



# **Game Reporting Data**

2020 Report

Wild Birds Regulation Unit

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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 are now submitted through a telephonic game reporting system. The data in this report was collated from the 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. Detailed reports on the outcome of these derogations can be found in the official derogations report available at:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/Reports%20and%20Statistics/Autumn-Live-Capturing-Derogations%E2%80%8B-.aspx>.

Spring hunting derogation reports are also available at:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/Spring-Hunting-Derogation.aspx>.

The table below outlines the number of licences active for each general licence category in 2020. 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	10,675
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Quail</i>	5,803
General Licence for Hunting birds at sea	293
General Licence for Hunting of wild rabbit	2,956
General Licence for Capture of wild rabbit with nets	65
General Licence for Live-Capturing of birds	4,541
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	1,319

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 2,478 specimens belonging to huntable species were reported hunted and a total of 1,351 specimens were reported captured under

live-capturing derogations. The system received a total of 2,950 telephonic reports (SMS reports) from 1,241 individuals.

The following table lists the reports submitted by licensees within each licence category and the corresponding total number of specimens reported. The number of licensees submitting a report as a percentage of the total number of licences within each category is also provided.

Licence Category	Total licences	Nº of licensees participating in game reporting	Percentage of total licences within category	Nº of SMS reports received	Specimens reported
General Licence for Hunting birds on land	10,675	292	2.7 %	942	2,475
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Quail</i>	5,803	826	14.2 %	1,324	1,596
General Licence for Hunting birds at sea	293	0	0	0	0
General Licence for Hunting of wild rabbit	2,956	2	0.07 %	3	3
General Licence for Capture of wild rabbit with nets	65	0	0	0	0
General Licence for Live-Capturing of birds	4,541	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	1,319	368	27.9 %	681	1,351

# Hunting Data

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Anseriformes - Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas acuta</i>		
<b>Pintail</b>		
Silfjun		
	September '20	0
	October '20	0
	November '20	0
	December '20	0
	January '21	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas clypeata</i>			
<b>Shoveler</b>			
Palettuna			
		September '20	0
		October '20	0
		November '20	0
		December '20	0
		January '21	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

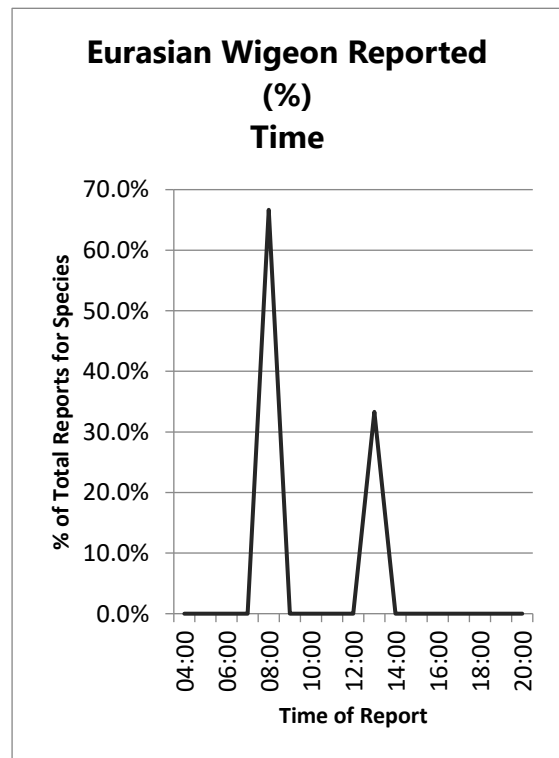
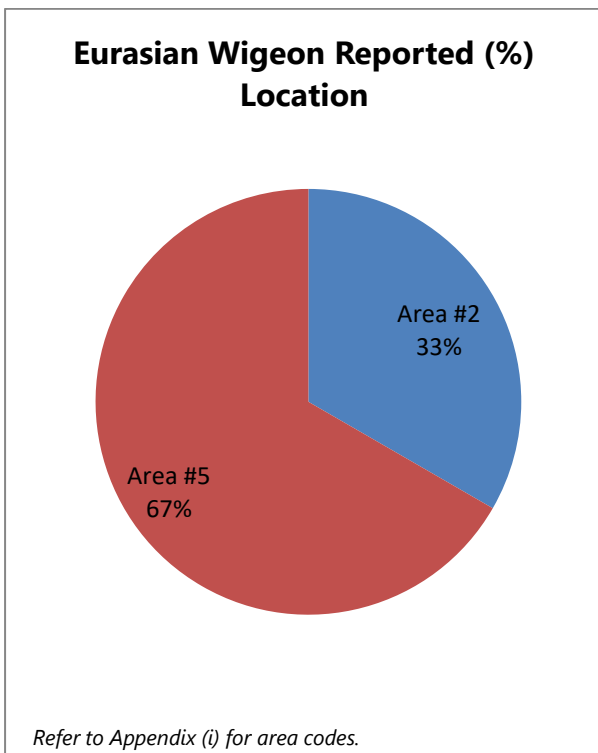
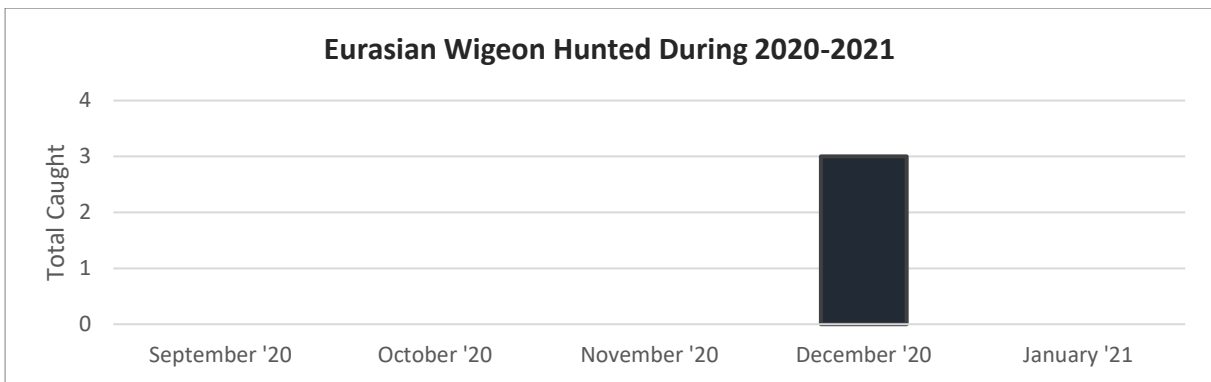
Anseriformes - Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas crecca</i>		
<b>Eurasian Teal</b>		
Sarsella		
	September '20	0
	October '20	0
	November '20	0
	December '20	0
	January '21	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

*Anas penelope*

**Eurasian Wigeon**

Silfjun Ewropew

September '20	0
October '20	0
November '20	0
December '20	3
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

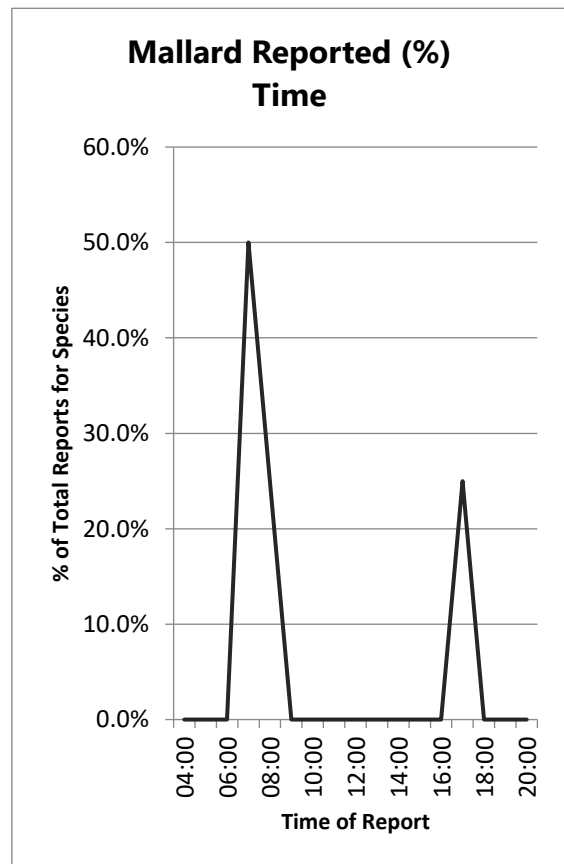
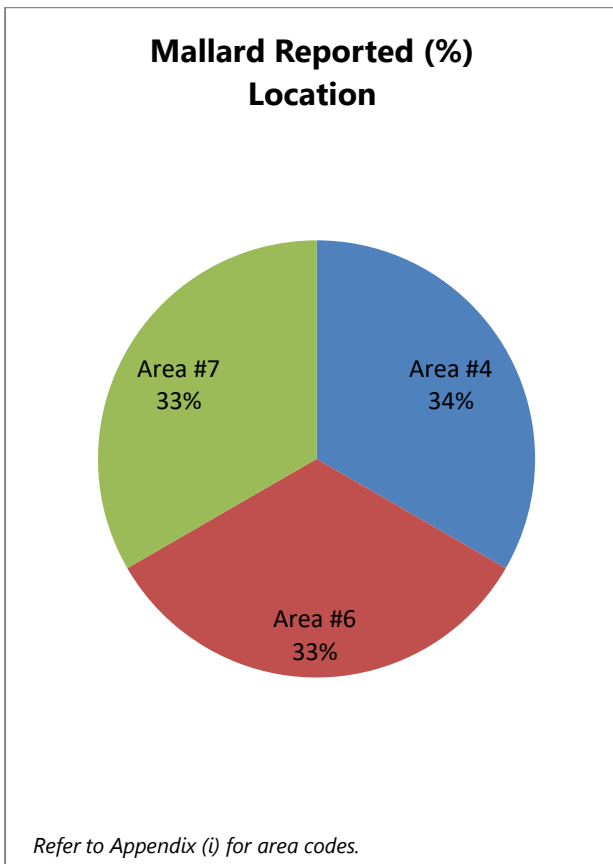
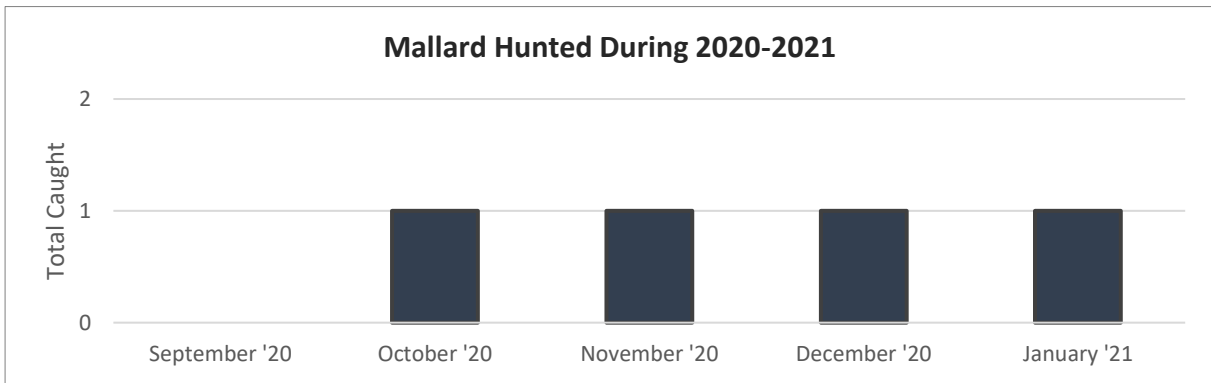


*Anas platyrhynchos*

**Mallard**

Kuluvert

September '20	0
October '20	1
November '20	1
December '20	1
January '21	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>



Anseriformes - Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas querquedula</i>		
<b>Garganey</b>		
Sarsella Hamra		
	September '20	0
	October '20	0
	November '20	0
	December '20	0
	January '21	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Anseriformes - Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anas strepera</i>		
<b>Gadwall</b>		
Kuluvert Griz		
	September '20	0
	October '20	0
	November '20	0
	December '20	0
	January '21	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anser anser</i>			
<b>Greylag Goose</b>			
<i>Wizza Griza</i>			
		September '20	0
		October '20	0
		November '20	0
		December '20	0
		January '21	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Anseriformes	- Anatidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Anser fabalis</i>			
<b>Taiga Bean Goose</b>			
Wizza tal-Ful			
		September '20	0
		October '20	0
		November '20	0
		December '20	0
		January '21	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Anseriformes

- Anatidae

Month

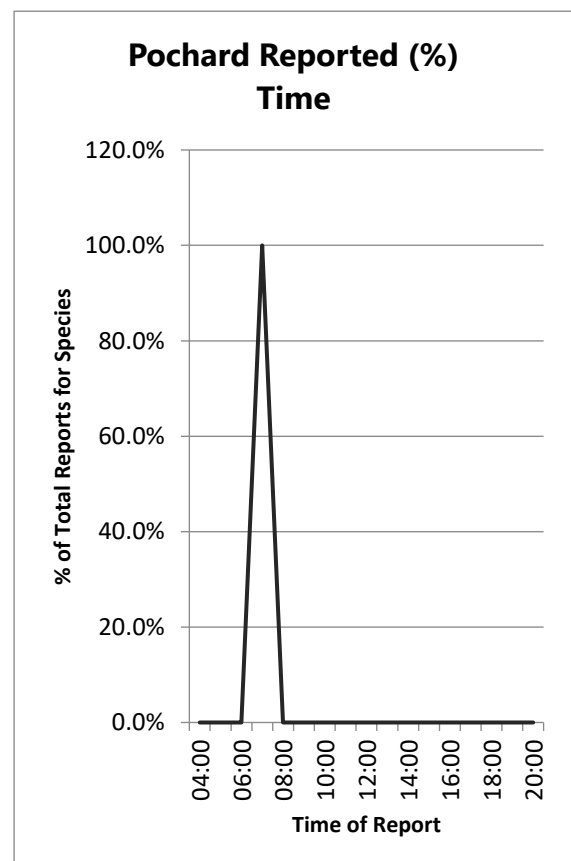
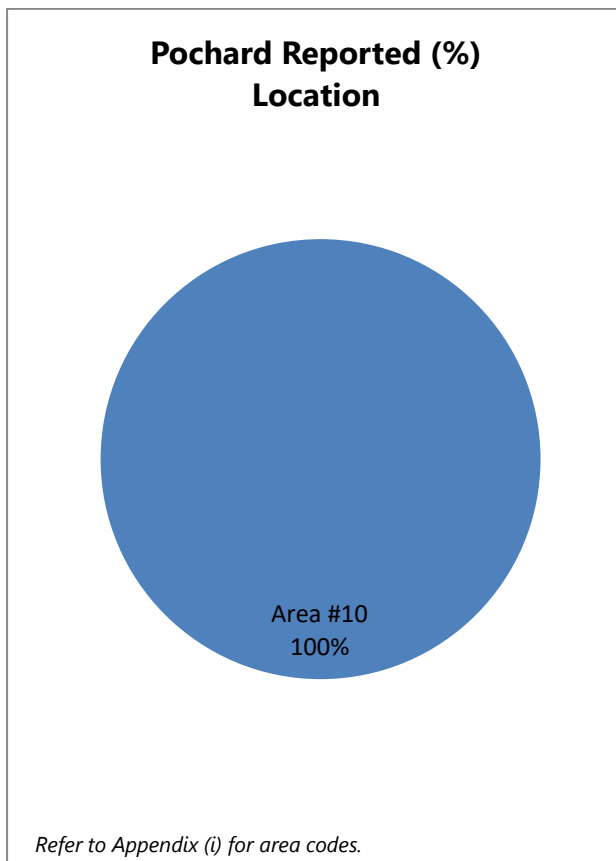
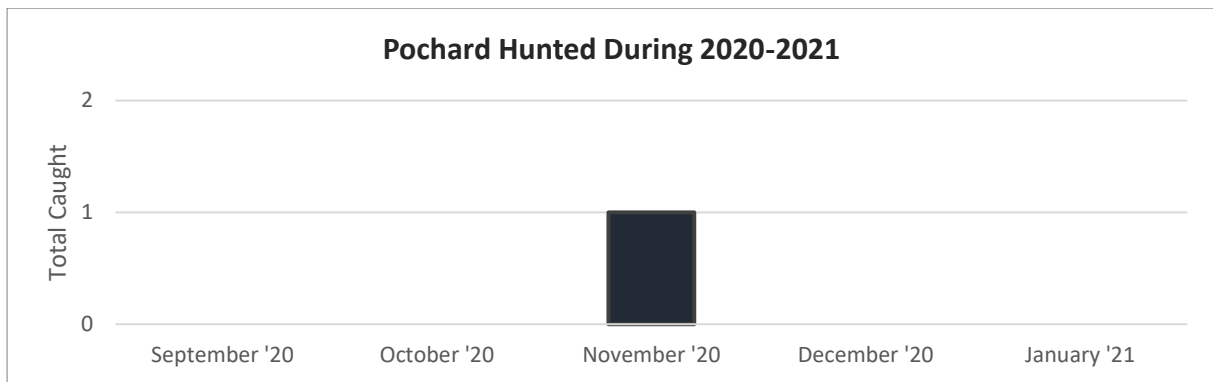
Specimens Hunted

