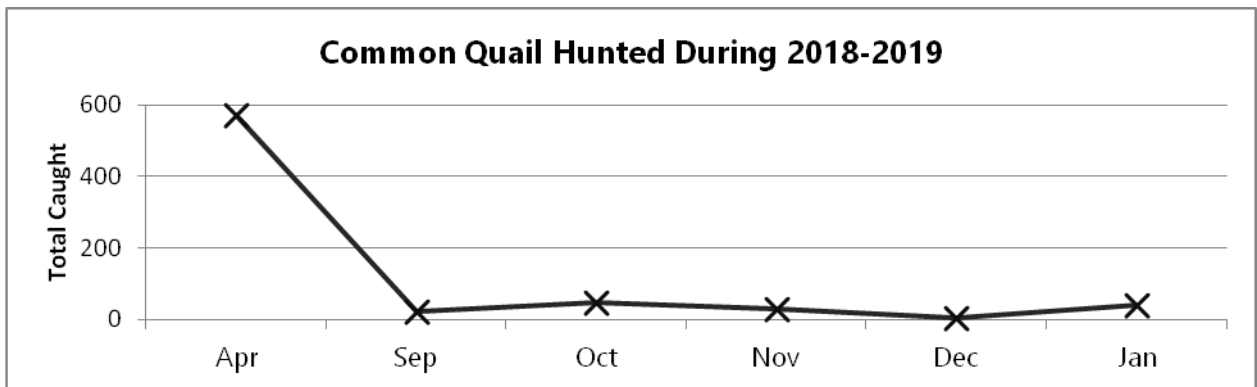


*Coturnix coturnix*

**Common Quail**

Summienna

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| March '18     | 0          |
| April '18     | 570        |
| September '18 | 21         |
| October '18   | 47         |
| November '18  | 30         |
| December '18  | 5          |
| January '19   | 41         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>714</b> |



**Note:** Hunting of this species in spring was authorised through derogation. Full details on the application of this derogation are available at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/springhuntingderogations.aspx>

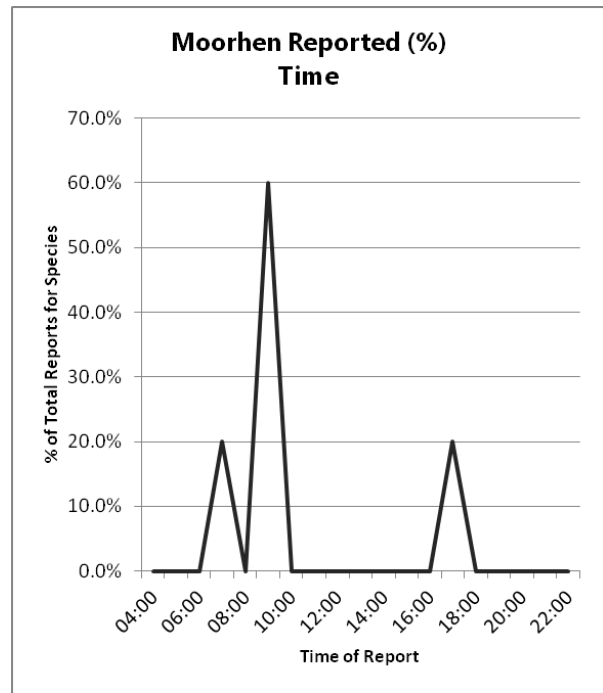
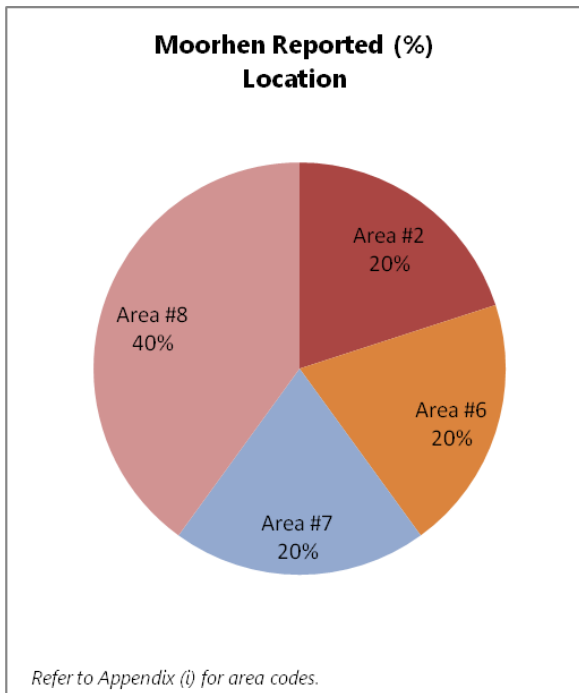
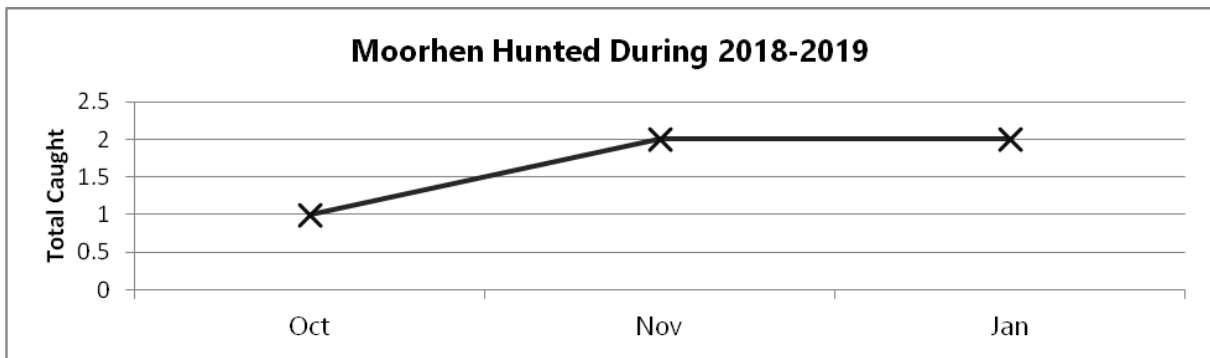
| Gruiformes         | - Rallidae | Month         | Specimens Hunted |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Fulica atra</i> |            |               |                  |
| <b>Coot</b>        |            |               |                  |
| Tigjeġa tal-Baħar  |            |               |                  |
|                    |            | September '18 | 0                |
|                    |            | October '18   | 0                |
|                    |            | November '18  | 0                |
|                    |            | December '18  | 0                |
|                    |            | January '19   | 0                |
|                    |            | <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b>         |

*Gallinula chloropus*

**Moorhen**

Gallozz Iswed

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 1        |
| November '18  | 2        |
| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 2        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b> |

