



Game Reporting Data

2021 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 2021. 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	9,611
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Quail</i>	8,156
General Licence for Hunting birds at sea	252
General Licence for Hunting of wild rabbit	2,870
General Licence for Capture of wild rabbit with nets	61
General Licence for Live-Capturing of birds	4,014
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	1,364

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 paid membership in a recognised hunting organisation.

During the reporting period, a total of 16,809 specimens belonging to huntable species were reported hunted and a total of 1,706 specimens were reported captured under Article 9(1)(c) live-capturing derogations. The system received a total of 5,914 telephonic reports from 1,269 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 reports received	Specimens reported
General Licence for Hunting birds on land	9,611	787	8.2	5,423	15,865
Special Spring Hunting licence – <i>Quail</i>	8,156	407	5.0	741	894
General Licence for Hunting birds at sea	252	2	0.8	3	5
General Licence for Hunting of wild rabbit	2,870	11	0.4	12	39
General Licence for Capture of wild rabbit with nets	61	3	4.9	6	6
General Licence for Live-Capturing of birds	4,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Autumn Live-Capturing Licence – <i>Song Thrush and Golden Plover</i>	1,364	330	24.2	1,084	1,706

Hunting Data

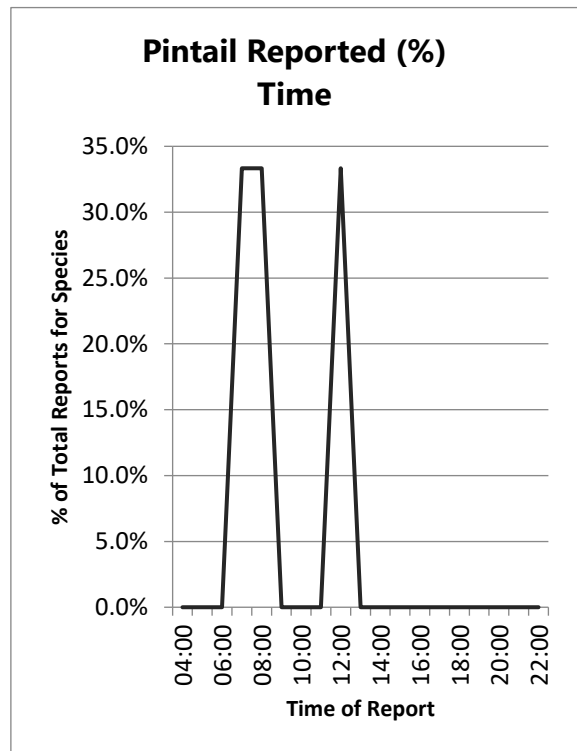
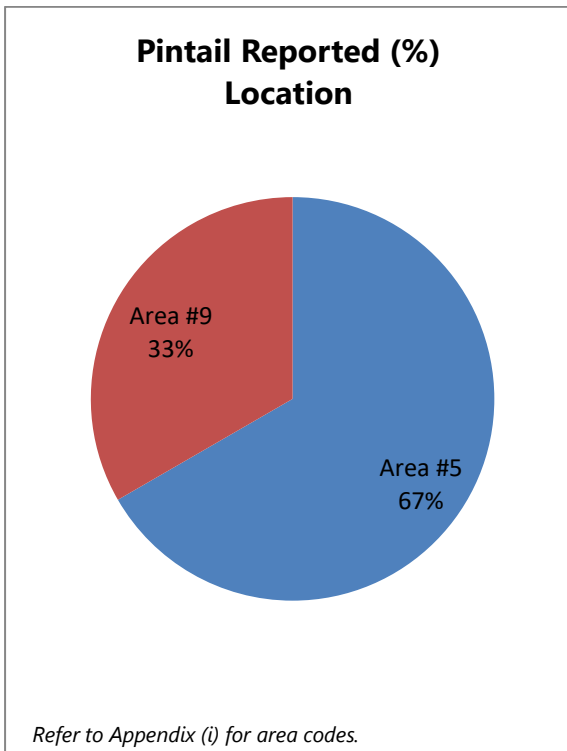
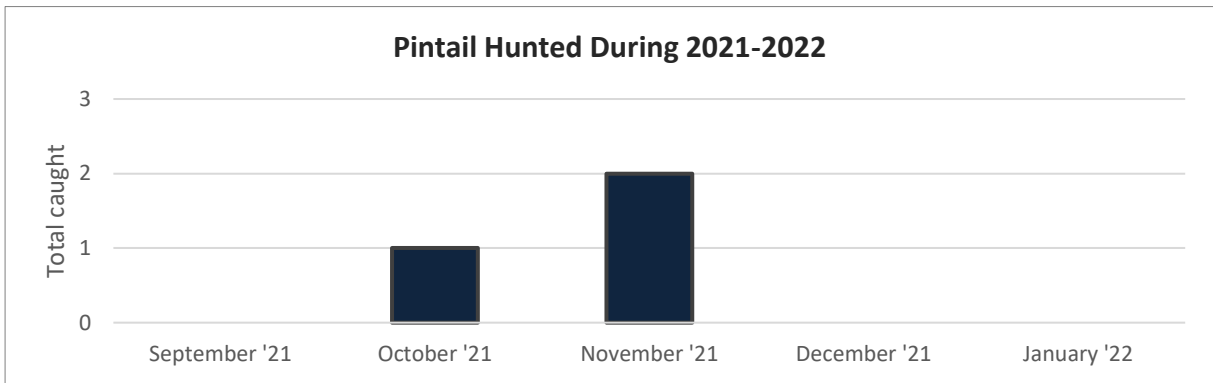
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Anas acuta