*Aythya ferina*

**Pochard**

Brajmala

September '20	0
October '20	0
November '20	1
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>



Anseriformes

- Anatidae

Month

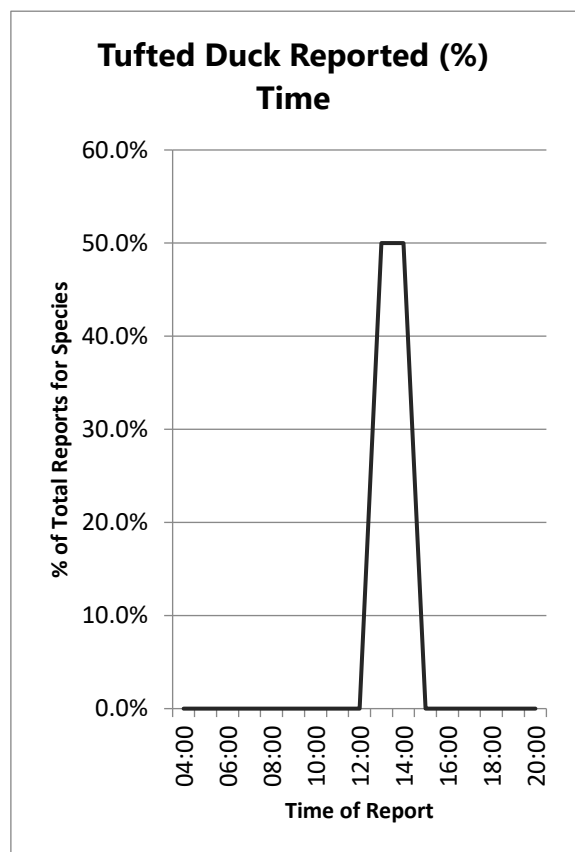
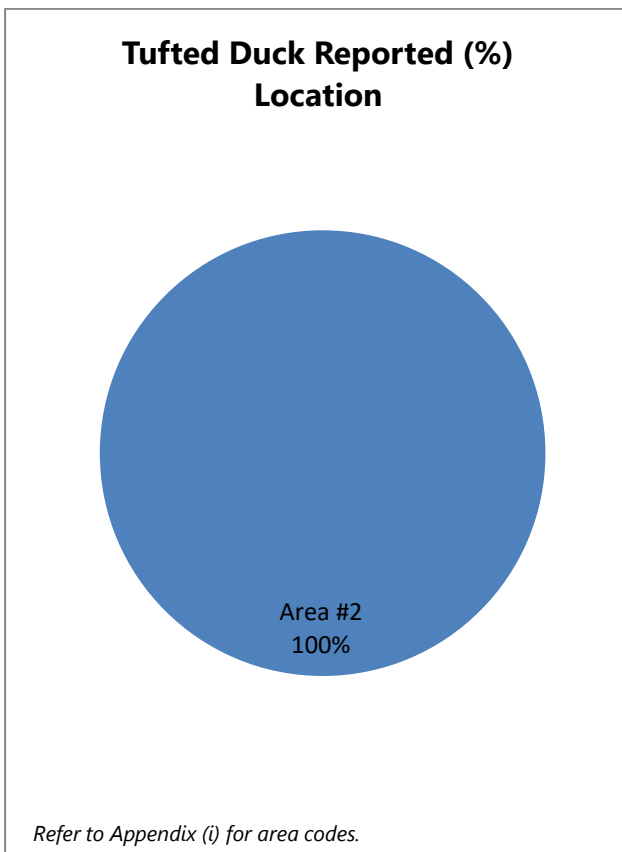
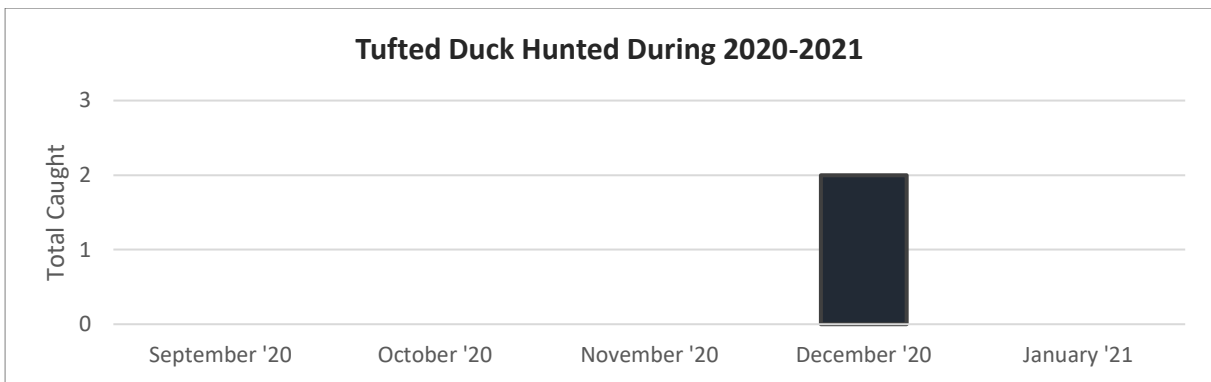
Specimens Hunted

*Aythya fuligula*

**Tufted Duck**

Brajmla tat-Toppu

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January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>



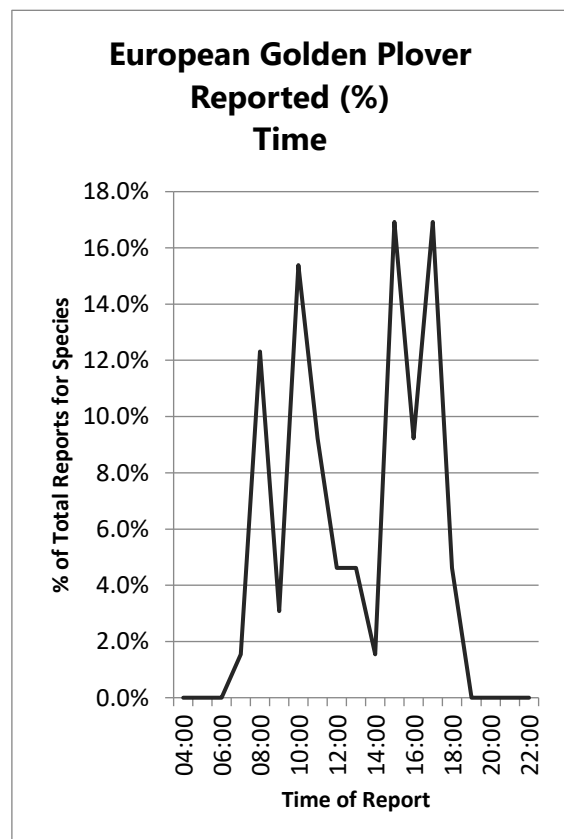
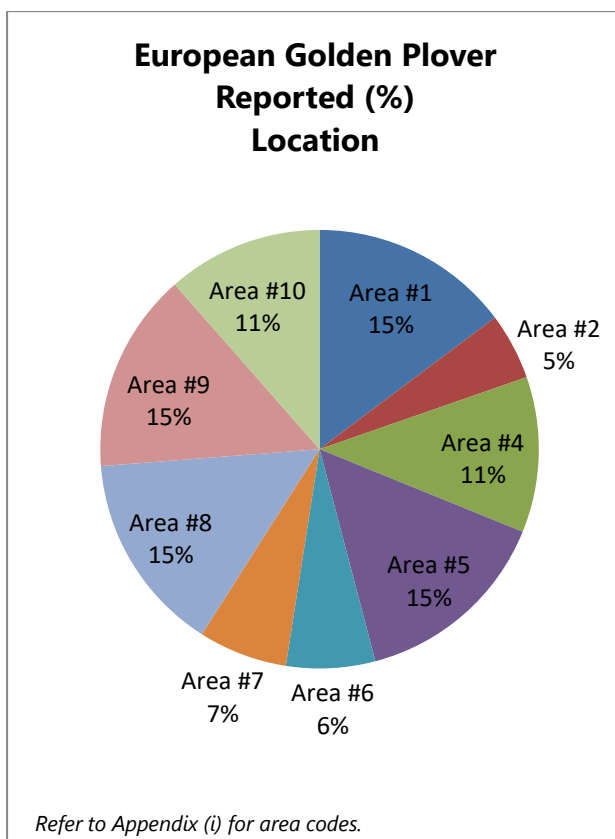
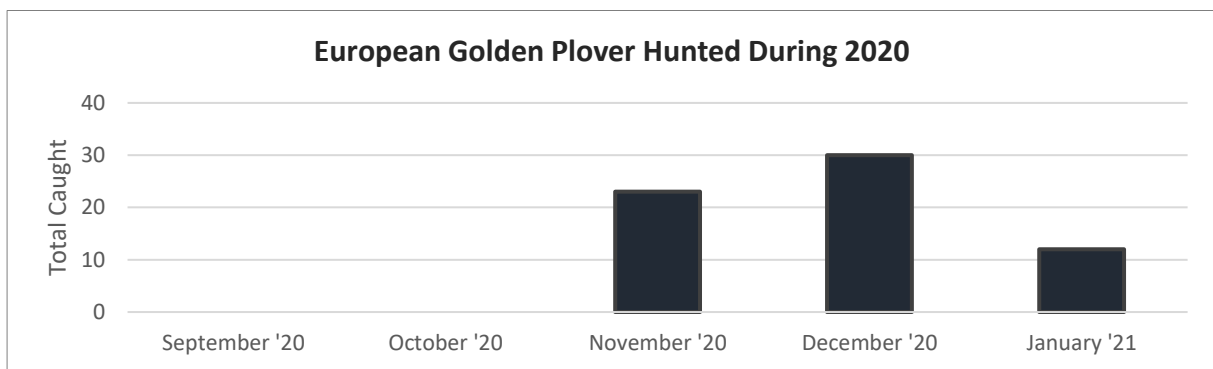
*Pluvialis apricaria*

**European Golden Plover**

Pluviera

(Hunting Data)

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October '20	0
November '20	23
December '20	30
January '21	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

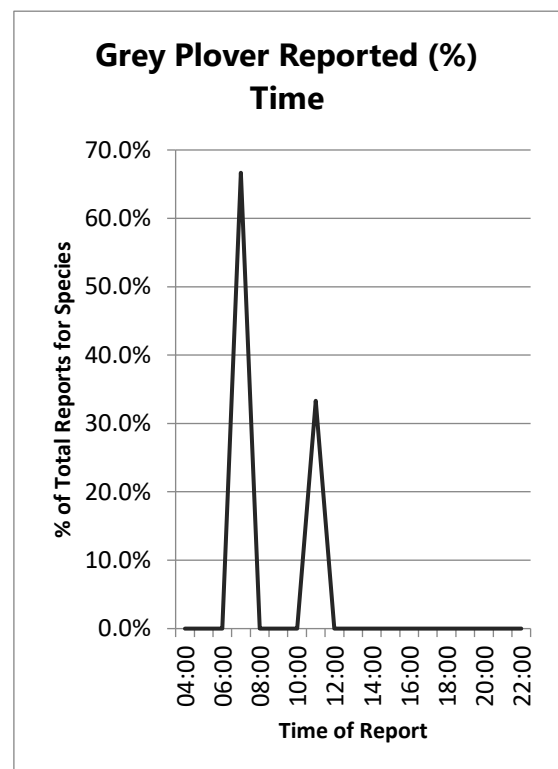
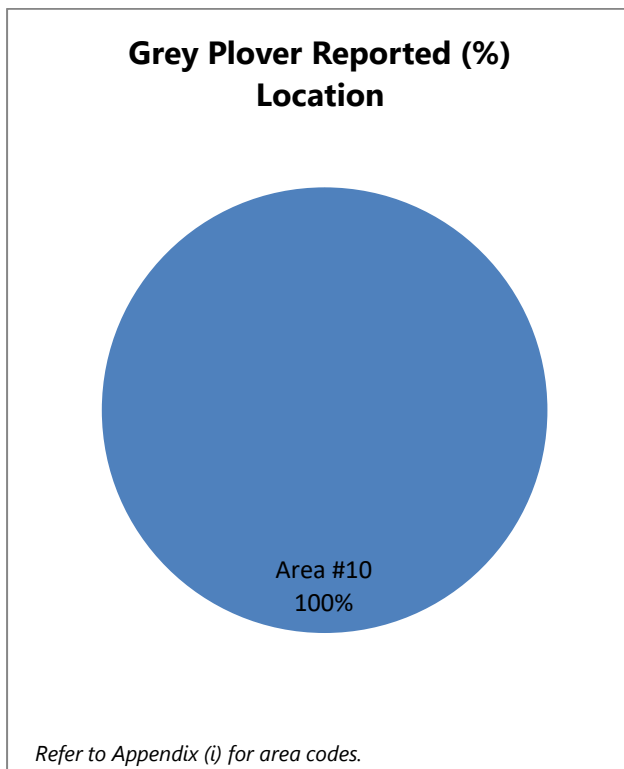
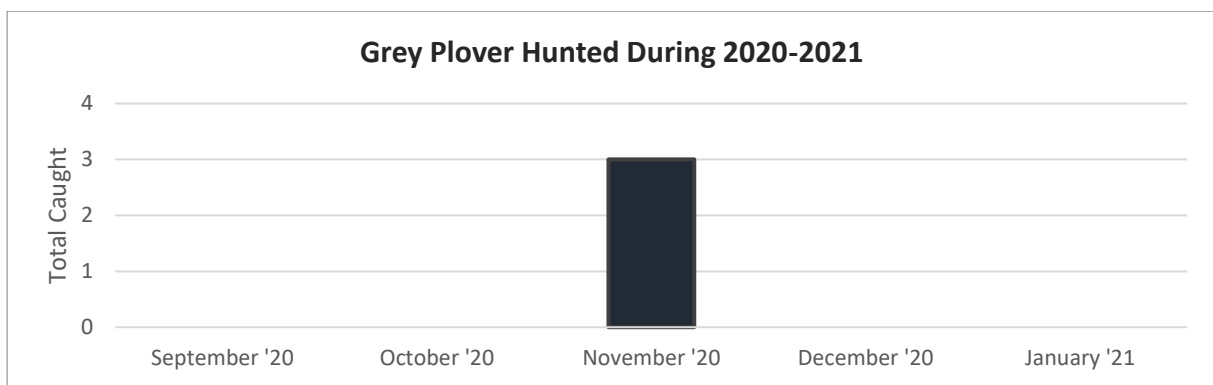