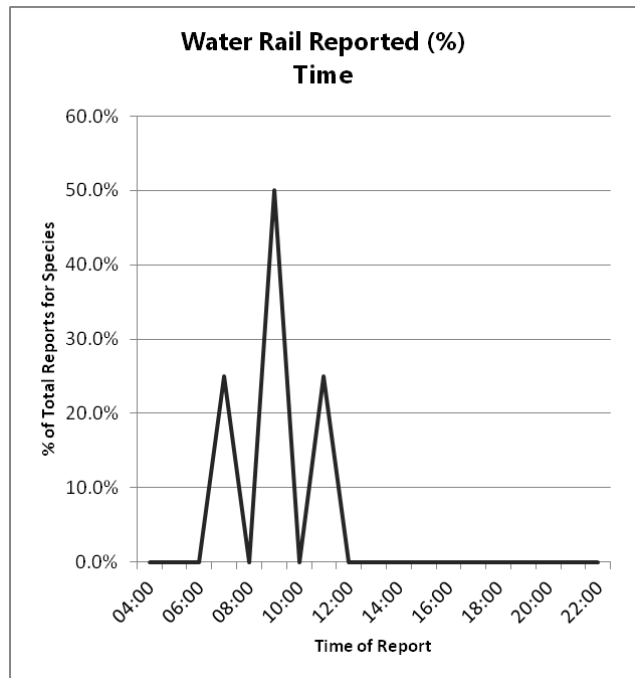
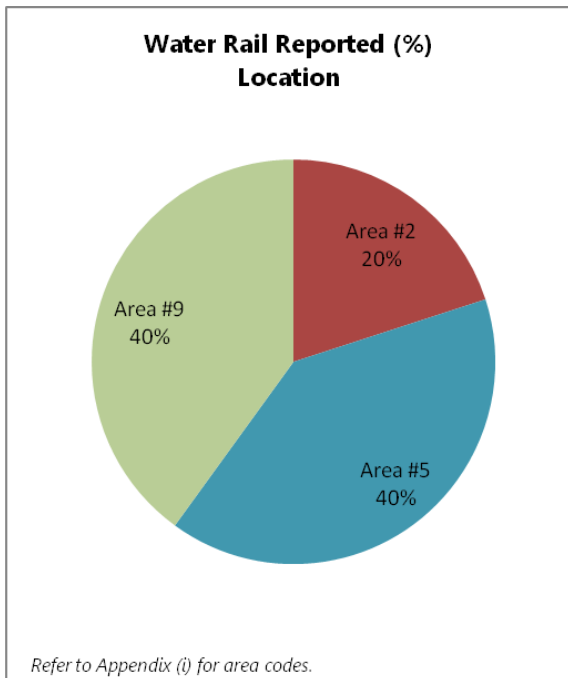
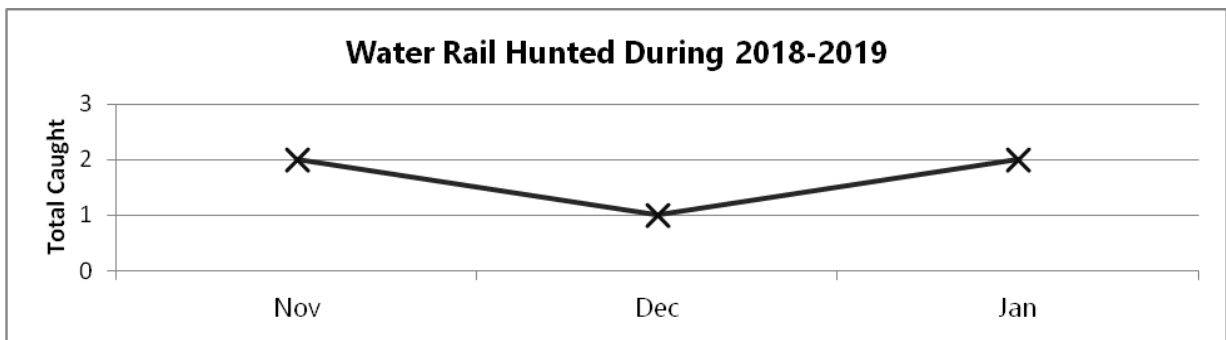


*Rallus aquaticus*

**Water Rail**

Gallozz tax-Xitwa

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
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| December '18  | 1        |
| January '19   | 2        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5</b> |

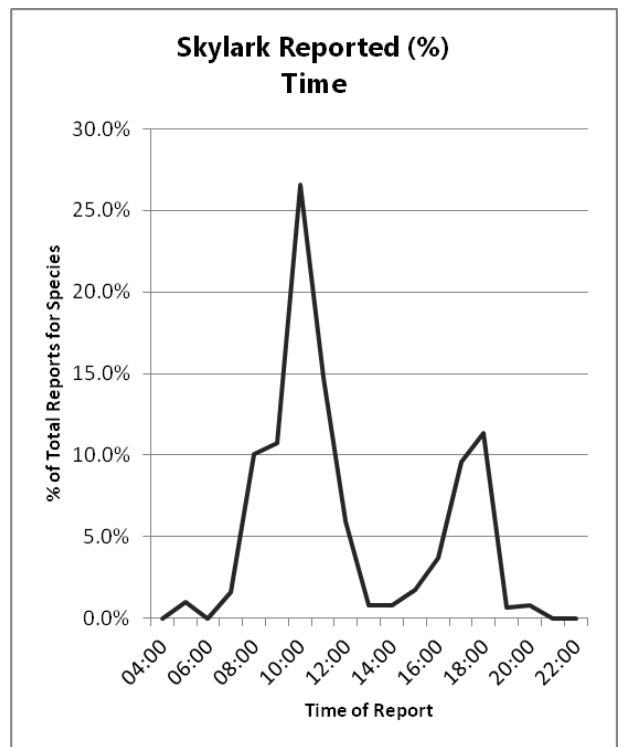
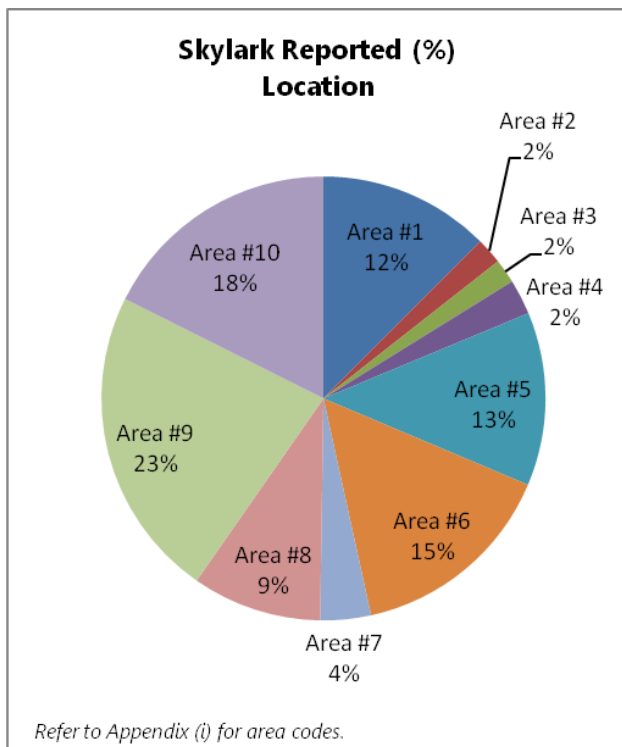
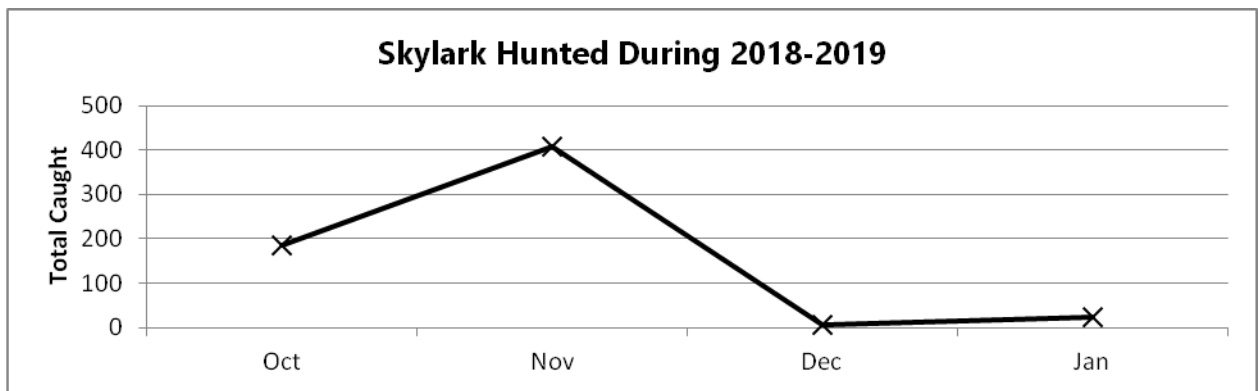