Pintail

Silfjun

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '21	0
October '21	1
November '21	2
December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	3



Anseriformes

- Anatidae

Month

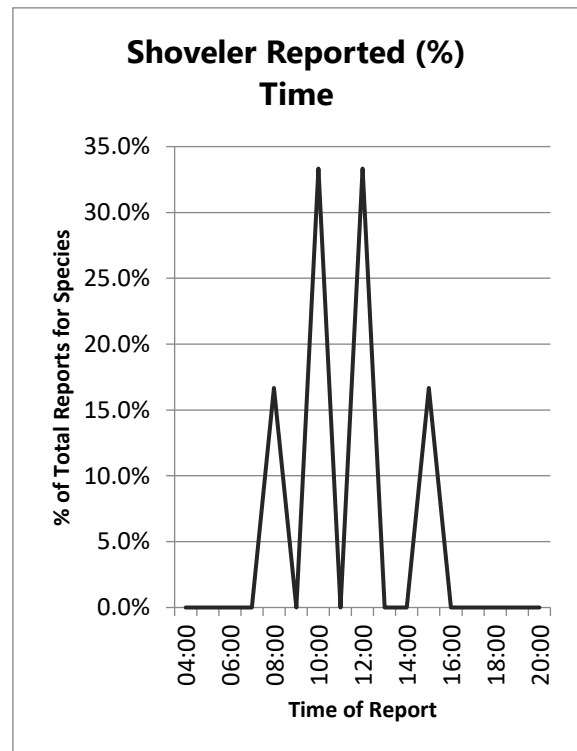
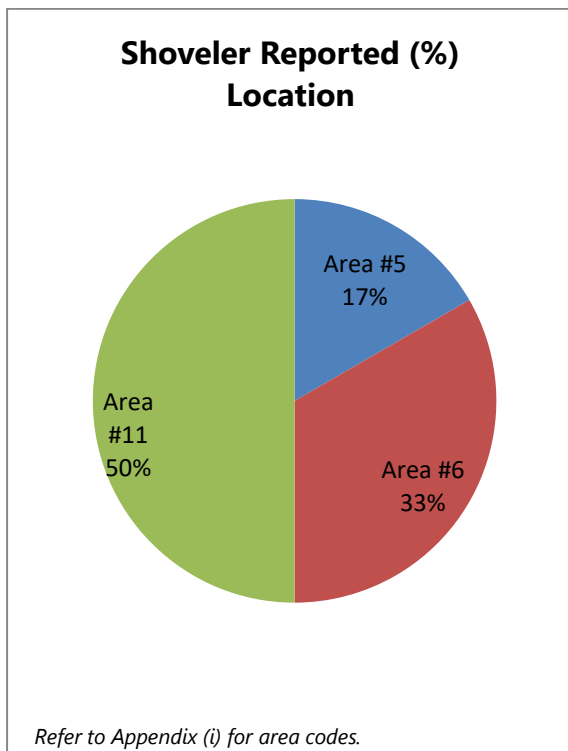
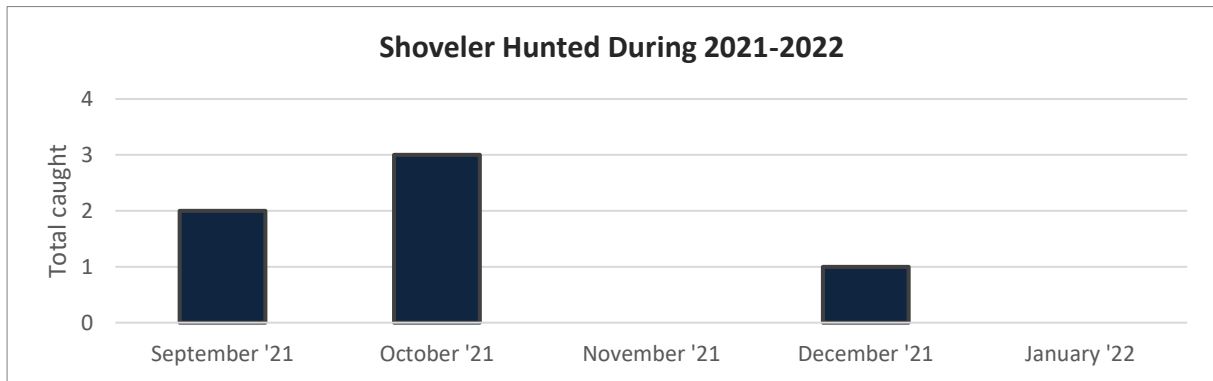
Specimens Hunted