*Pluvialis squatarola*

**Grey Plover**

Pluviera Pastarda

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October '20	0
November '20	3
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

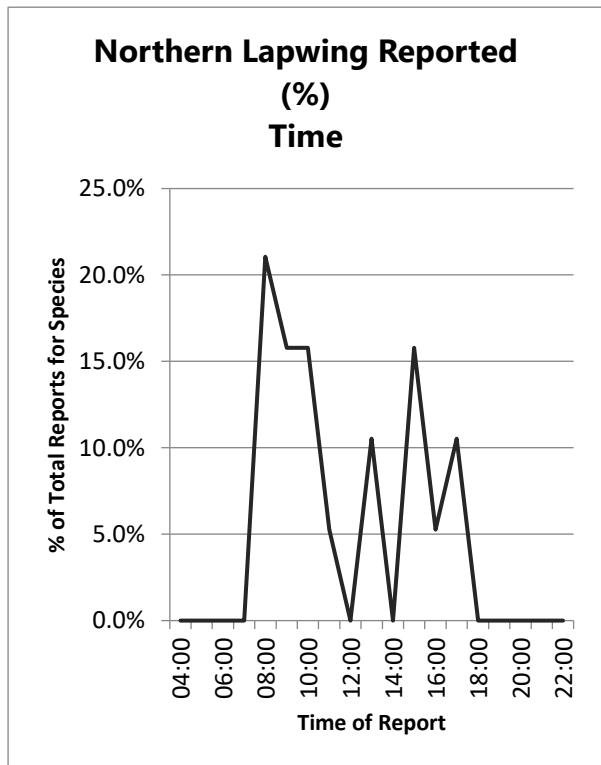
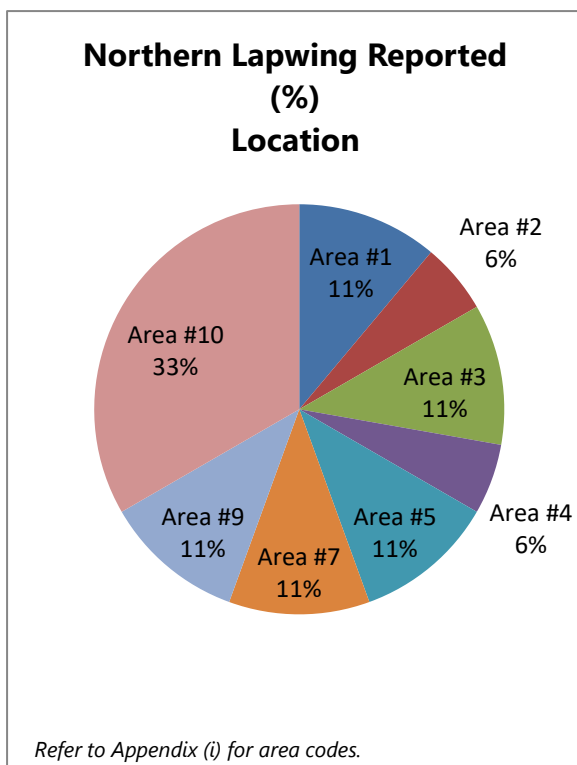
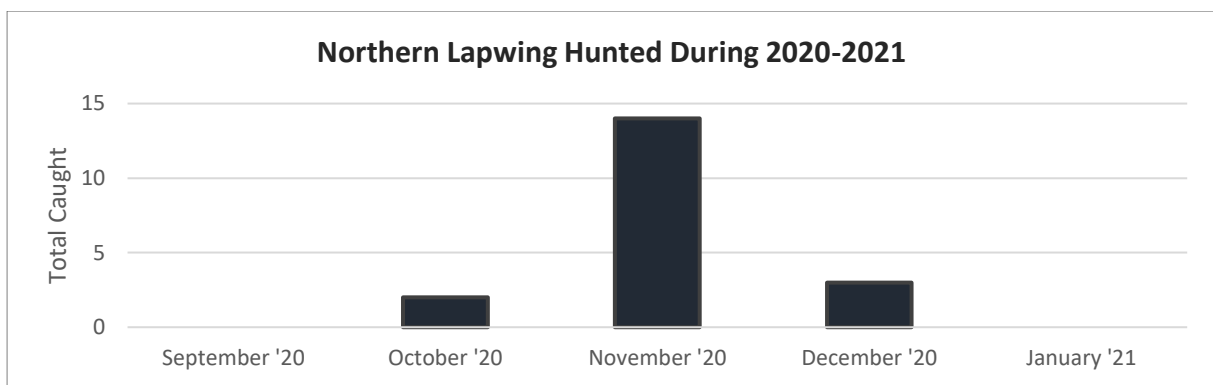


*Vanellus vanellus*

**Northern Lapwing**

Venewwa

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October '20	2
November '20	14
December '20	3
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

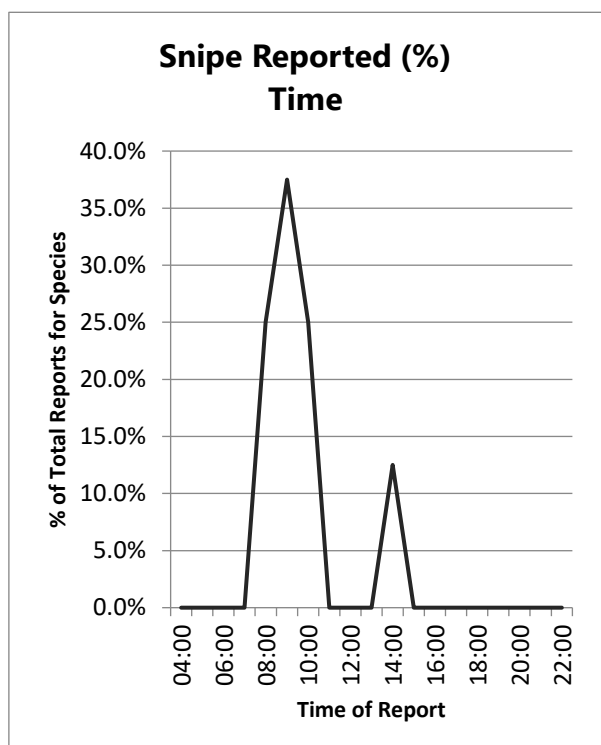
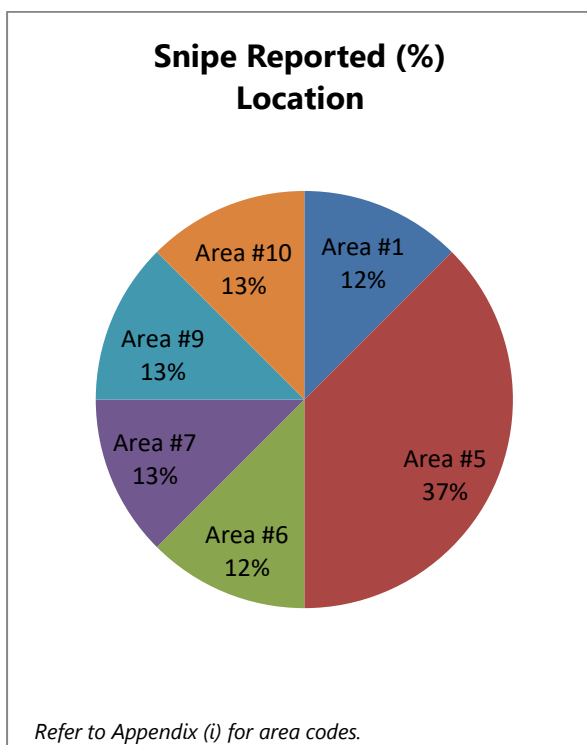
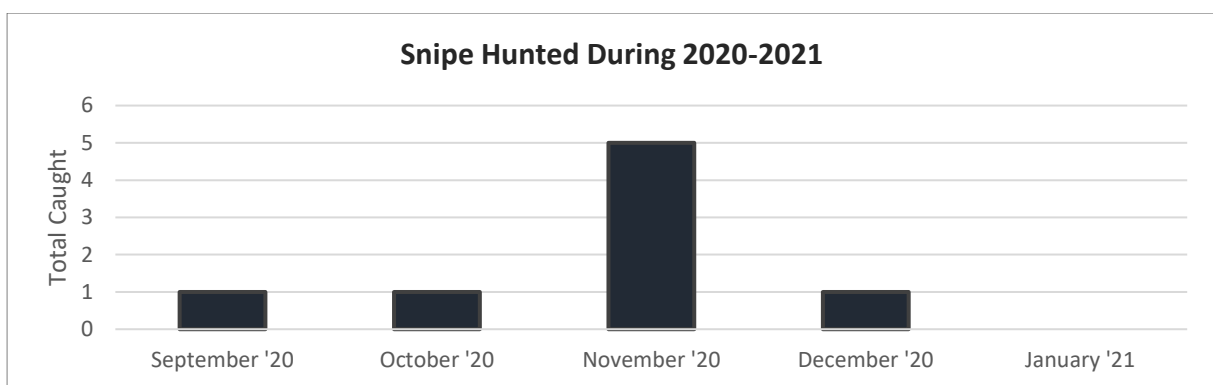


*Gallinago gallinago*

**Snipe**

Bekkačć

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October '20	1
November '20	5
December '20	1
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

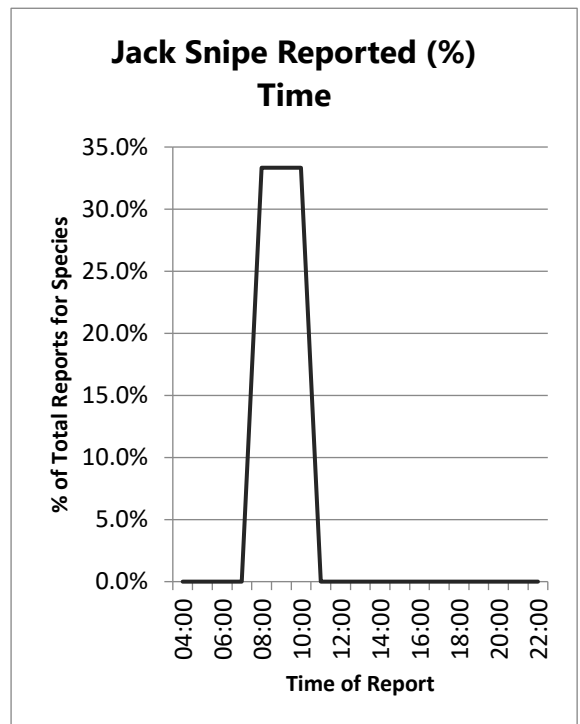
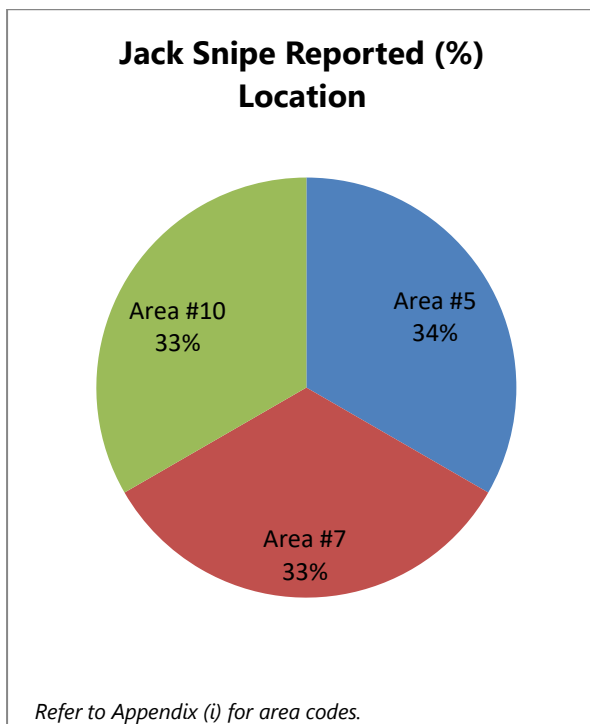
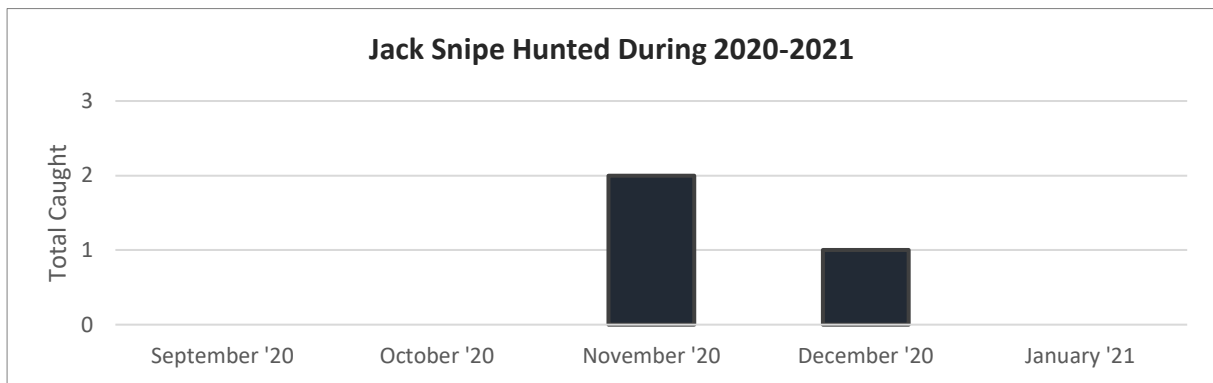


*Lymnocyptes minimus*

**Jack Snipe**

Činkonja

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '20	0
October '20	0
November '20	2
December '20	1
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

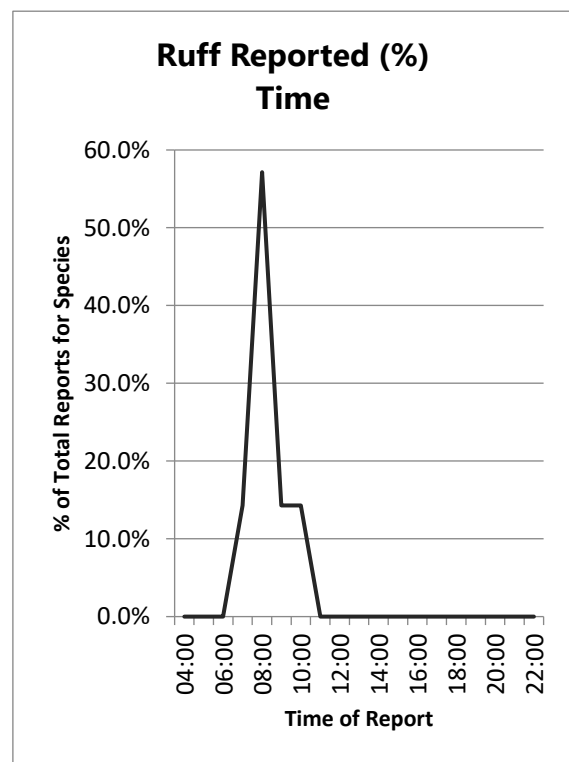
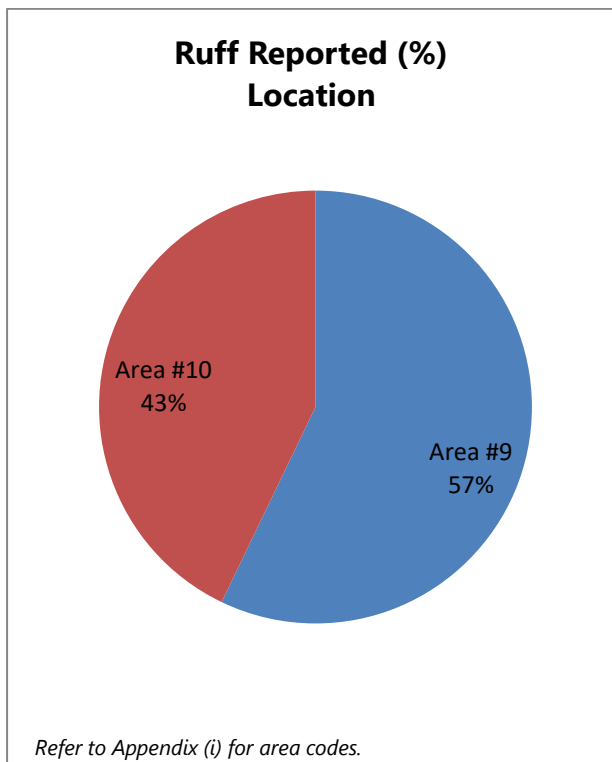
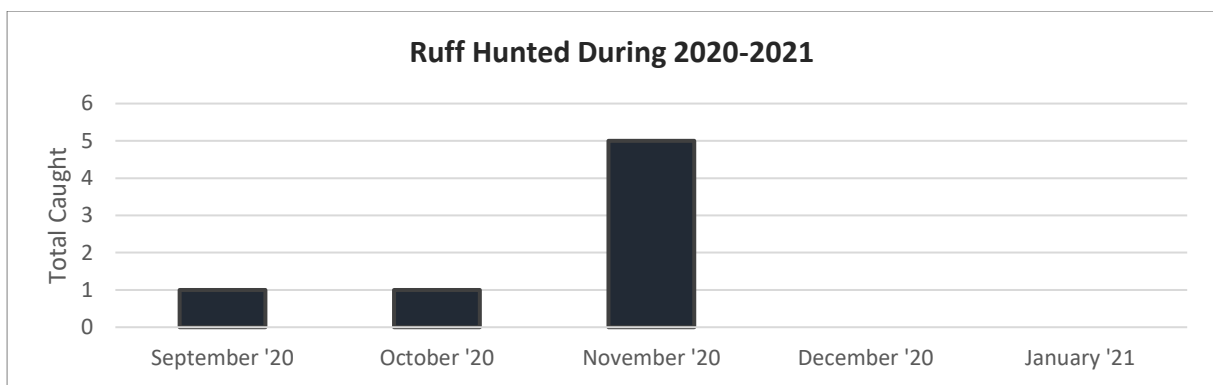