*Alauda arvensis*

**Skylark**

Alwetta

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| September '18 | 0          |
| October '18   | 185        |
| November '18  | 409        |
| December '18  | 7          |
| January '19   | 24         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>625</b> |

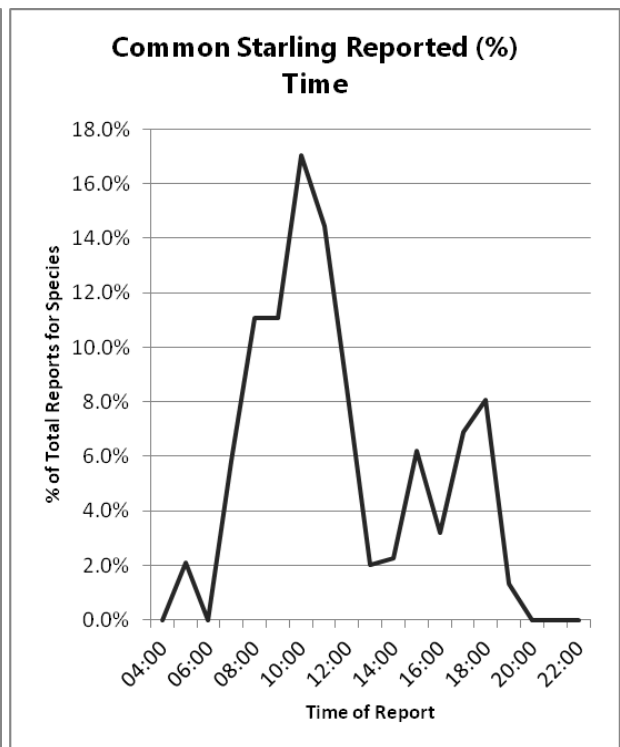
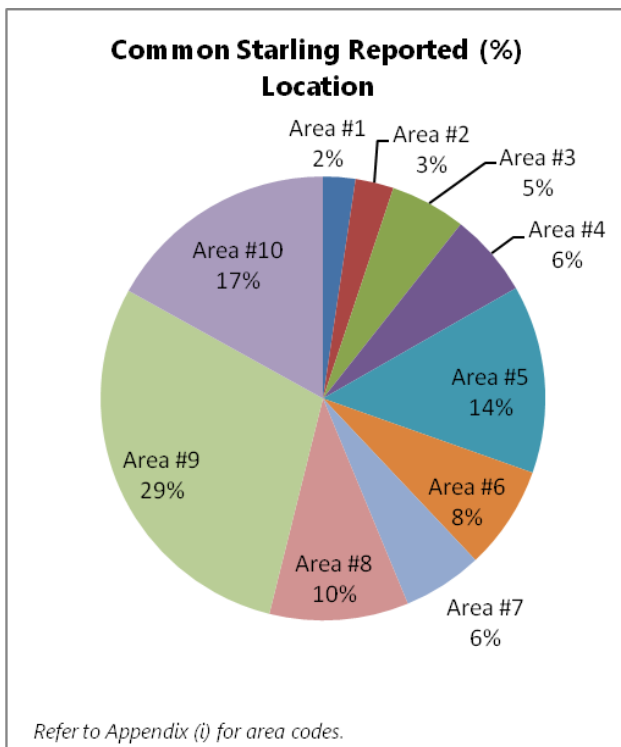
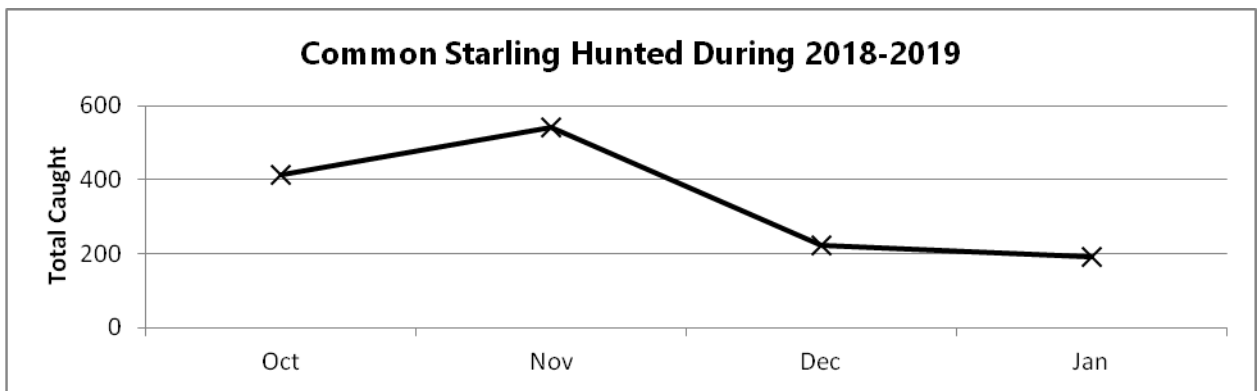


*Sturnus vulgaris*

**Common Starling**

Sturnell

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| September '18 | 0            |
| October '18   | 412          |
| November '18  | 541          |
| December '18  | 221          |
| January '19   | 190          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,364</b> |