Anas clypeata

Shoveler

Palettuna

September '21	2
October '21	3
November '21	0
December '21	1
January '22	0
Total	6

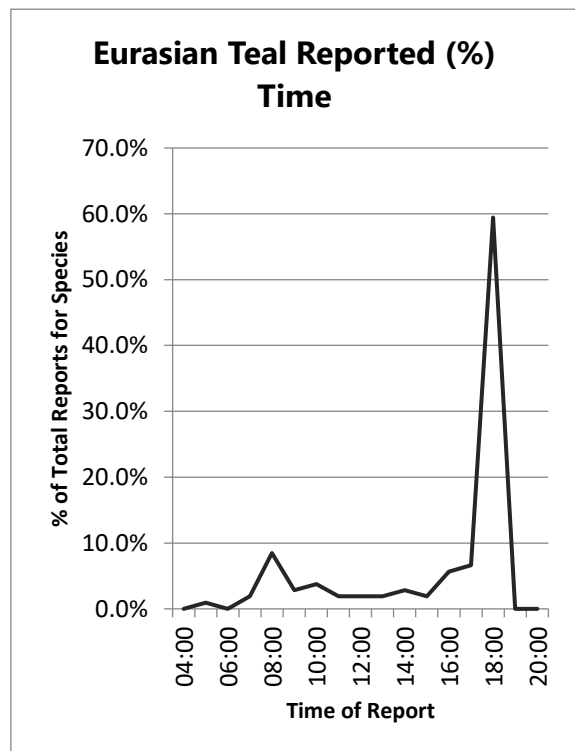
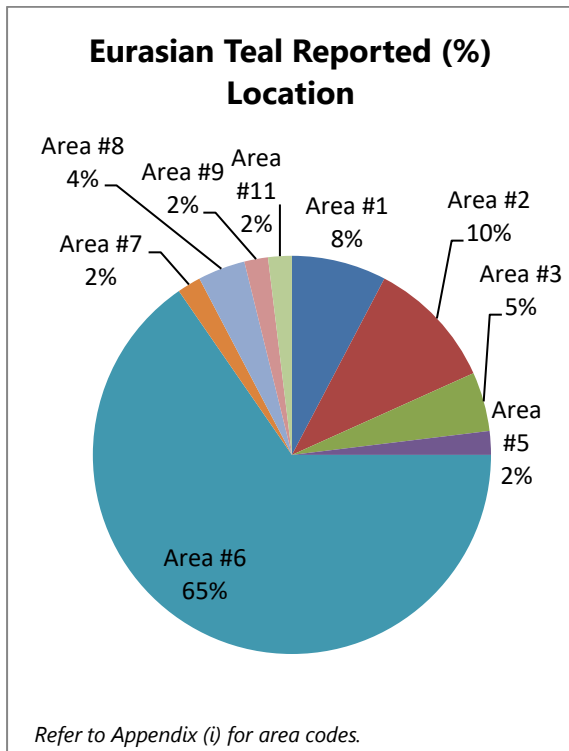
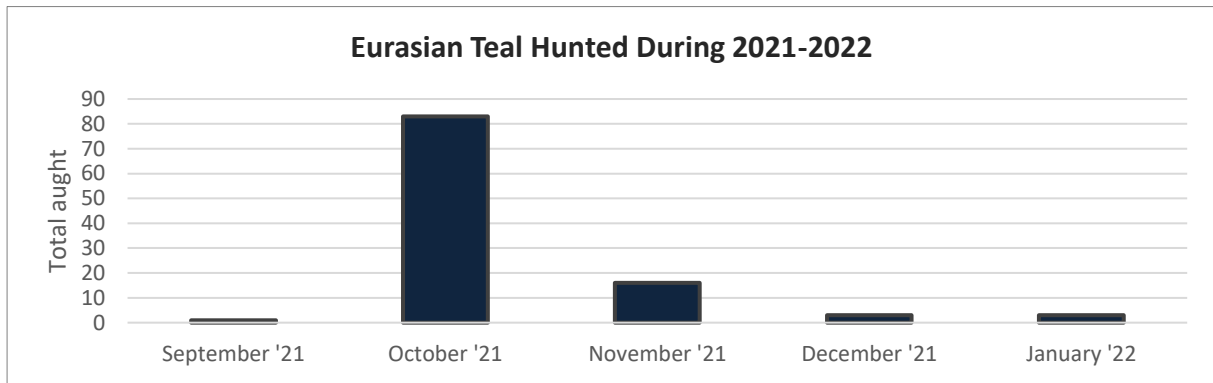