*Philomachus pugnax*

**Ruff**

Girviel

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '20	1
October '20	1
November '20	5
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

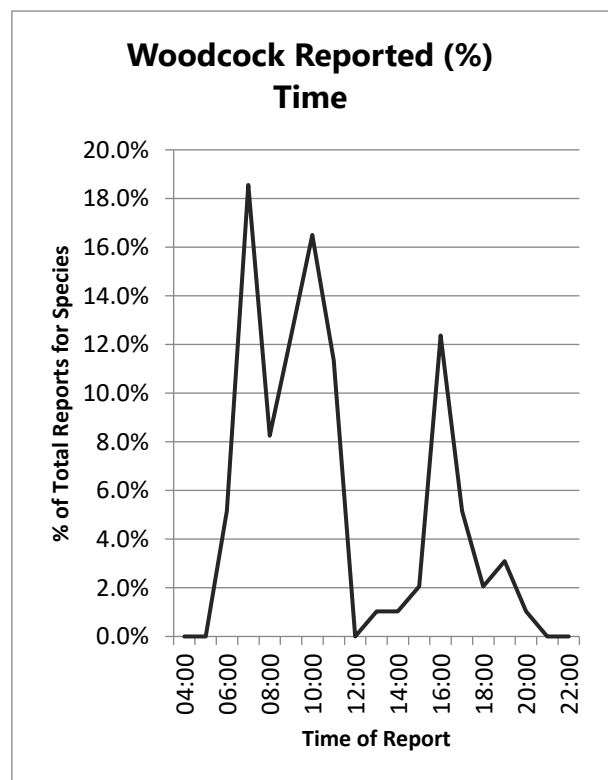
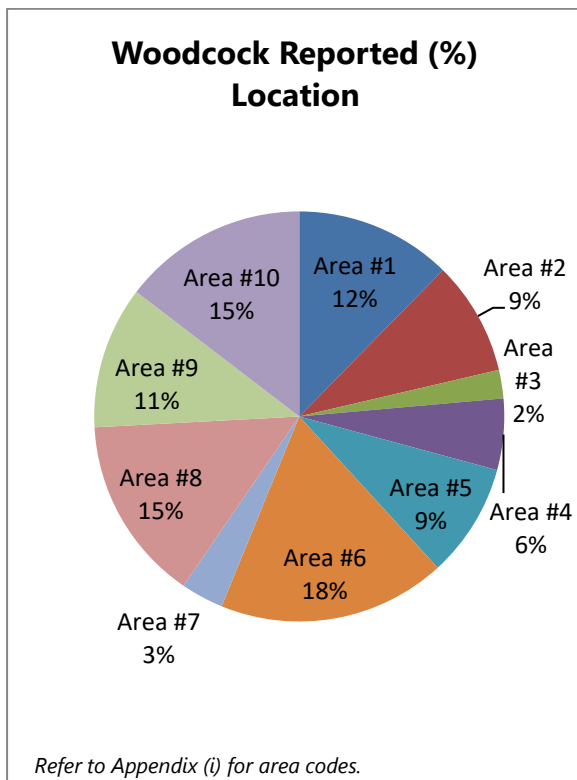
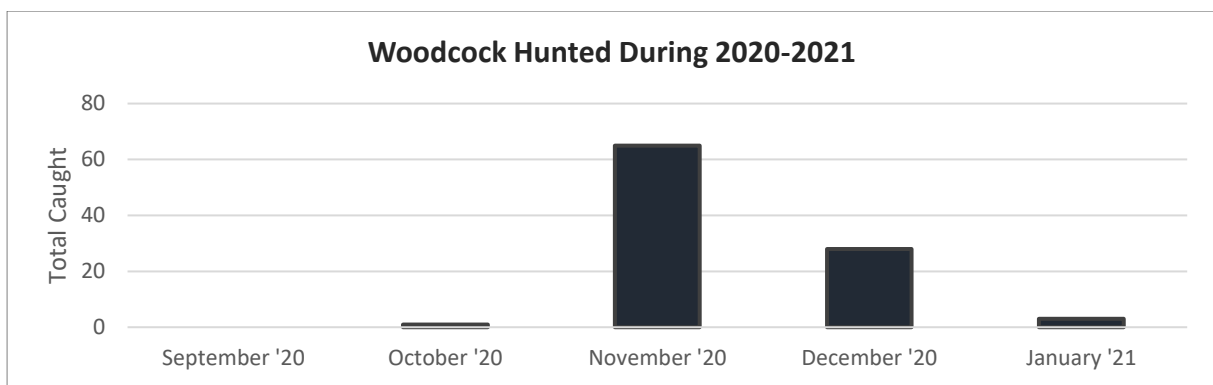


*Scolopax rusticola*

**Woodcock**

Gallina

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October '20	1
November '20	65
December '20	28
January '21	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

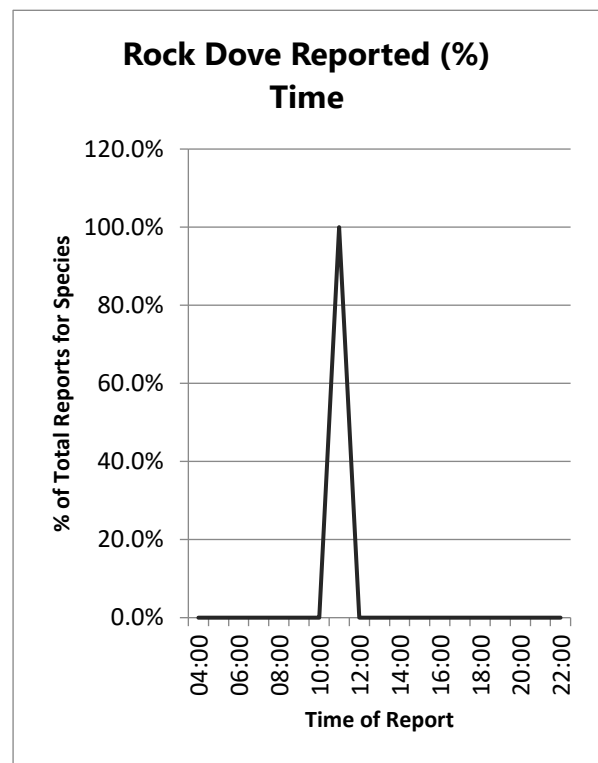
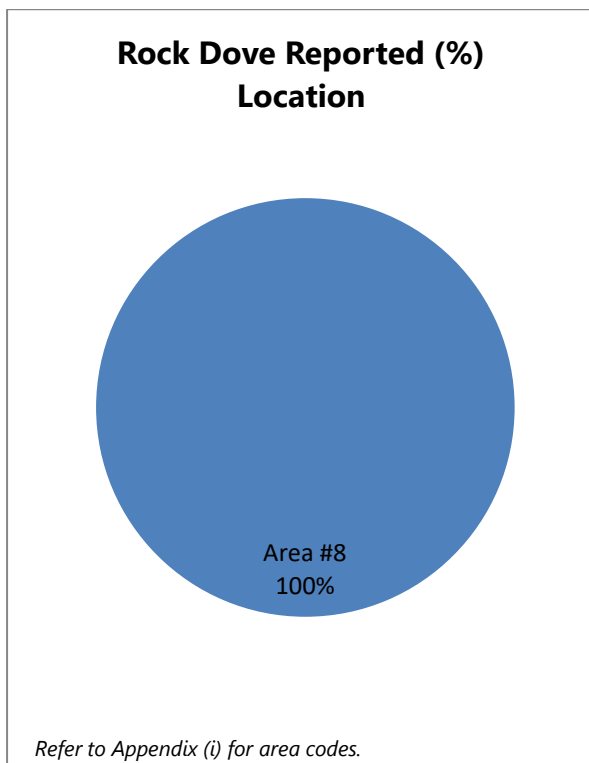
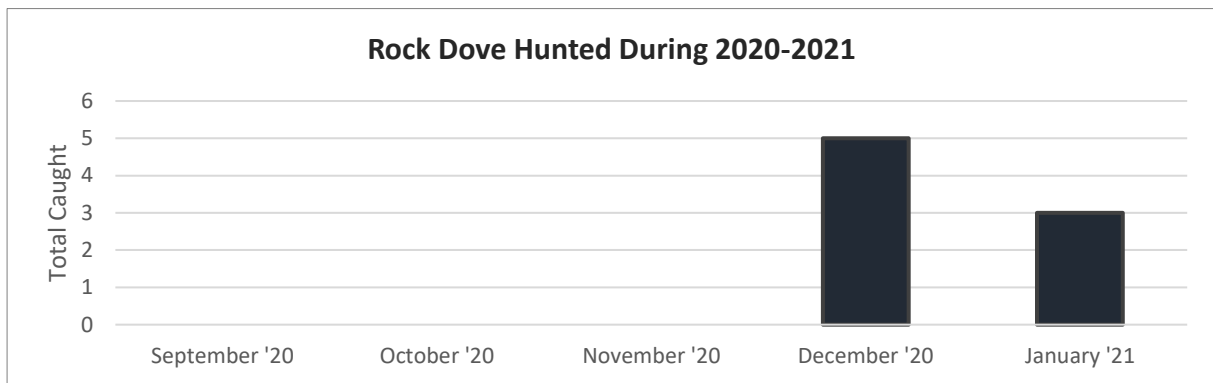


*Columba livia*

**Rock Dove**

Tudun tal-Ġebel

Month	Specimens Hunted
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October '20	0
November '20	0
December '20	5
January '21	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

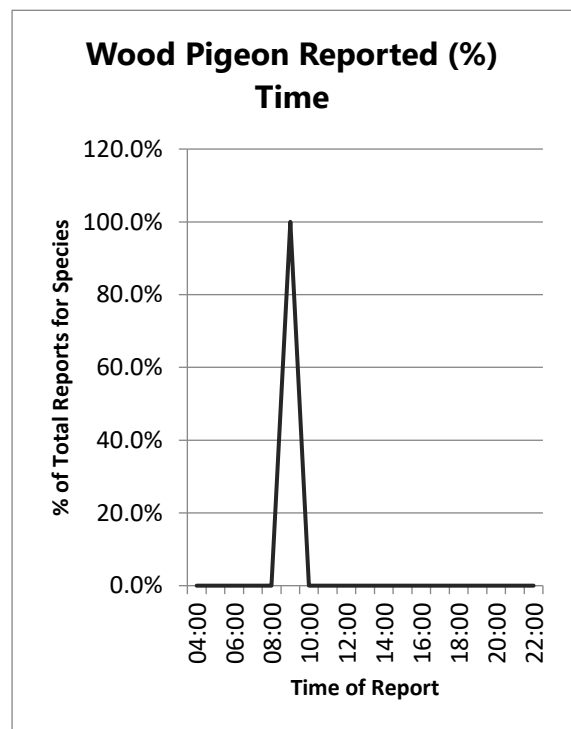
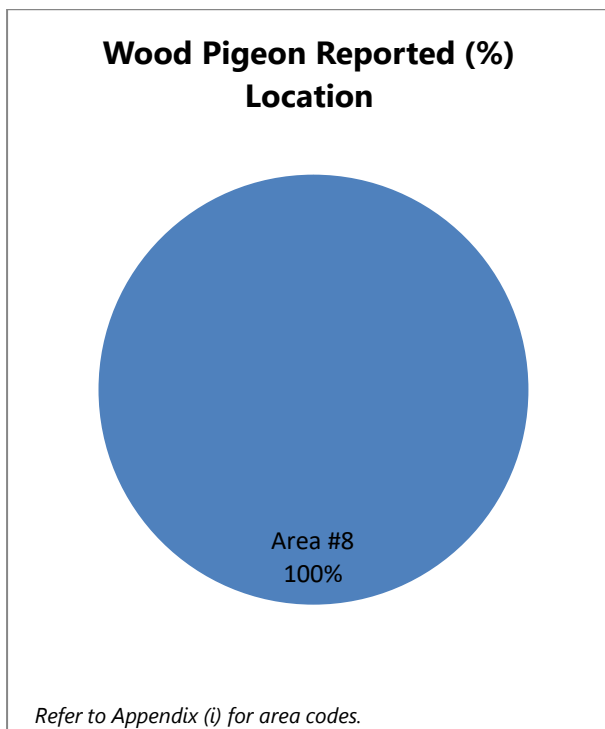
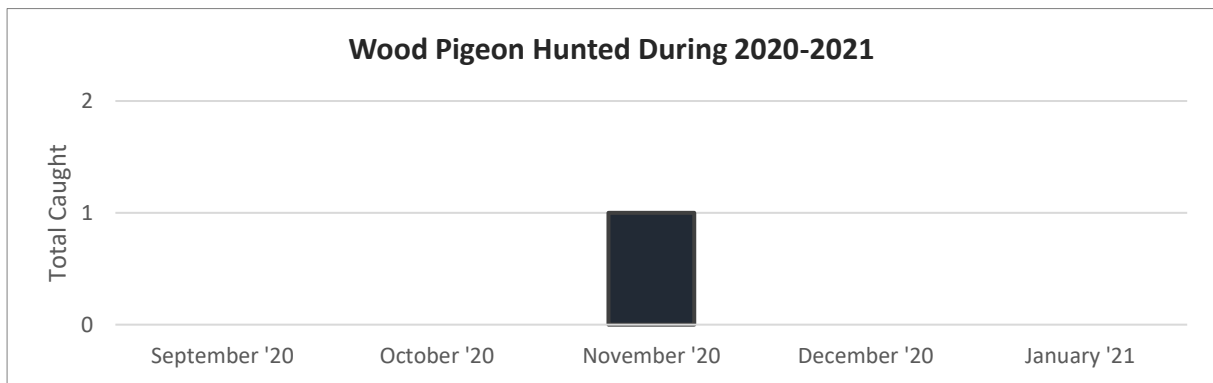