Passeriformes

- Turdidae

Month

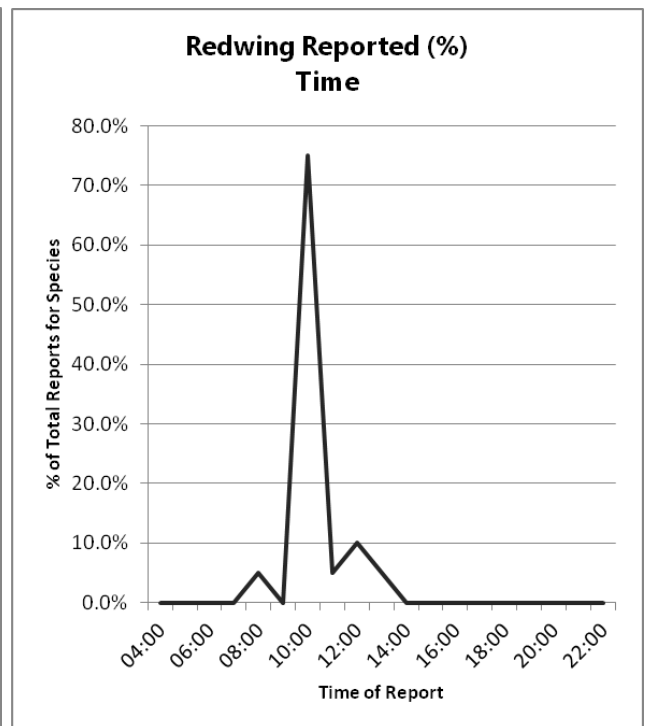
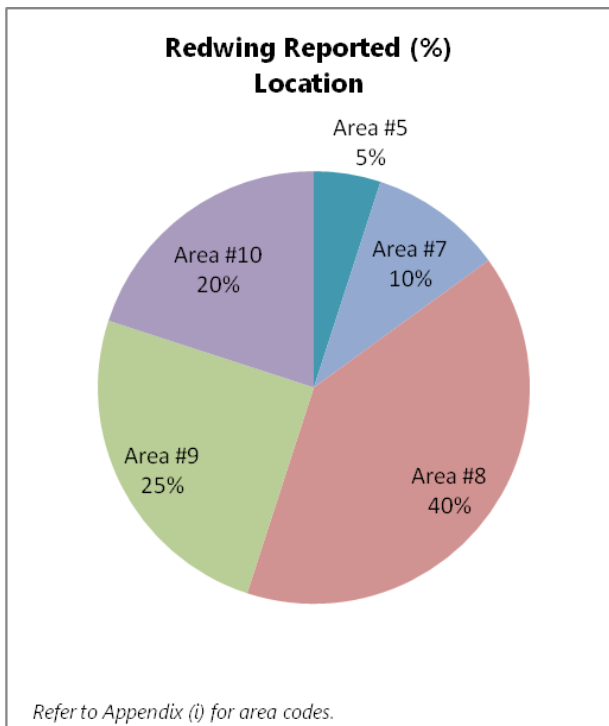
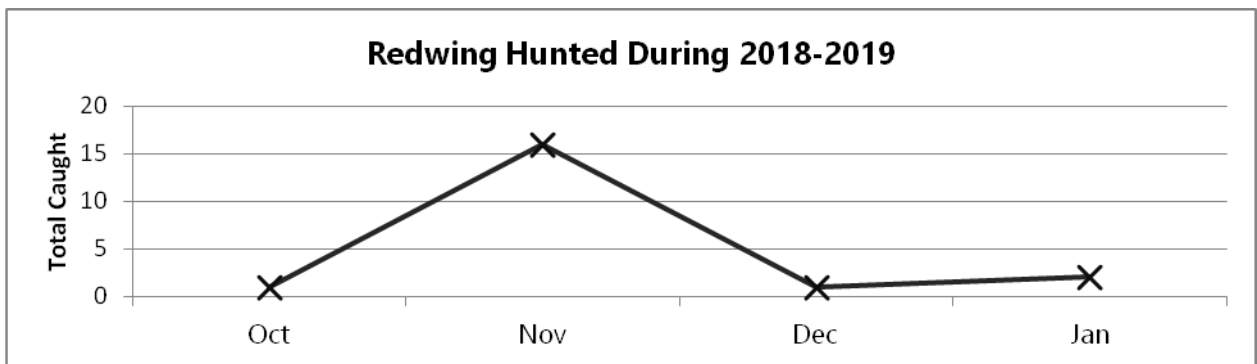
Specimens Hunted

*Turdus iliacus*

**Redwing**

Malvizz Aħmar

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 1         |
| November '18  | 16        |
| December '18  | 1         |
| January '19   | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>20</b> |

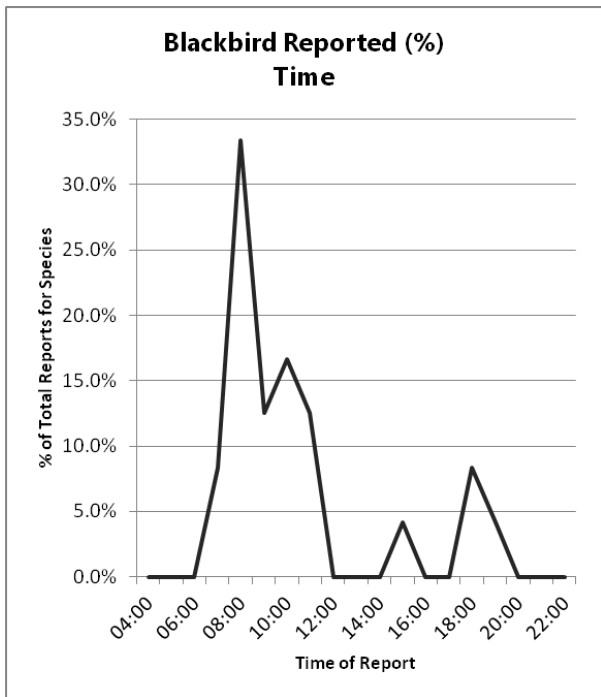
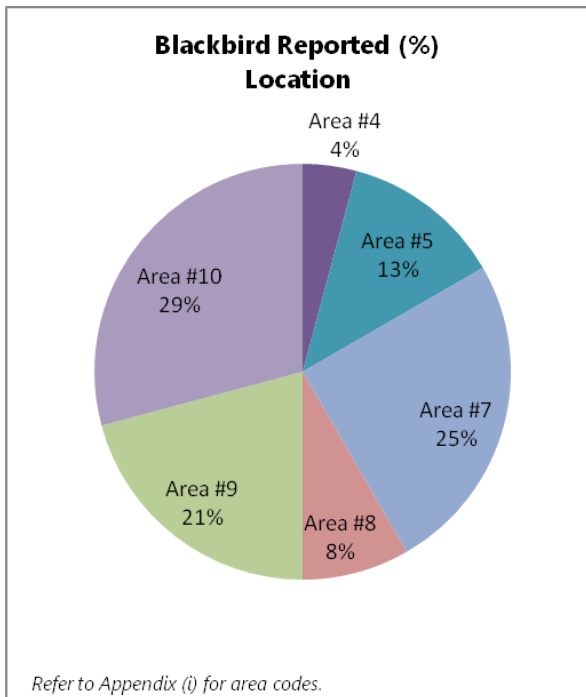
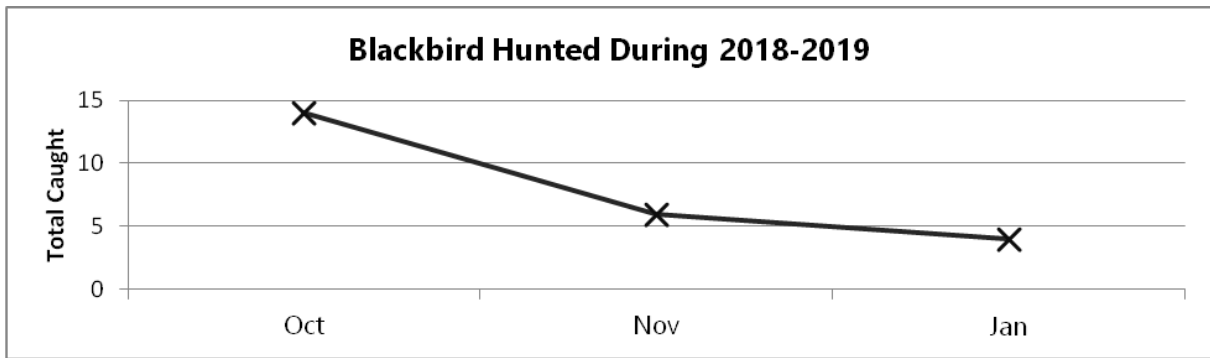


*Turdus merula*

**Blackbird**

Malvizz Iswed

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 14        |
| November '18  | 6         |
| December '18  | 0         |
| January '19   | 4         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>24</b> |