Anas crecca

Eurasian Teal

Sarsella

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October '21	83
November '21	16
December '21	3
January '22	3
Total	106

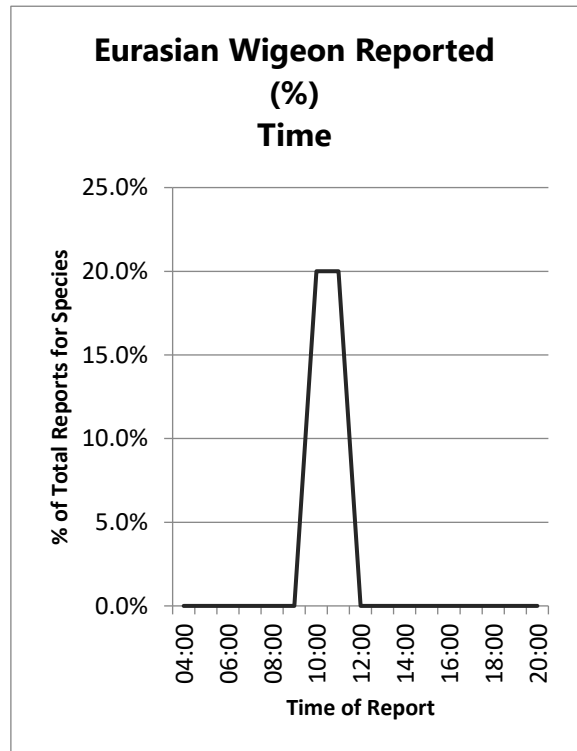
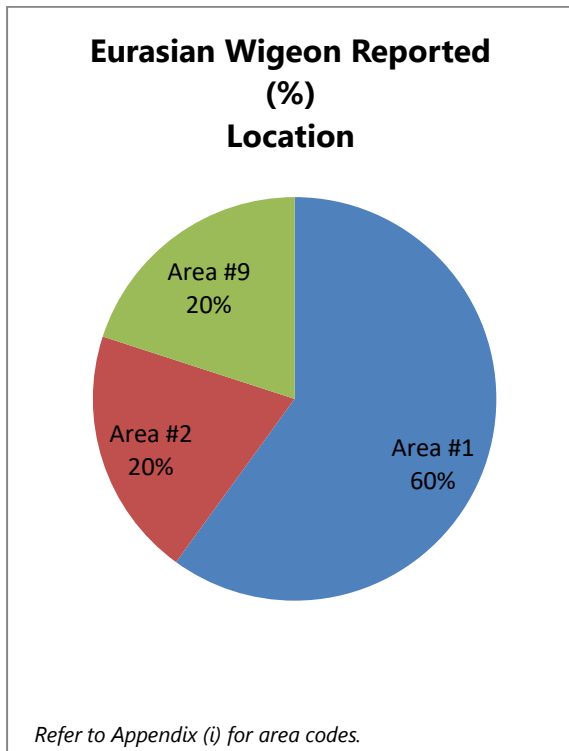
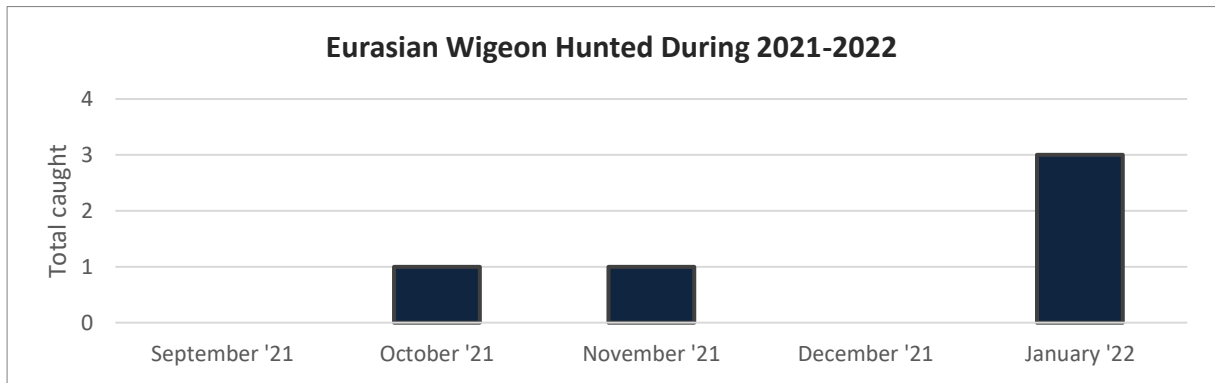