*Columba palumbus*

**Wood Pigeon**

Tudun

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October '20	0
November '20	1
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>



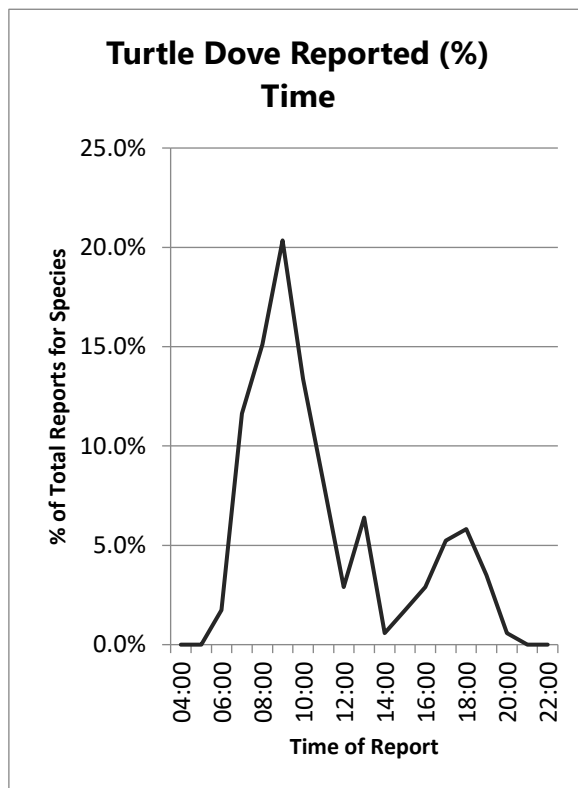
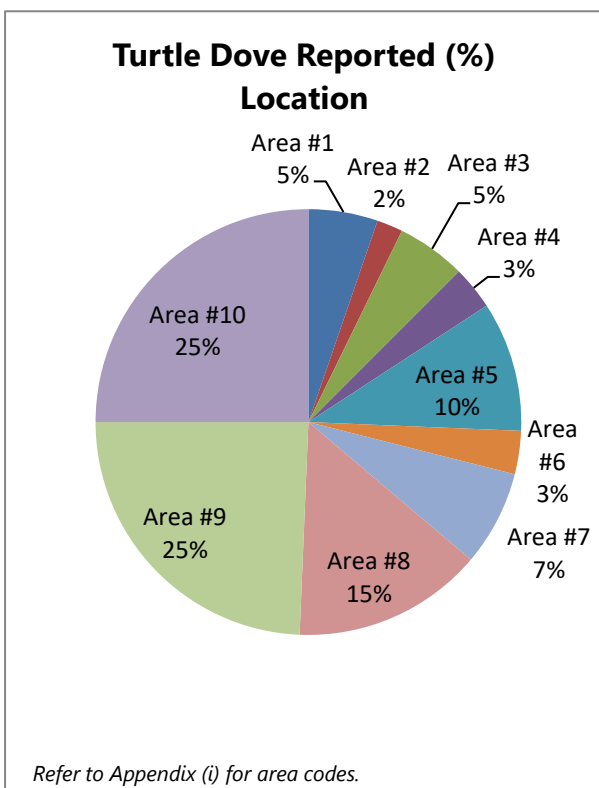
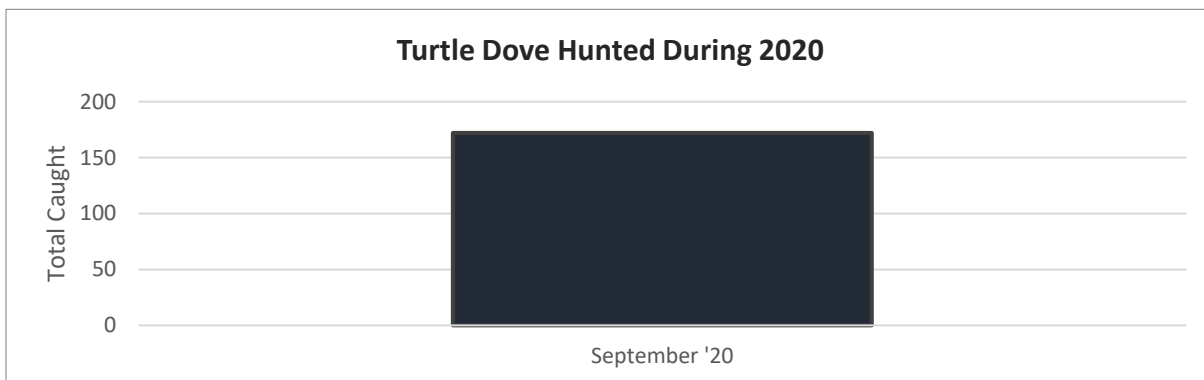
*Streptopelia turtur*

**European Turtle-dove**

Gamiema

September '20 172

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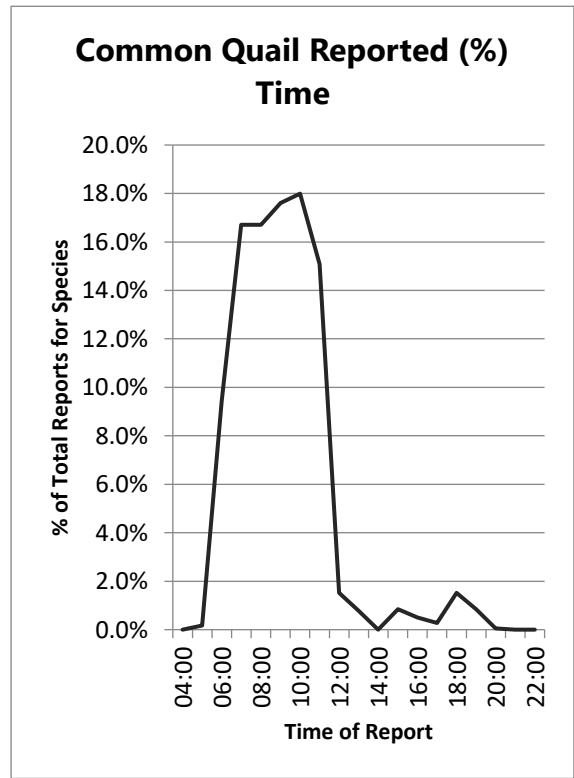
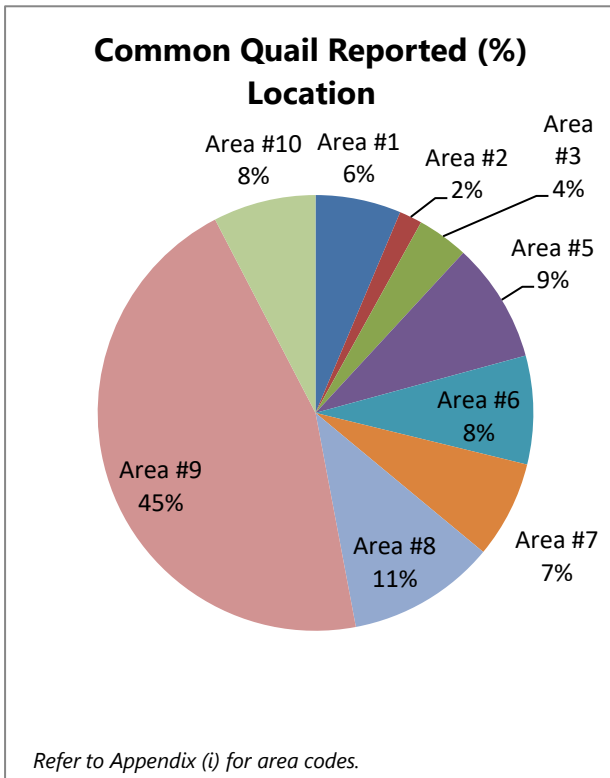
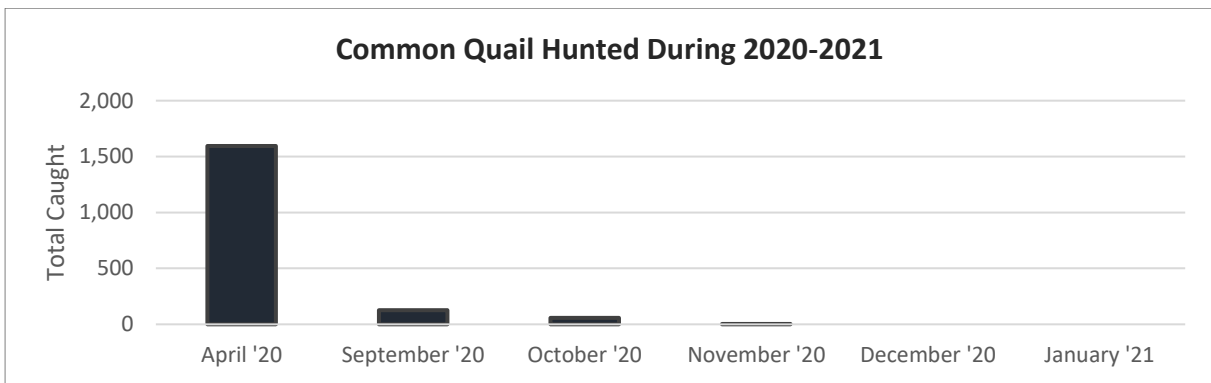


*Coturnix coturnix*

**Common Quail**

Summienna

April '20	1,596
September '20	126
October '20	58
November '20	4
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,784</b>



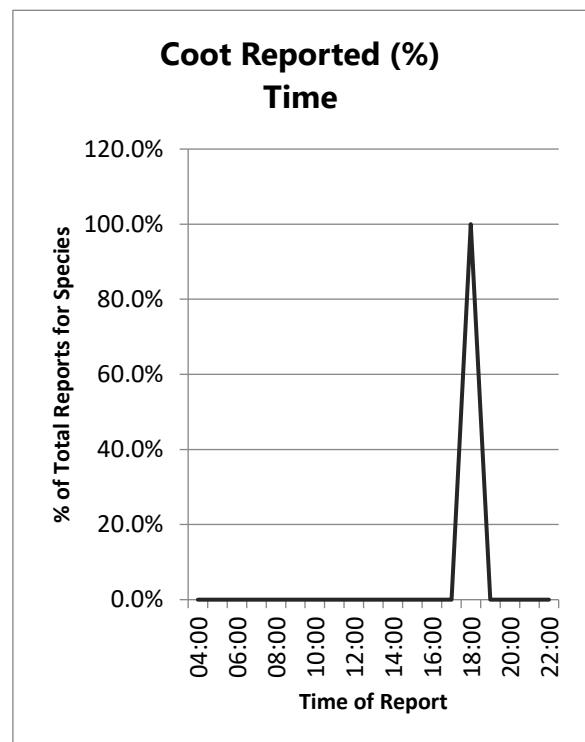
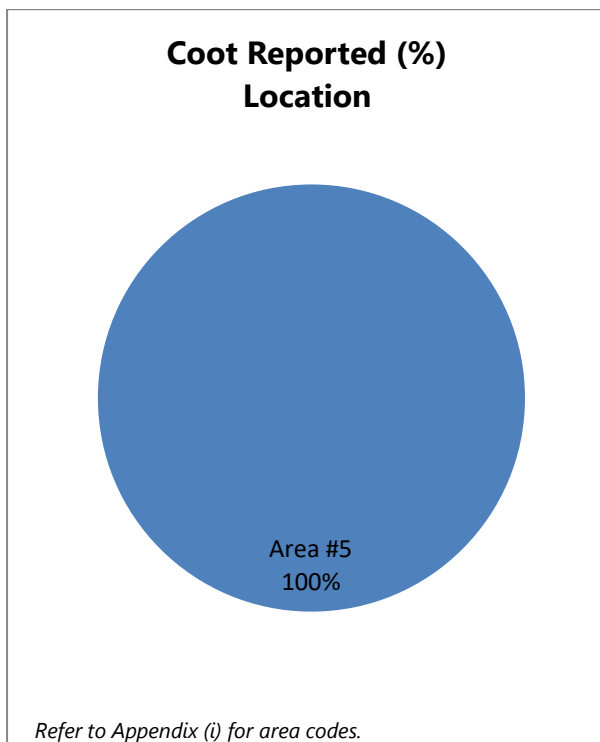
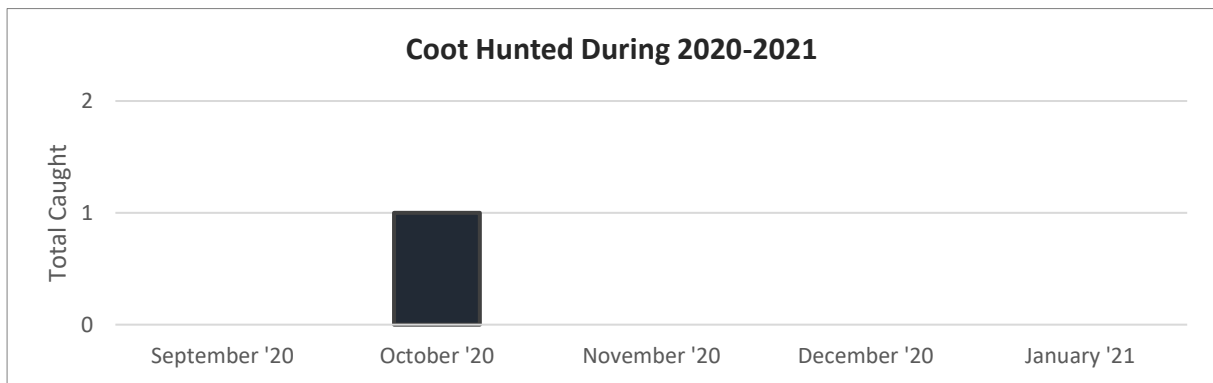
**Note:** Hunting of this species in spring was authorised through derogation. Full details on the application of this derogation are available at <http://msdec.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/springhuntingderogations.aspx>

*Fulica atra*

**Coot**

Tigiega tal-Baħar

September '20	0
October '20	1
November '20	0
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