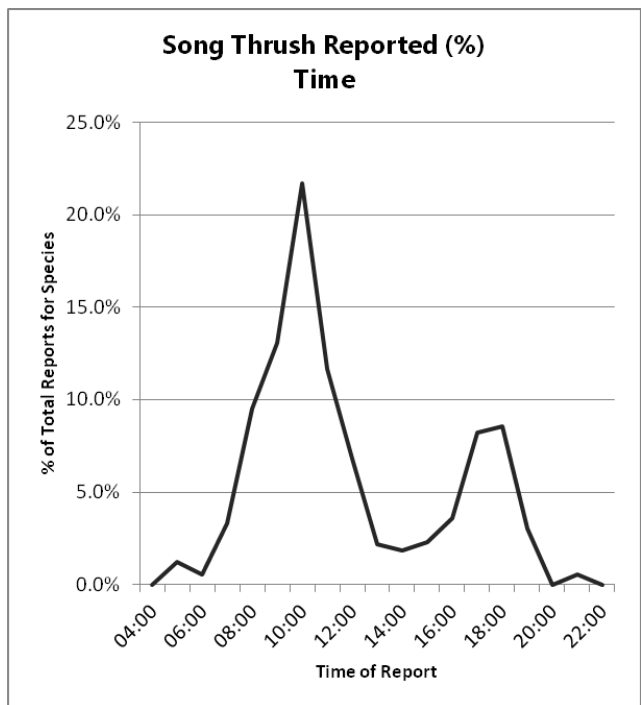
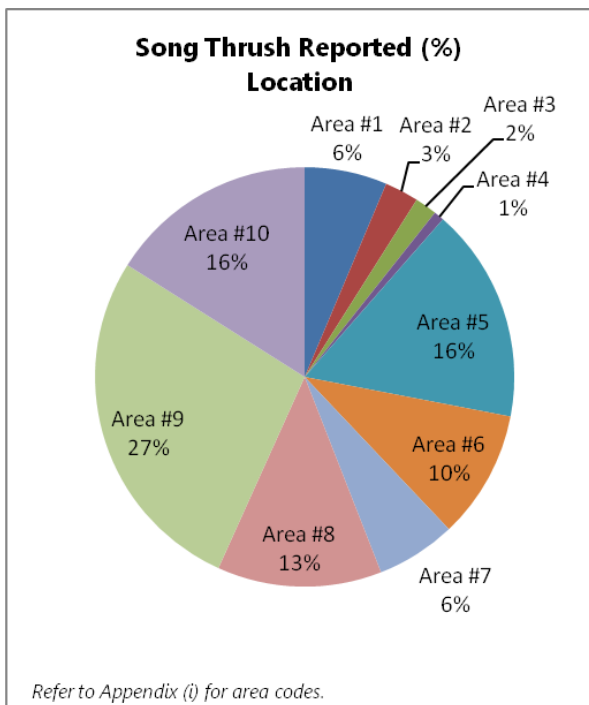
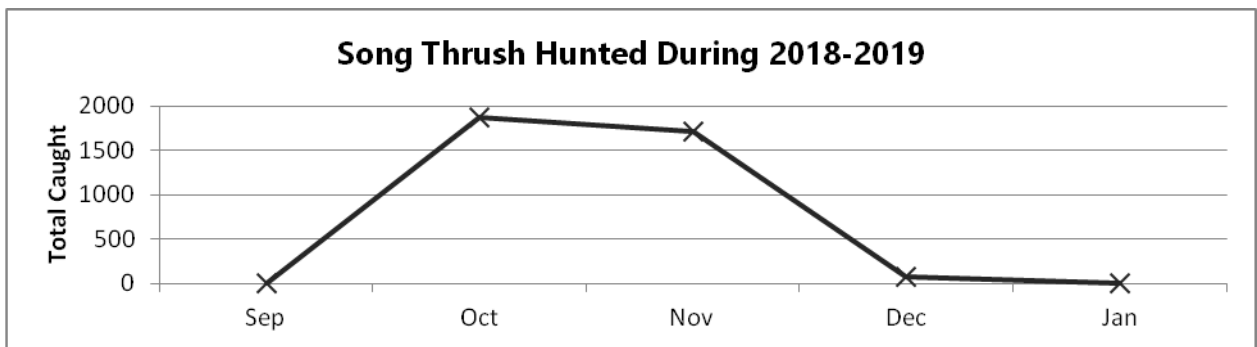
*Turdus philomelos*

**Song Thrush**

Malvizz

(Hunting Data)

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| September '18 | 1            |
| October '18   | 1,868        |
| November '18  | 1,709        |
| December '18  | 79           |
| January '19   | 8            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,665</b> |

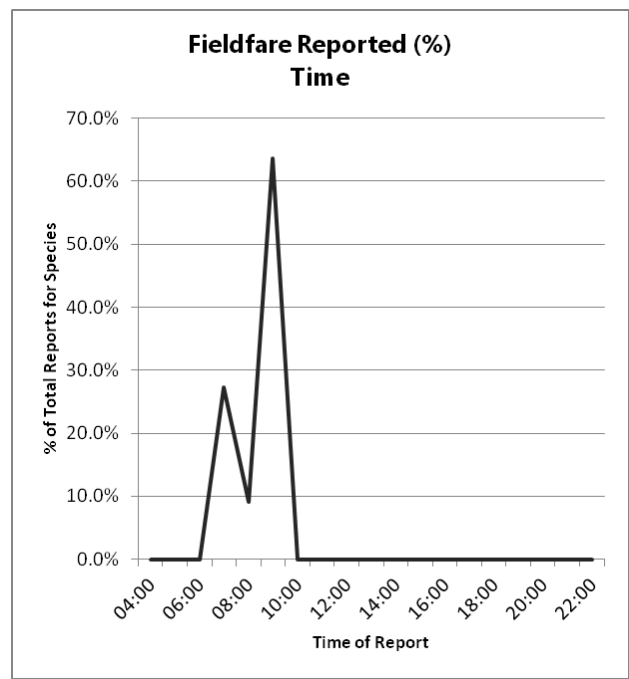
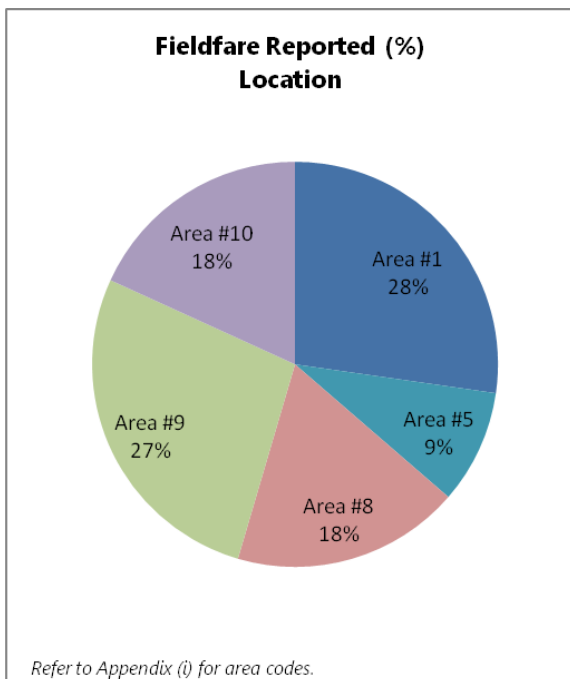
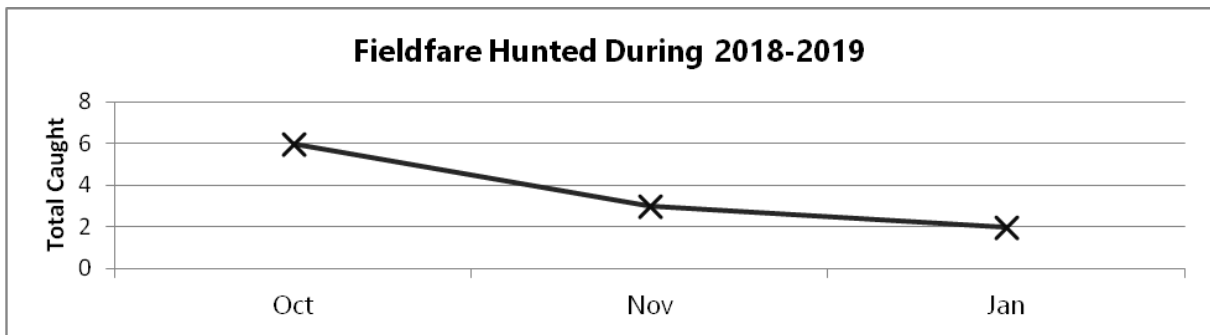