Anas penelope

Eurasian Wigeon

Silfjun Ewropew

September '21	0
October '21	1
November '21	1
December '21	0
January '22	3
Total	5

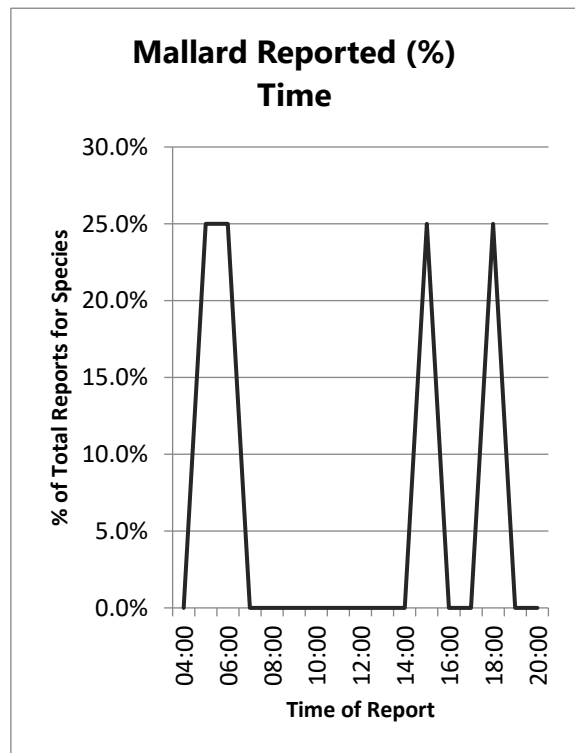
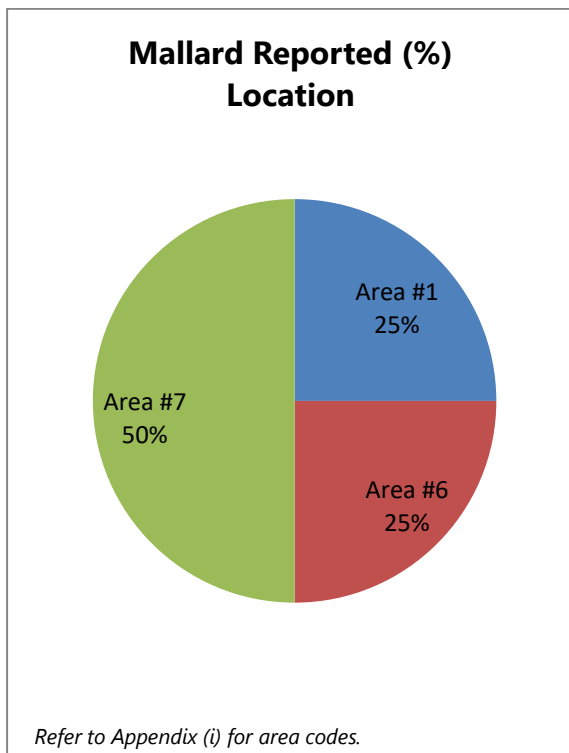
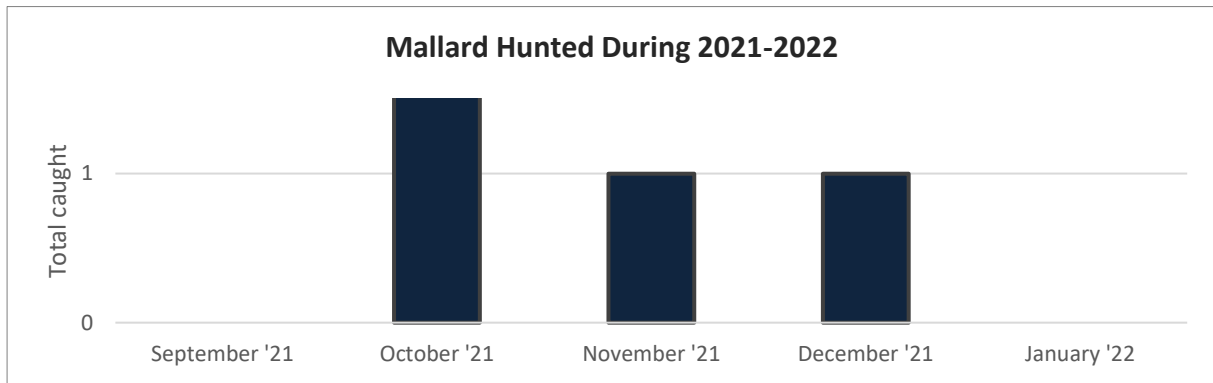