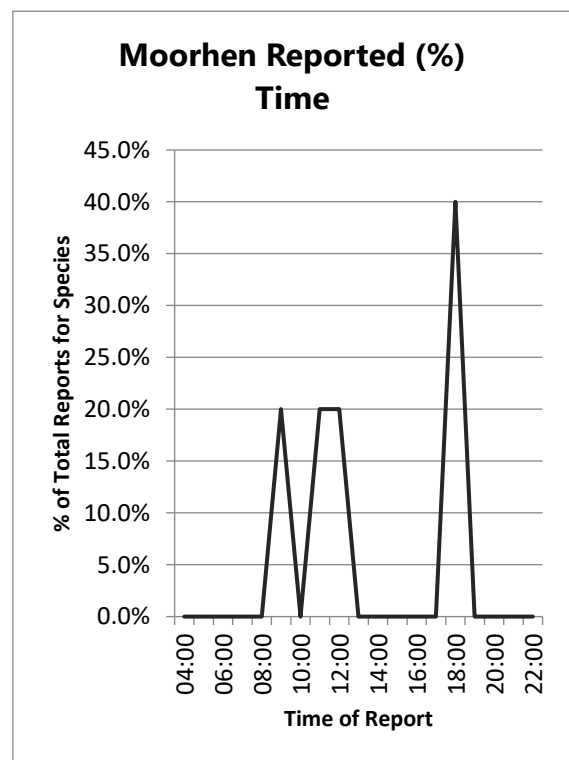
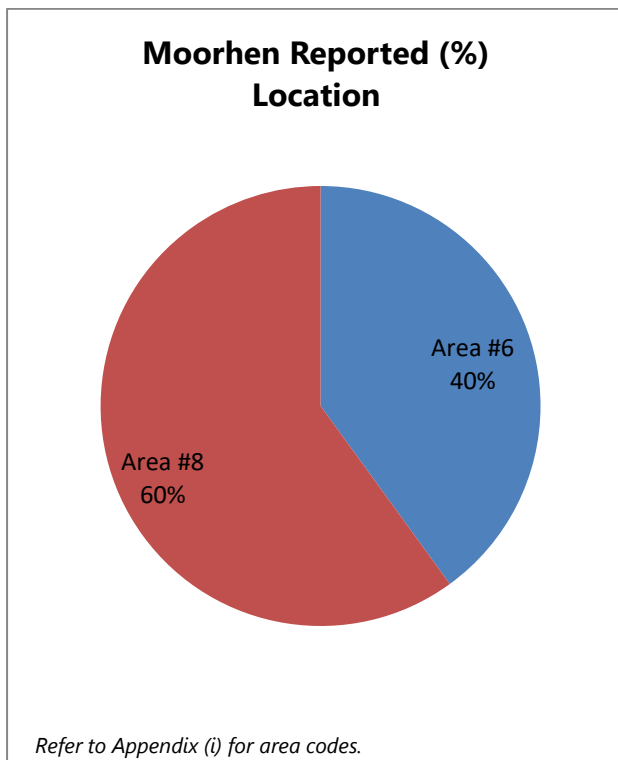
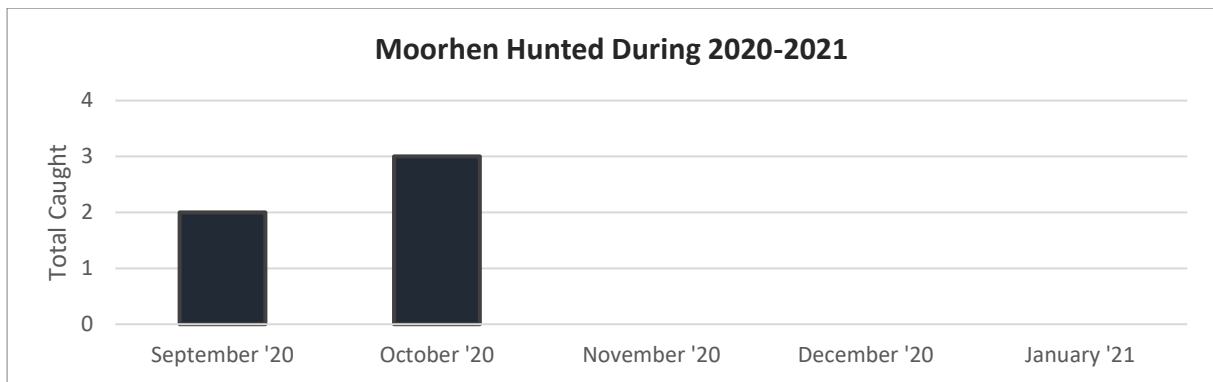


*Gallinula chloropus*

**Moorhen**

Gallozz Iswed

September '20	2
October '20	3
November '20	0
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

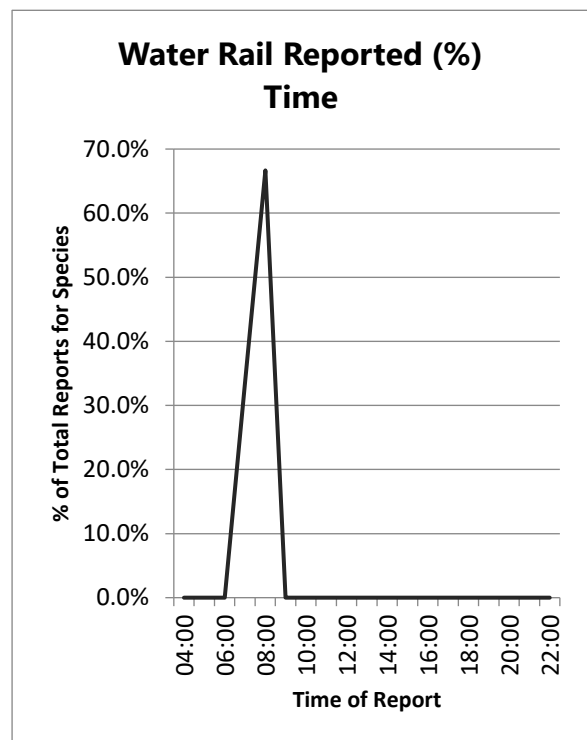
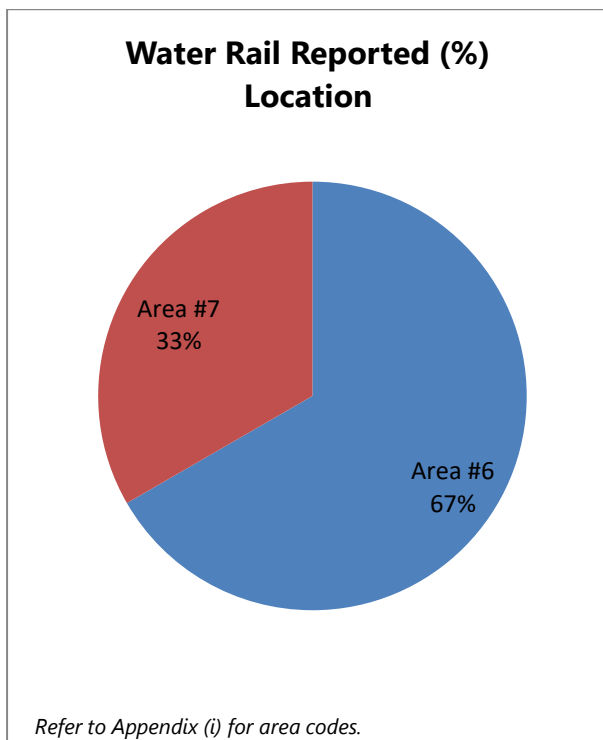
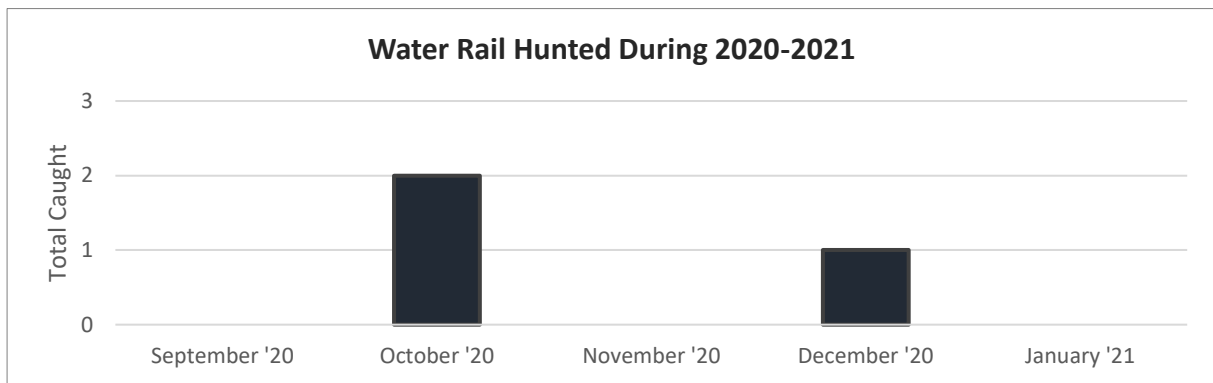


*Rallus aquaticus*

**Water Rail**

Gallozz tax-Xitwa

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '20	0
October '20	2
November '20	0
December '20	1
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

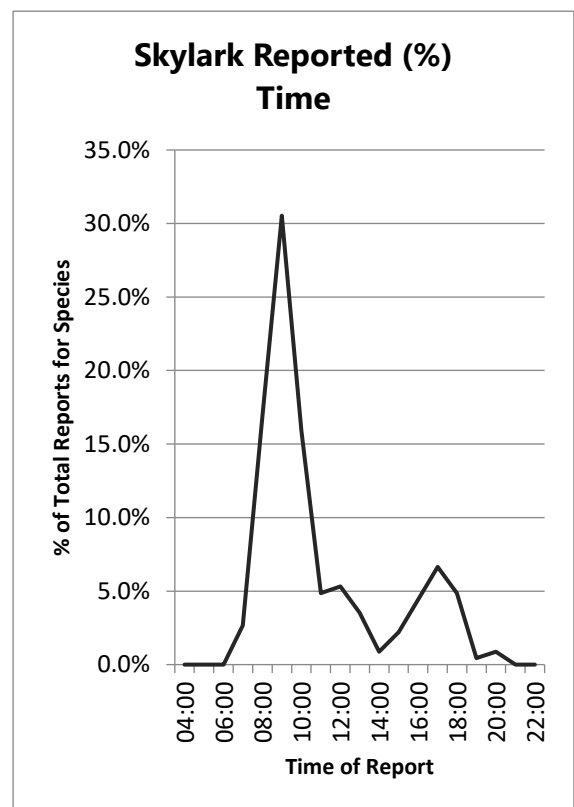
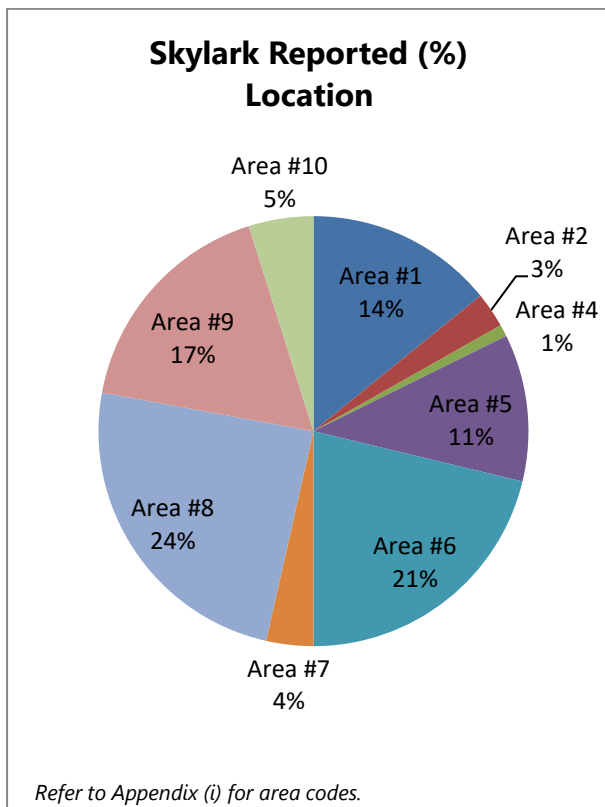
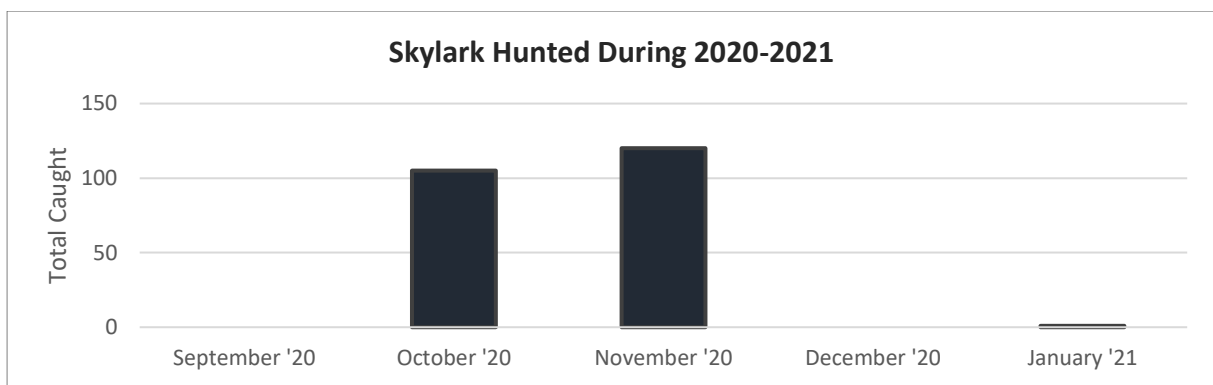


*Alauda arvensis*

**Skylark**

Alwetta

September '20	0
October '20	105
November '20	120
December '20	0
January '21	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>226</b>

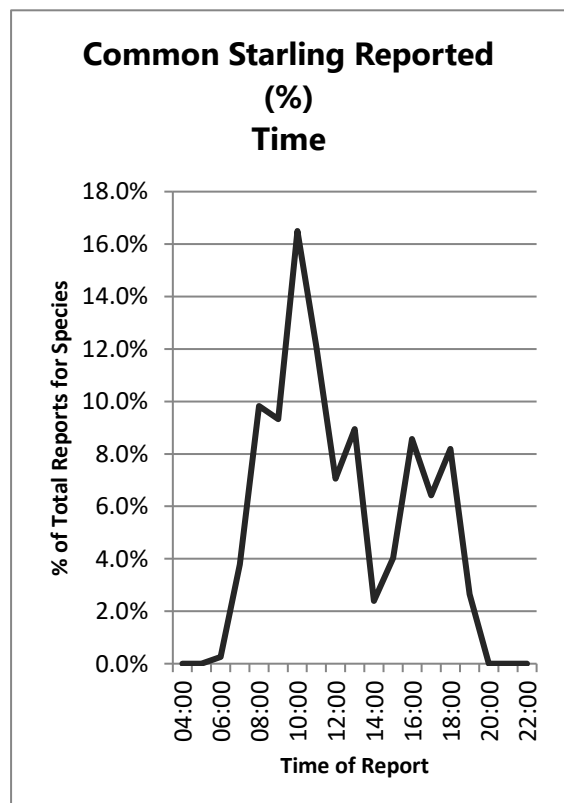
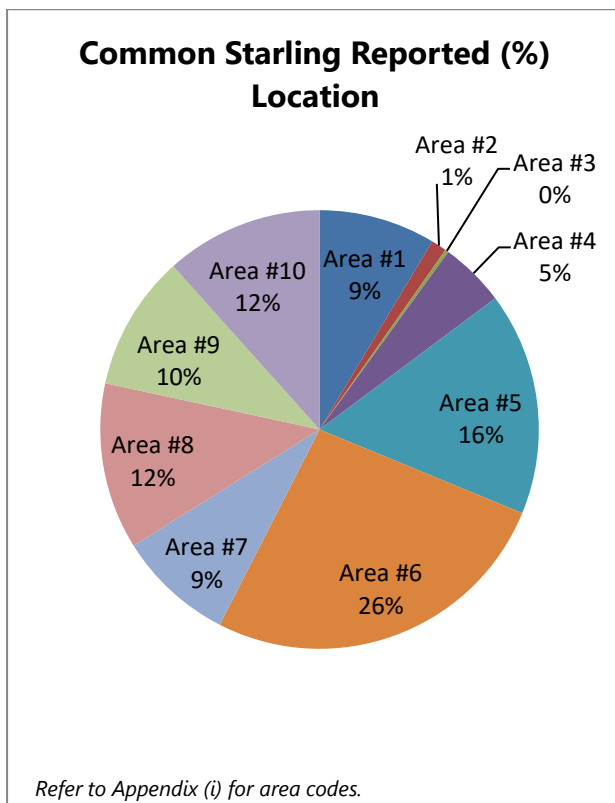
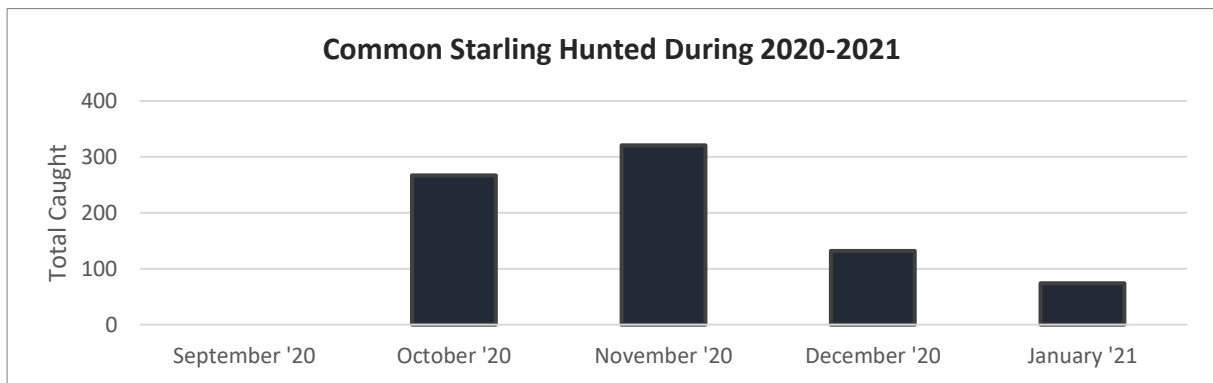