*Turdus pilaris*

**Fieldfare**

Malvizz tal-Qtajja'

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| September '18 | 0         |
| October '18   | 6         |
| November '18  | 3         |
| December '18  | 0         |
| January '19   | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11</b> |



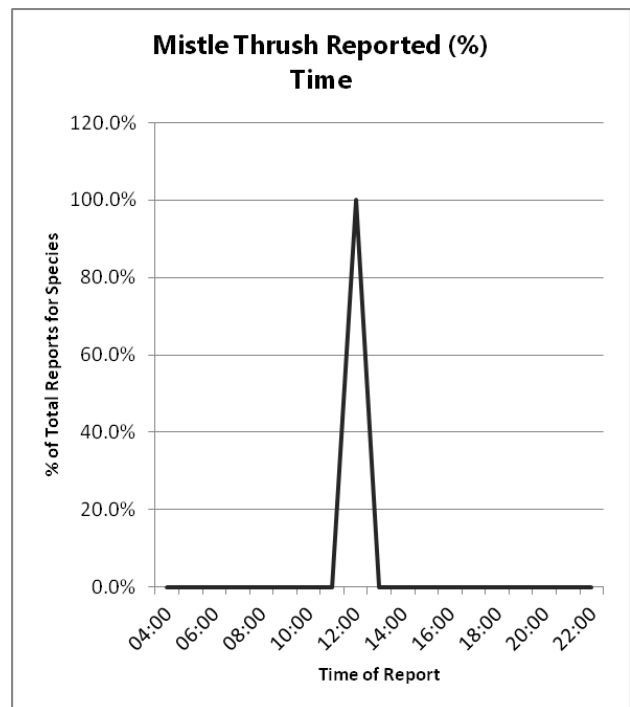
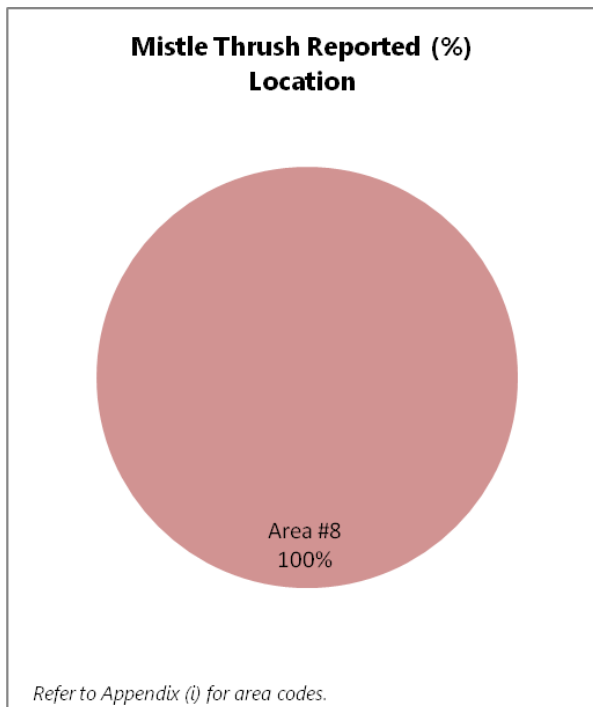
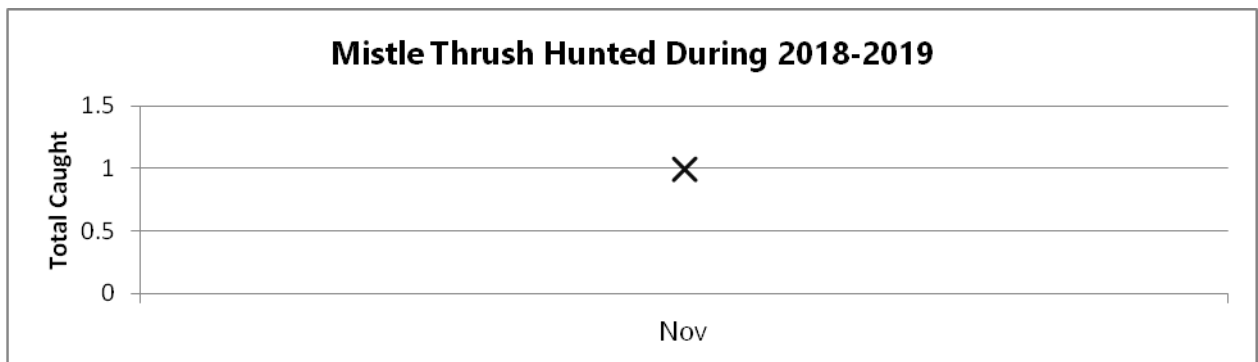
|               |            |       |                  |
|---------------|------------|-------|------------------|
| Passeriformes | - Turdidae | Month | Specimens Hunted |
|---------------|------------|-------|------------------|

*Turdus viscivorus*

**Mistle Thrush**

Malvizzun Prim

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| September '18 | 0        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 1        |
| December '18  | 0        |
| January '19   | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b> |