Anas platyrhynchos

Mallard

Kuluvert

September '21	0
October '21	2
November '21	1
December '21	1
January '22	0
Total	4

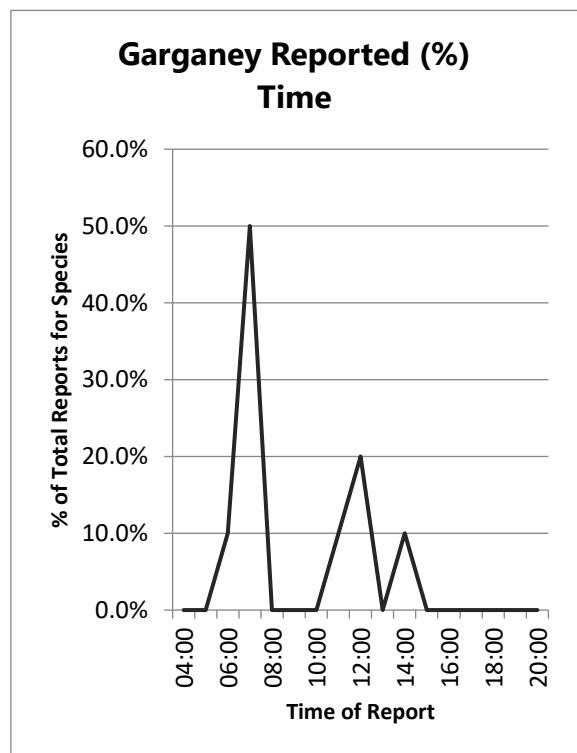
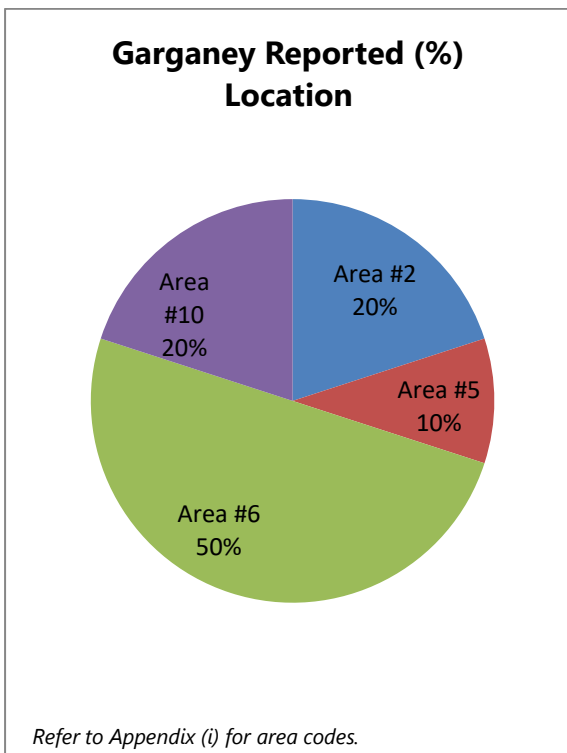
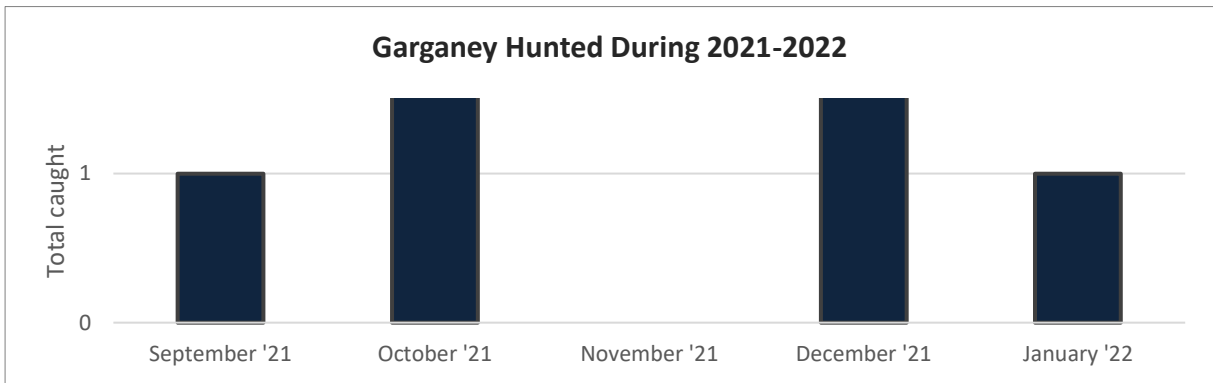