*Sturnus vulgaris*

**Common Starling**

Sturnell

September '20	0
October '20	267
November '20	321
December '20	132
January '21	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>794</b>

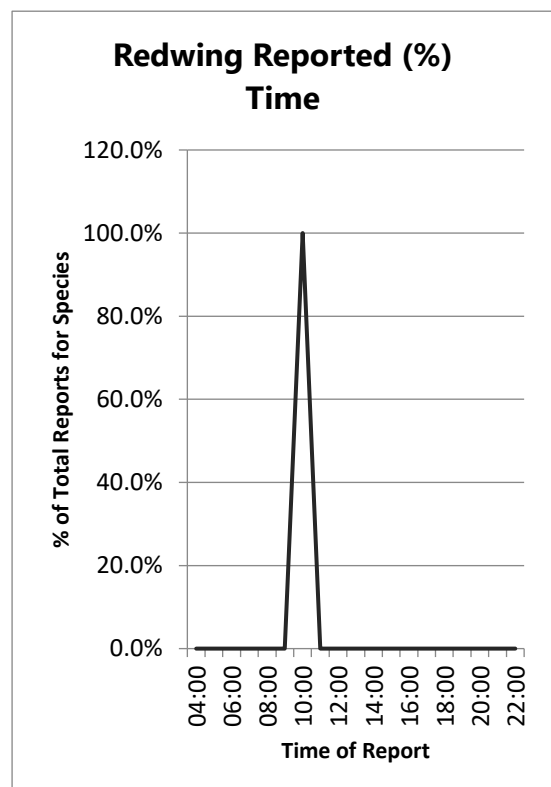
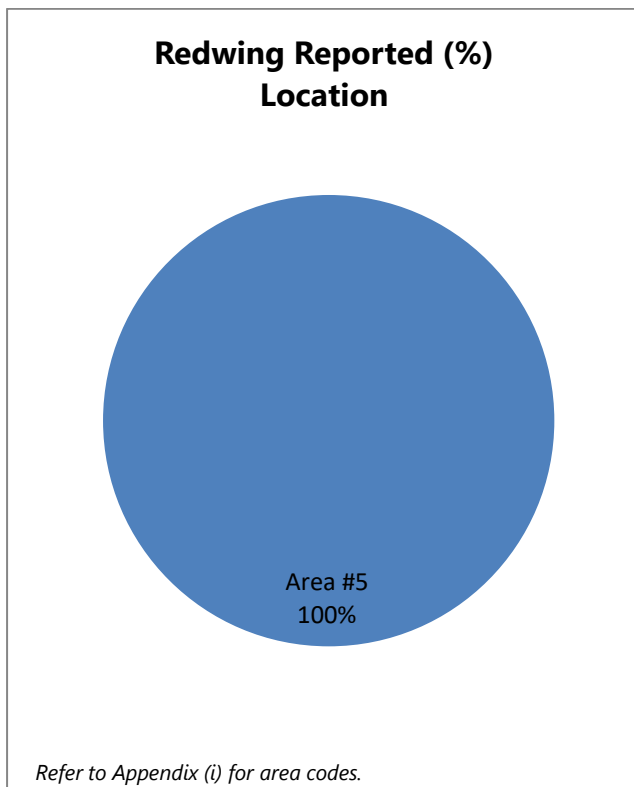
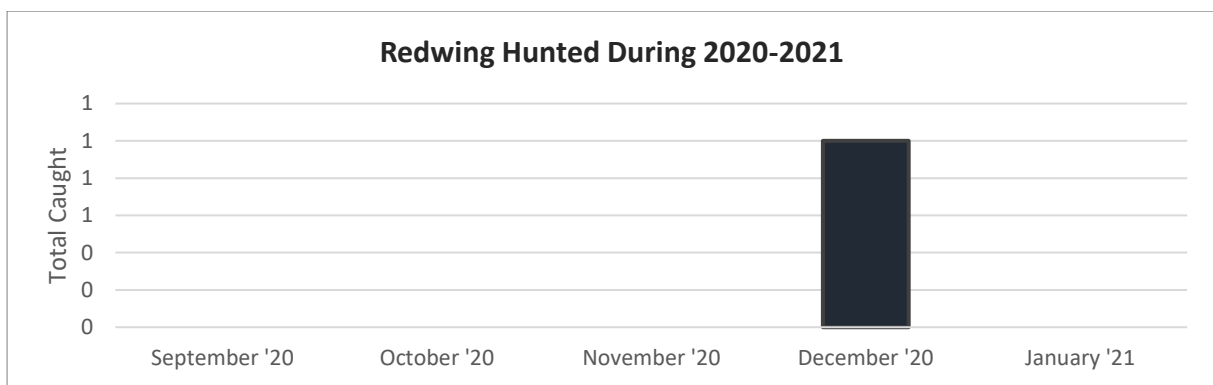


*Turdus iliacus*

**Redwing**

Malvizz Aħmar

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '20	0
October '20	0
November '20	0
December '20	1
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

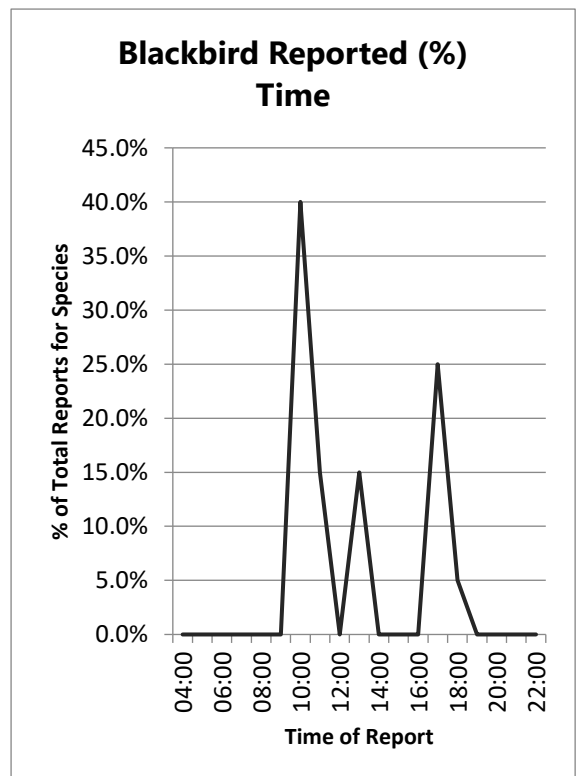
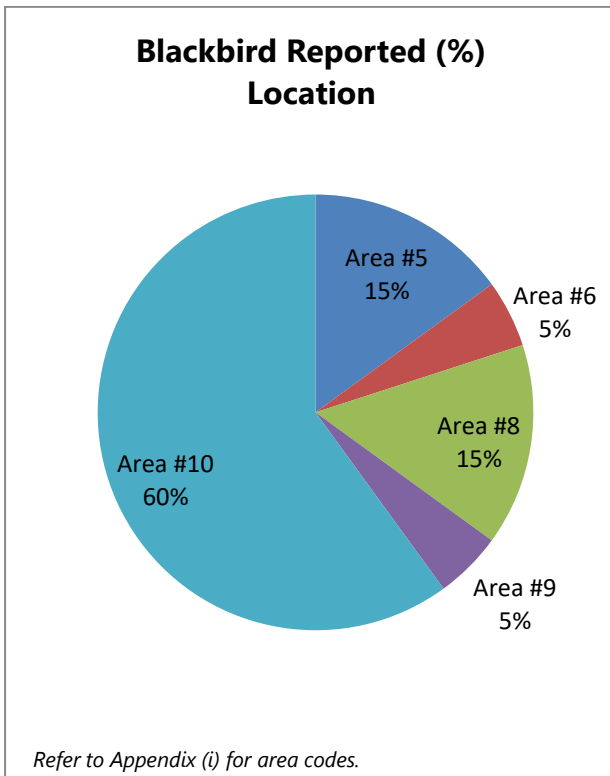
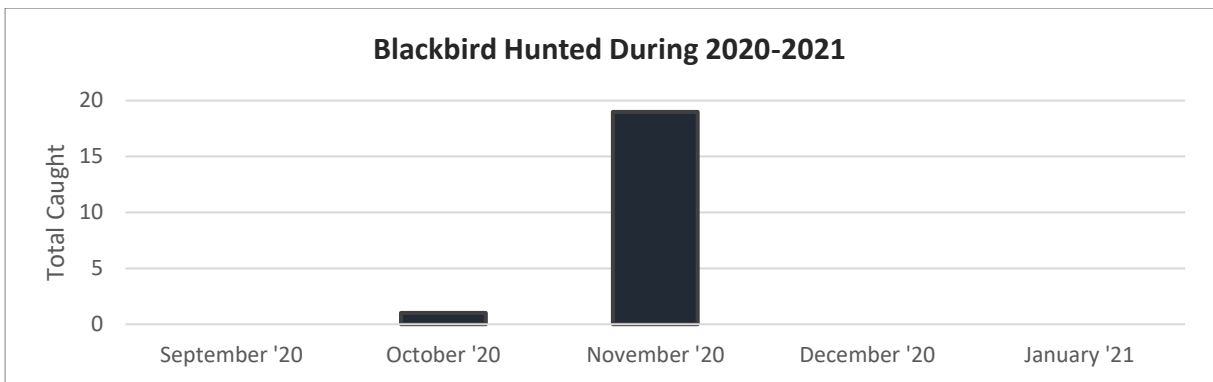


*Turdus merula*

**Blackbird**

Malvizz Iswed

September '20	0
October '20	1
November '20	19
December '20	0
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>



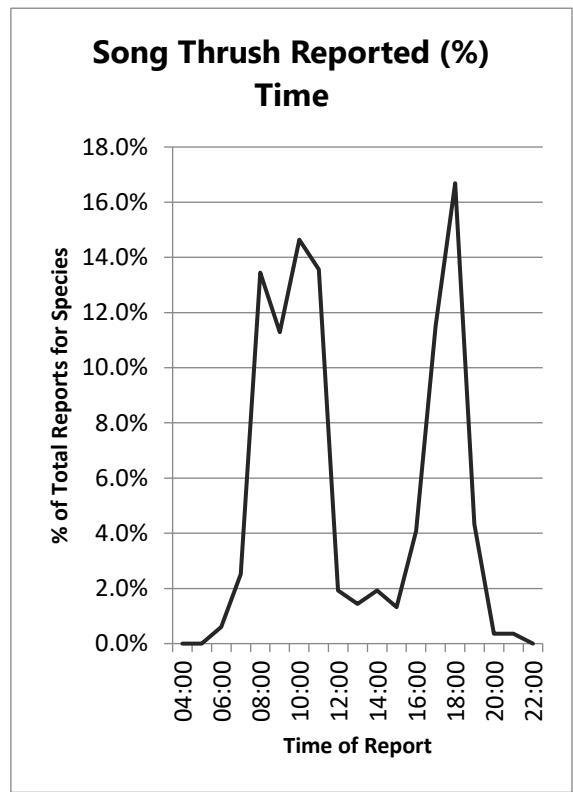
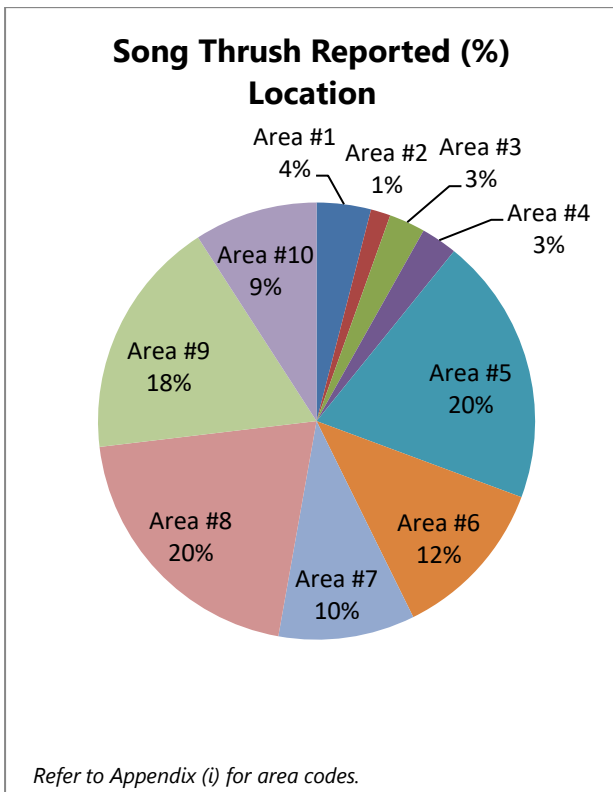
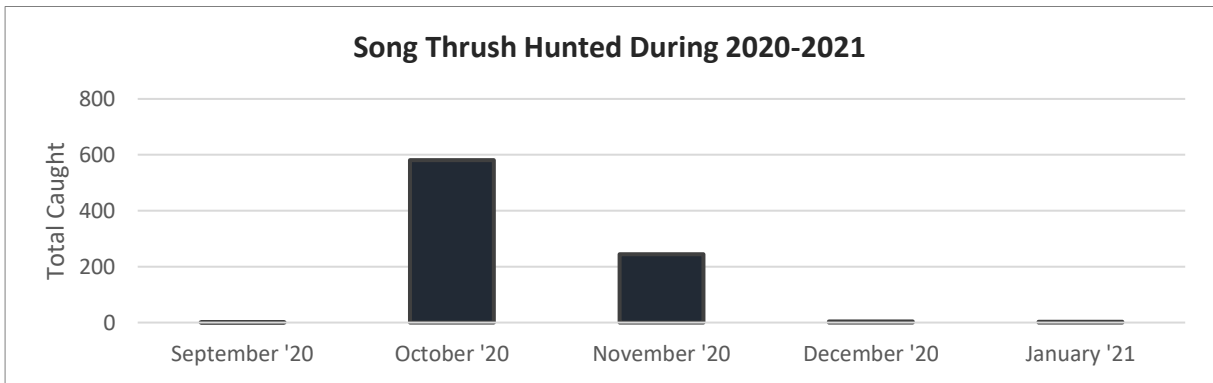
*Turdus philomelos*

**Song Thrush**

Malvizz

(Hunting Data)

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October '20	581
November '20	244
December '20	4
January '21	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>833</b>