Lagomorpha - Leporidae Month Specimens Hunted

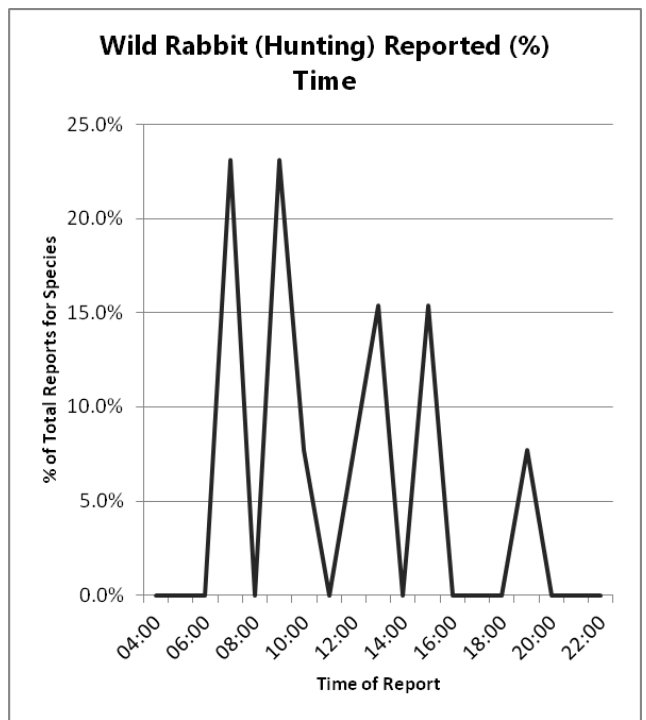
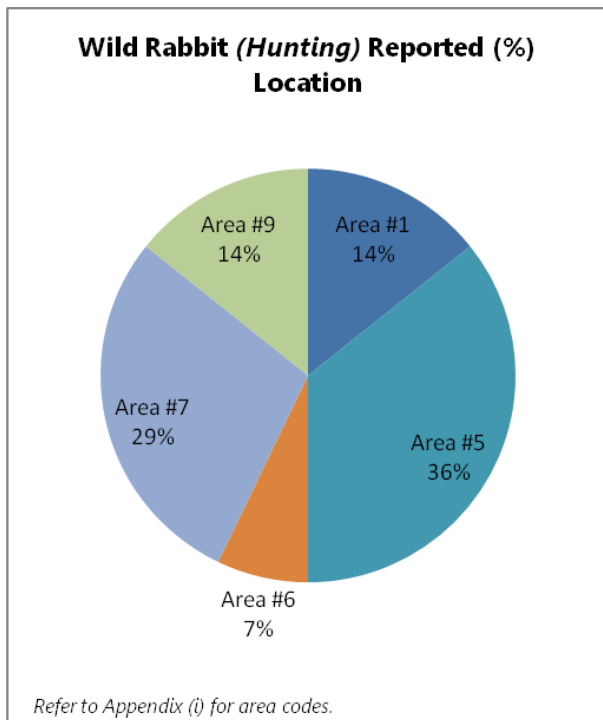
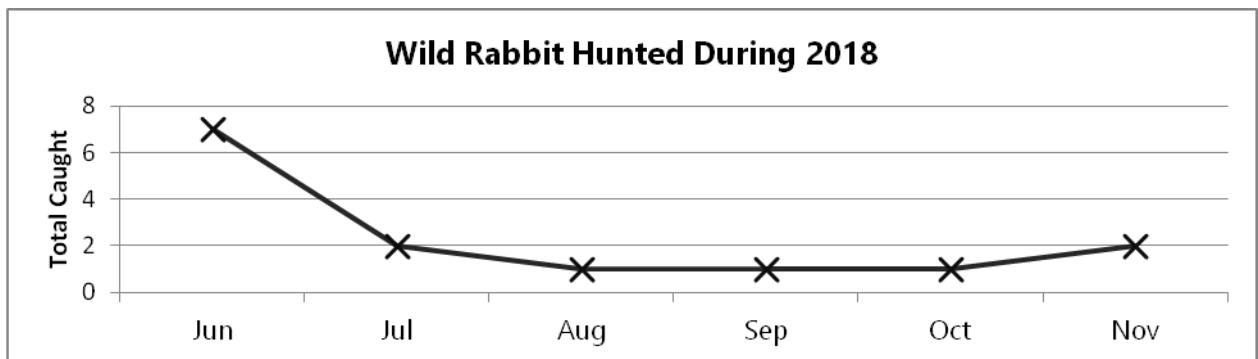
*Oryctolagus cuniculus*

**Wild Rabbit**

Fenek Selvaðg

(Hunting for Wild Rabbit)

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| June '18      | 7         |
| July '18      | 2         |
| August '18    | 1         |
| September '18 | 1         |
| October '18   | 1         |
| November '18  | 2         |
| December '18  | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>14</b> |



Lagomorpha - Leporidae Month Specimens Caught

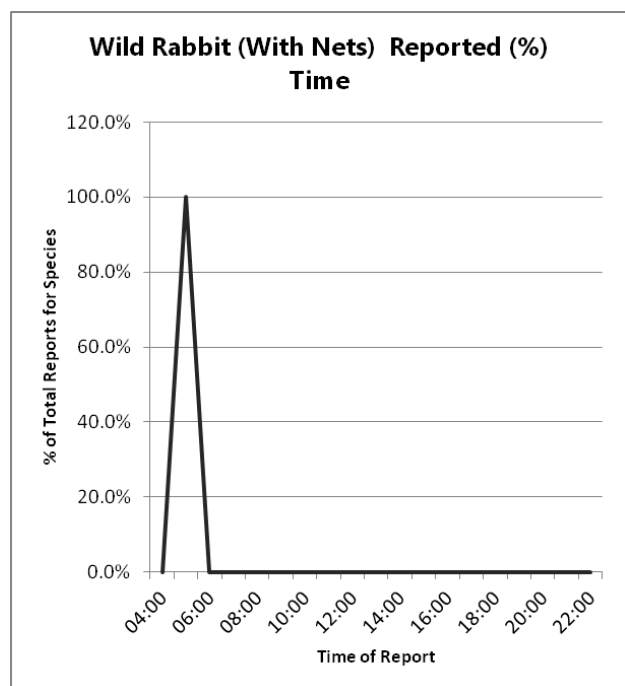
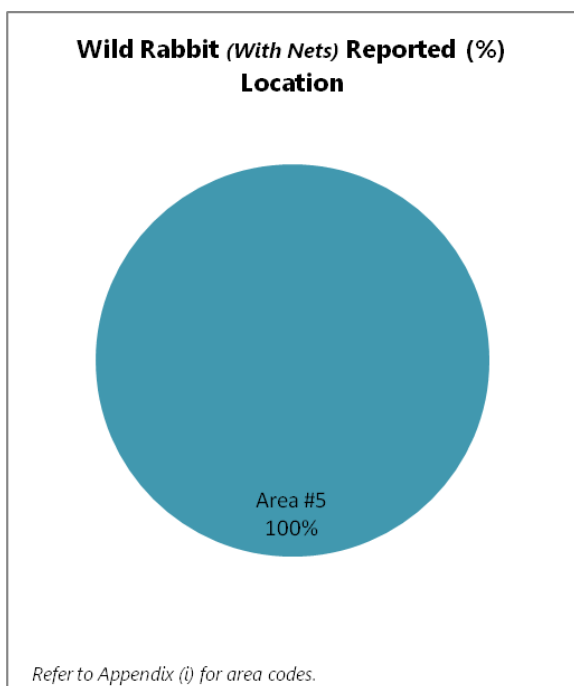
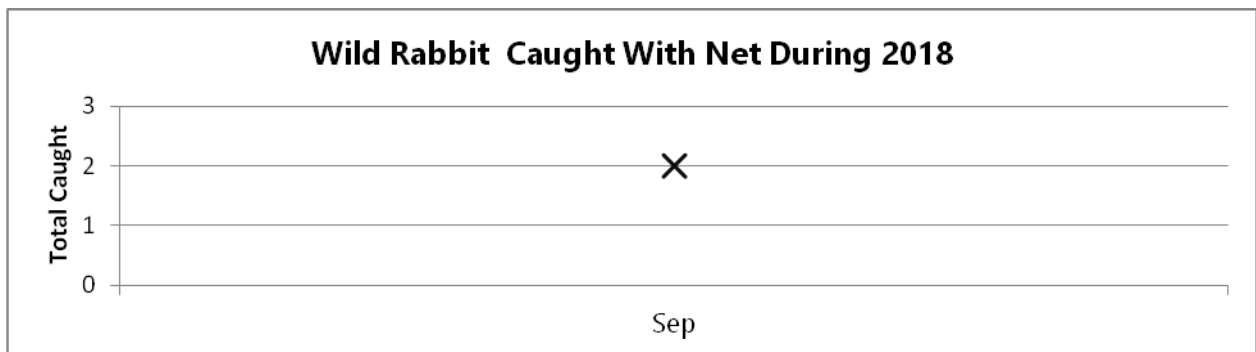
*Oryctolagus cuniculus*

**Wild Rabbit**

Fenek Selvaðg

(Capture of Wild Rabbit with nets [ferreting])

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| June '18      | 0        |
| July '18      | 0        |
| September '18 | 2        |
| October '18   | 0        |
| November '18  | 0        |
| December '18  | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2</b> |