Anas querquedula

Garganey

Sarsella Hamra

September '21	1
October '21	2
November '21	0
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January '22	1
Total	10



Anseriformes

- Anatidae

Month

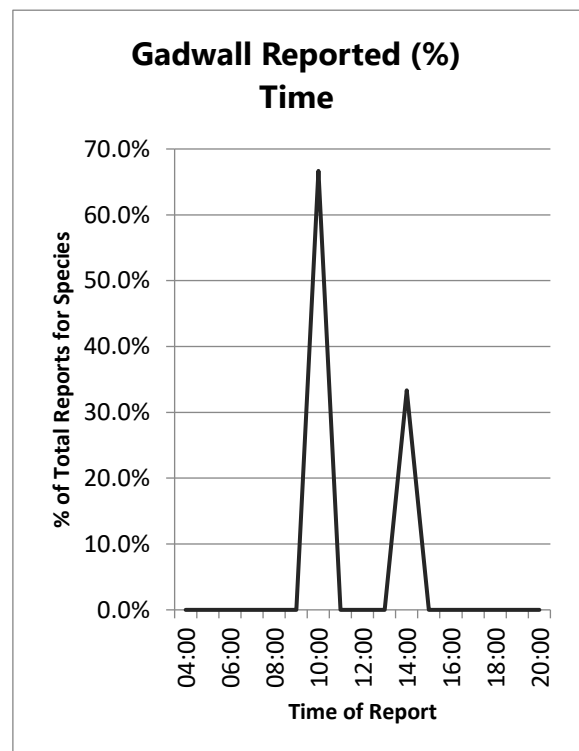
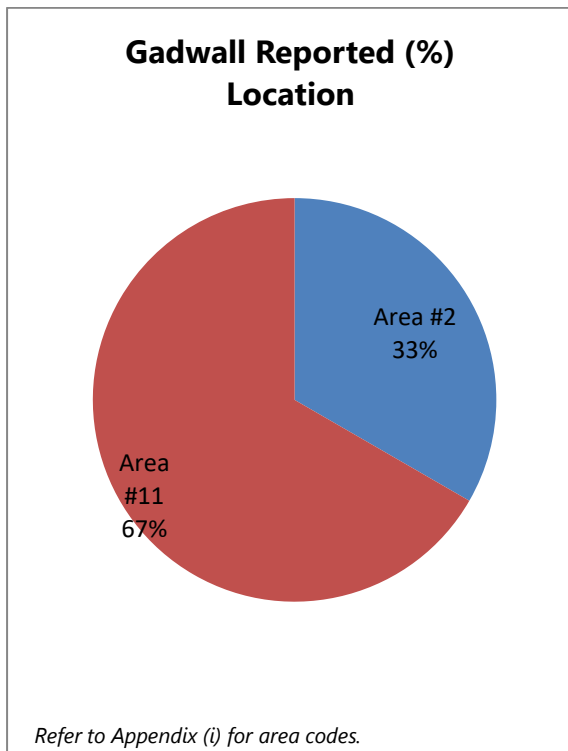
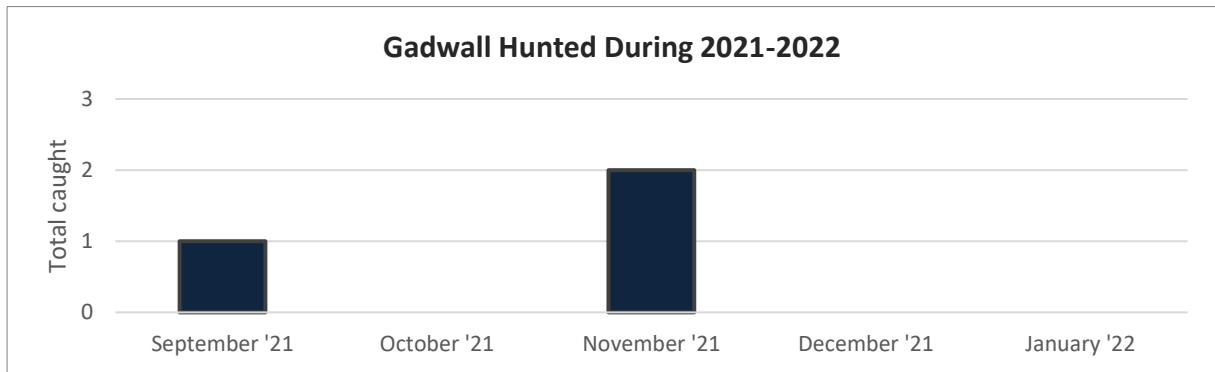
Specimens Hunted