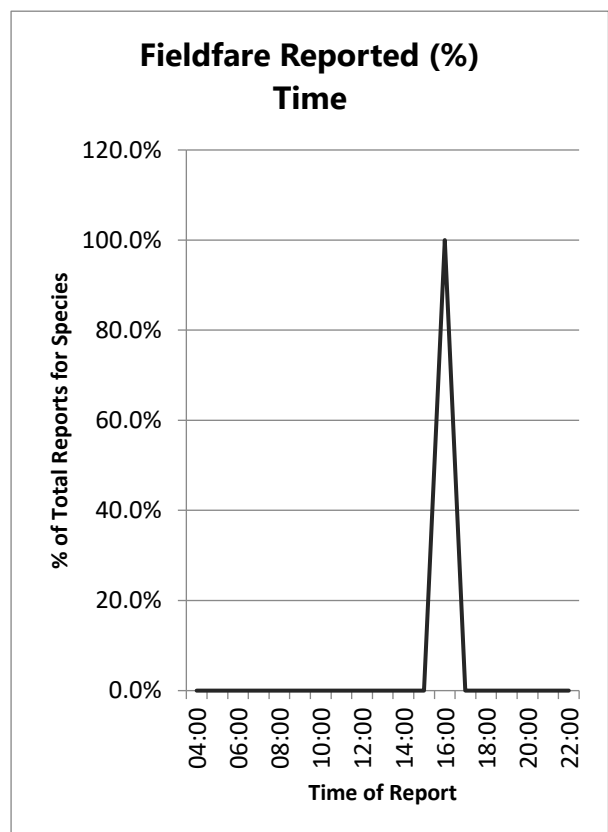
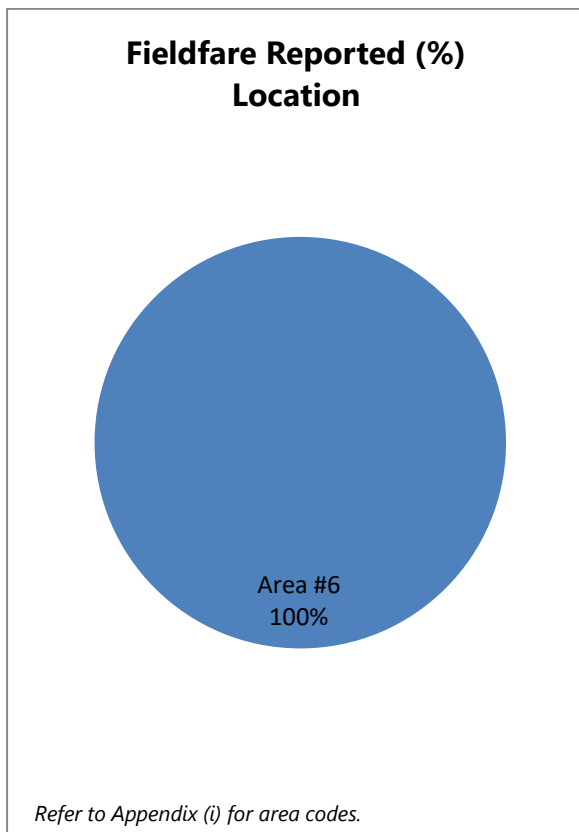
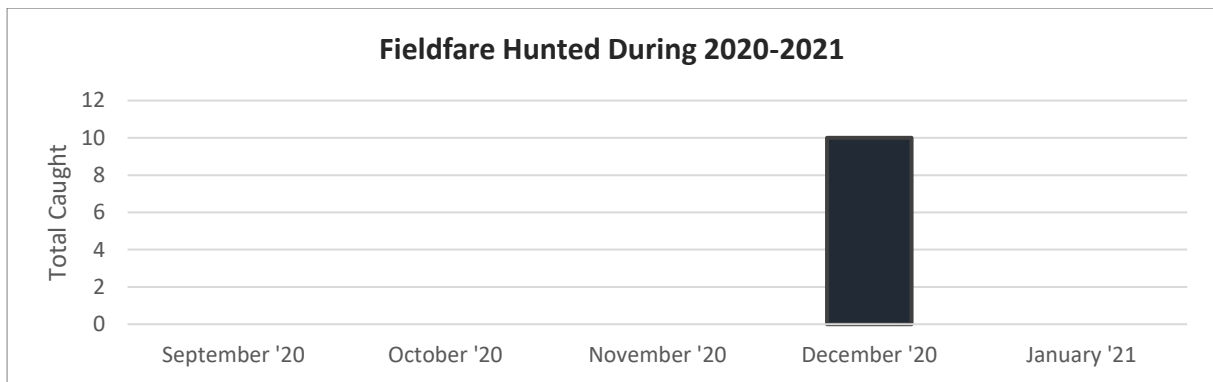


*Turdus pilaris*

**Fieldfare**

Malvizz tal-Qtajja'

September '20	0
October '20	0
November '20	0
December '20	10
January '21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>



Passeriformes - Turdidae	Month	Specimens Hunted
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>		
<b>Mistle Thrush</b>		
Malvizzun Prim		
	September '20	0
	October '20	0
	November '20	0
	December '20	0
	January '21	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

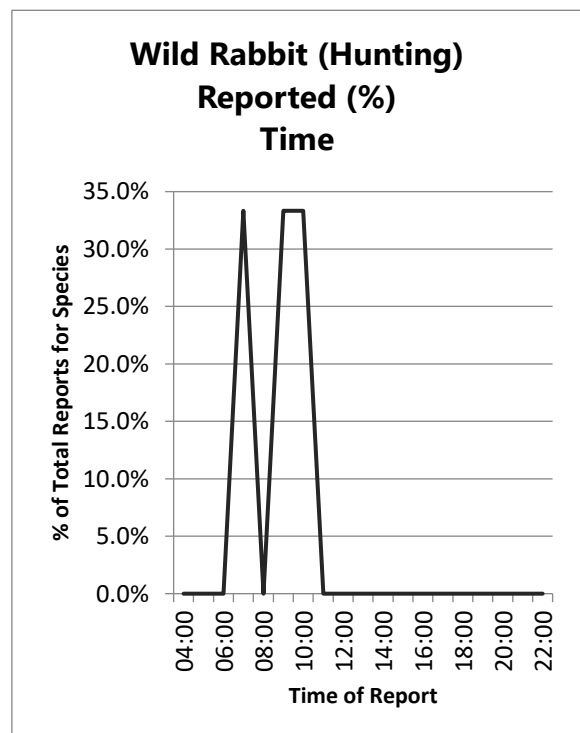
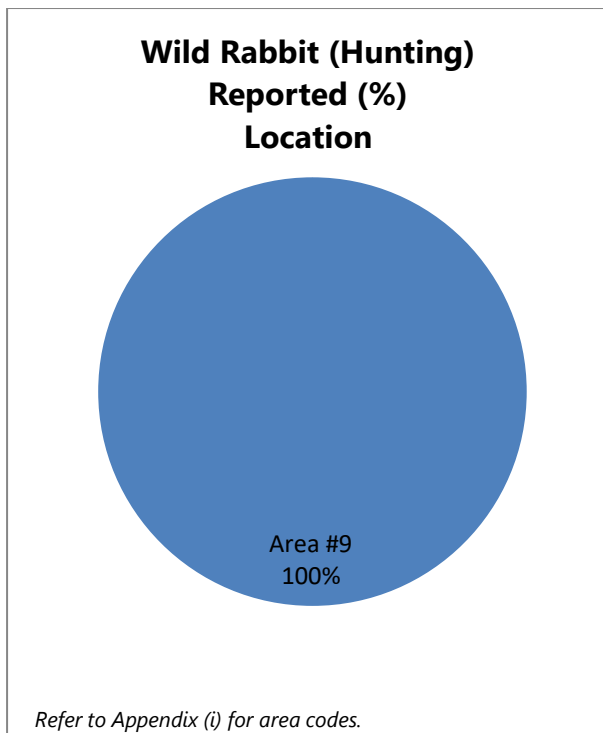
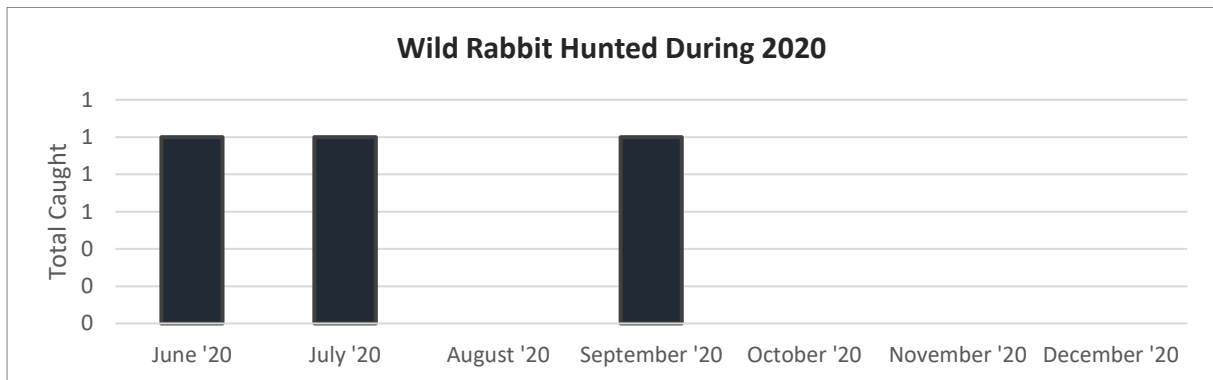
*Oryctolagus cuniculus*

**Wild Rabbit**

Fenek Selvağg

(Hunting for Wild Rabbit)

June '20	1
July '20	1
August '20	0
September '20	1
October '20	0
November '20	0
December '20	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>



Lagomorpha	- Leporidae	Month	Specimens Caught
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>			
<b>Wild Rabbit</b>			
Fenek Selvaðg			
<i>(Capture of Wild Rabbit with nets [ferreting])</i>			
		June '20	0
		July '20	0
		August '20	0
		September '20	0
		October '20	0
		November '20	0
		December '20	0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

# **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.

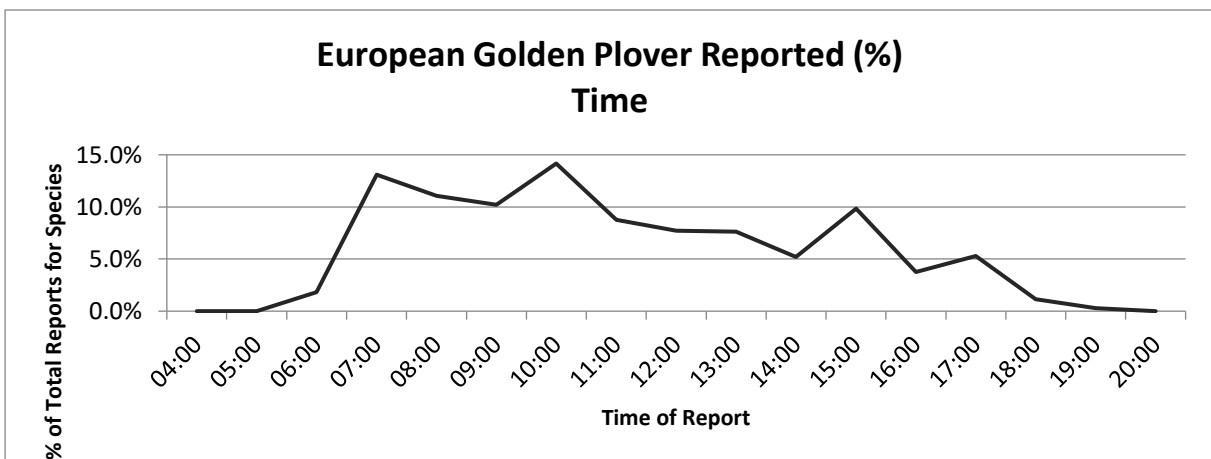
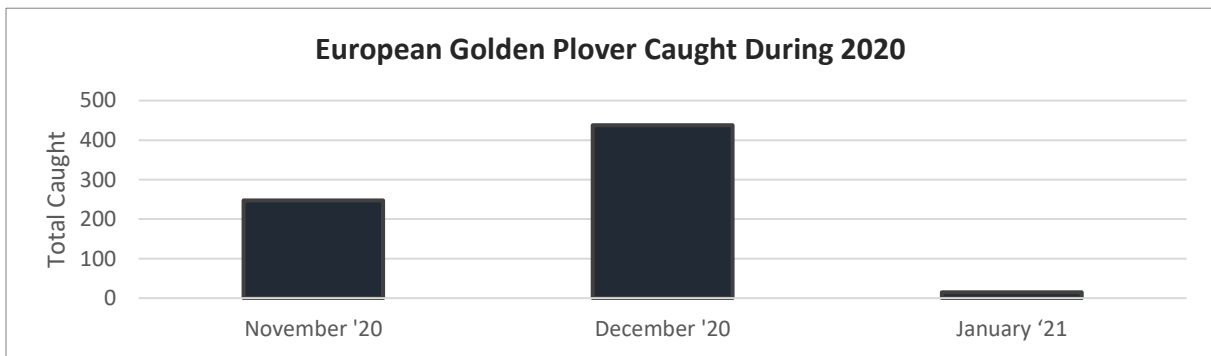
*Pluvialis apricaria*

**European Golden Plover**

Pluviera

(Live-Capturing Data)

November '20	247
December '20	438
January '21	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>



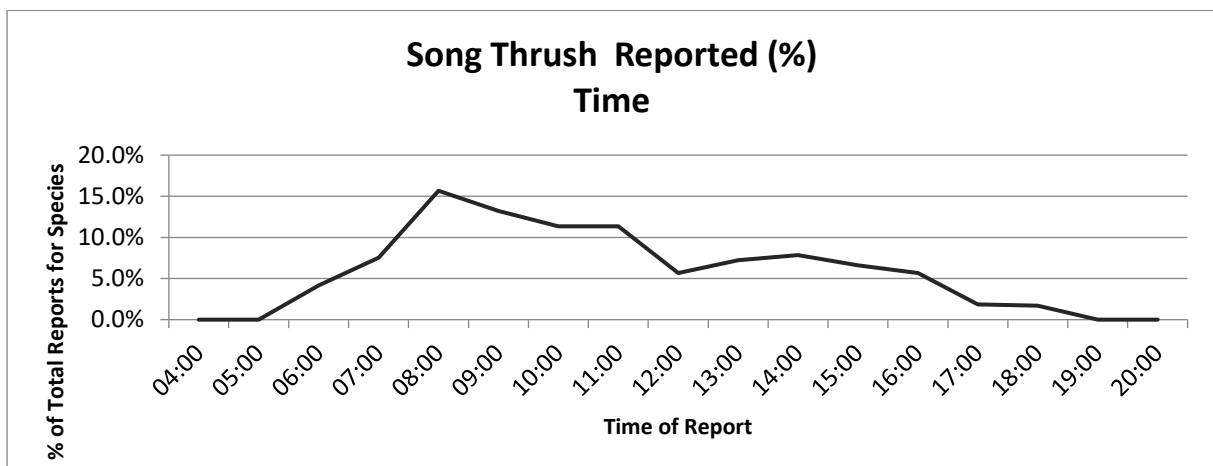
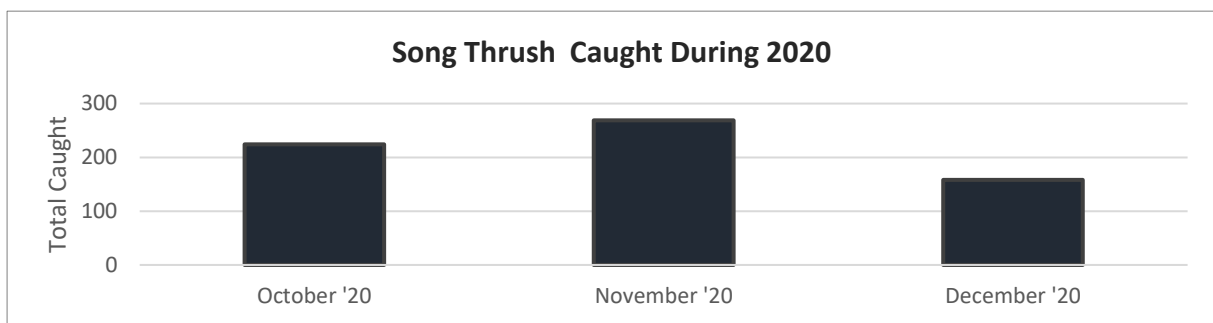
*Turdus philomelos*

**Song Thrush**

Malvizz

(Live-Capturing Data)

October '20	224
November '20	269
December '20	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>651</b>



# Appendix (i)

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