# **Live-Capturing Data**

## 2018 Report

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

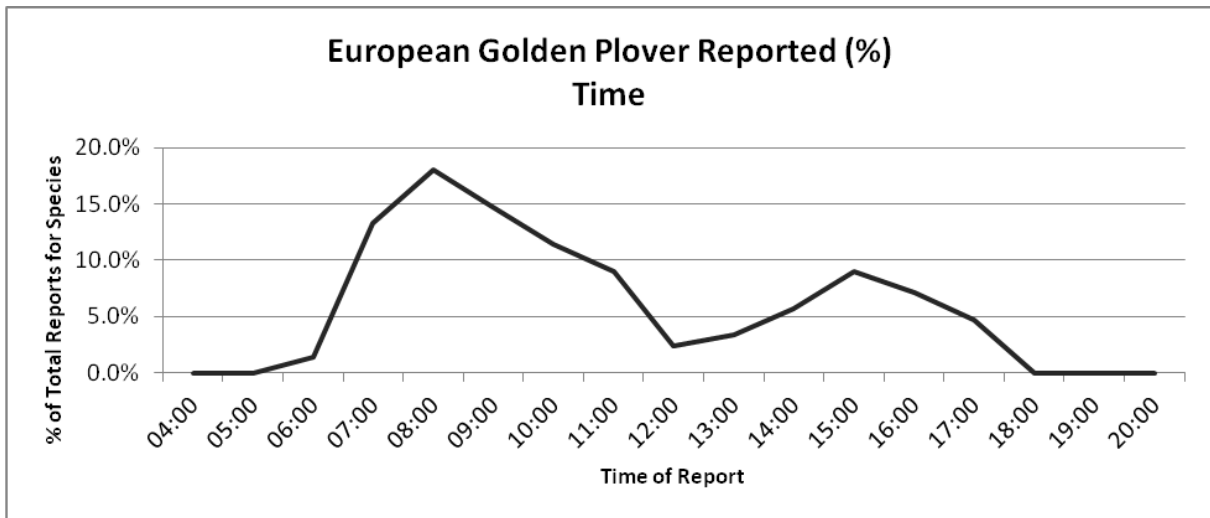
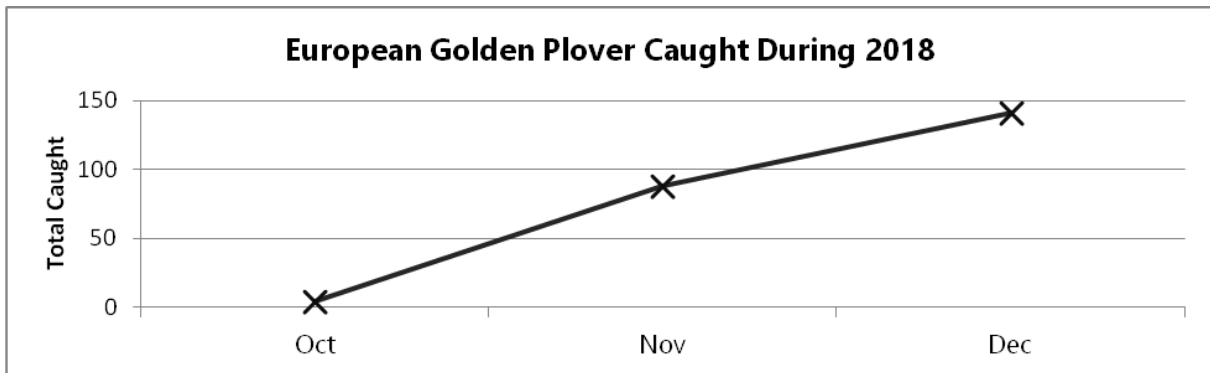
*Pluvialis apricaria*

**European Golden Plover**

Pluviera

(Live-Capturing Data)

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| October '18  | 4          |
| November '18 | 88         |
| December '18 | 141        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>233</b> |



Passeriformes - Turdidae Month Specimens Caught

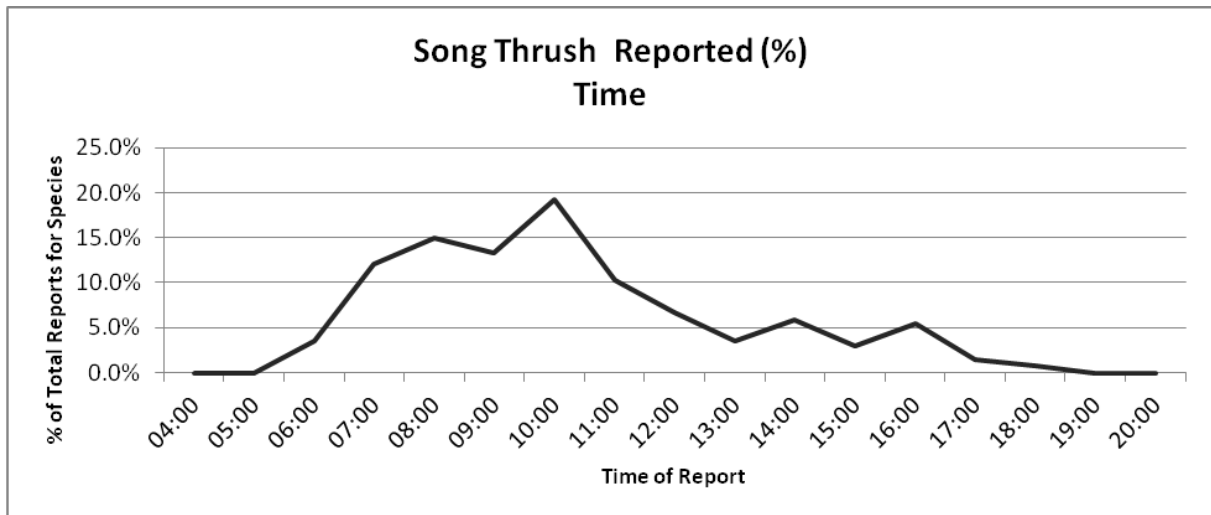
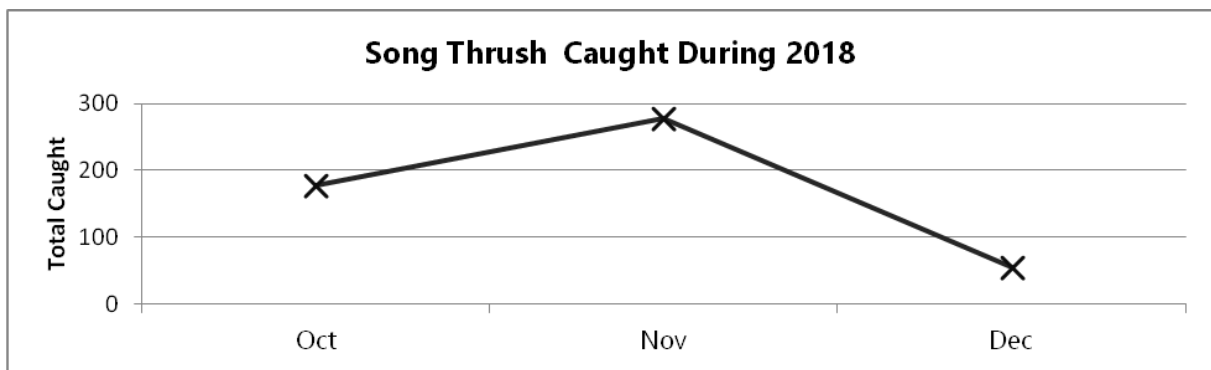
*Turdus philomelos*

**Song Thrush**

Malvizz

(Live-Capturing Data)

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| October '18  | 178        |
| November '18 | 278        |
| December '18 | 55         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>511</b> |



# Appendix (i)

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