Anas strepera

Gadwall

Kuluvert Griz

September '21	1
October '21	0
November '21	2
December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	3

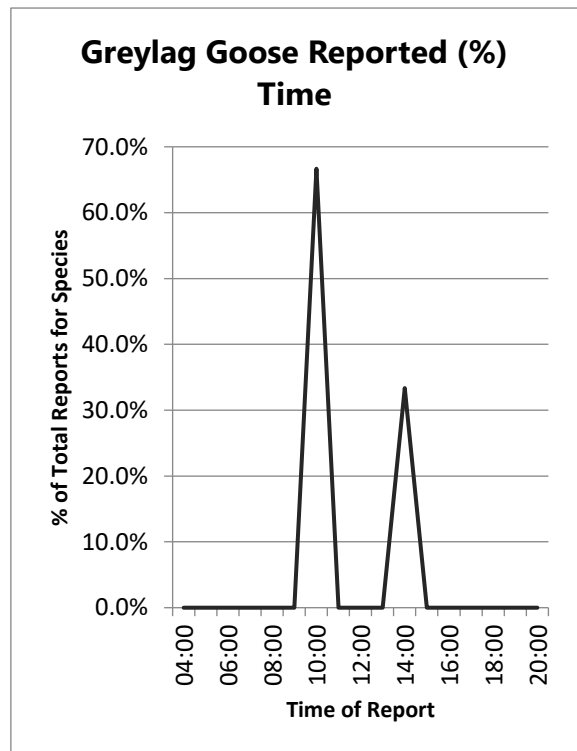
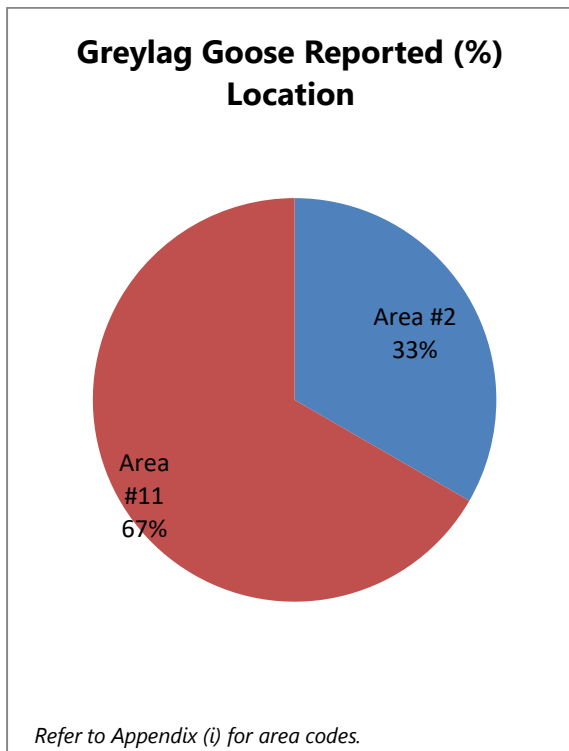
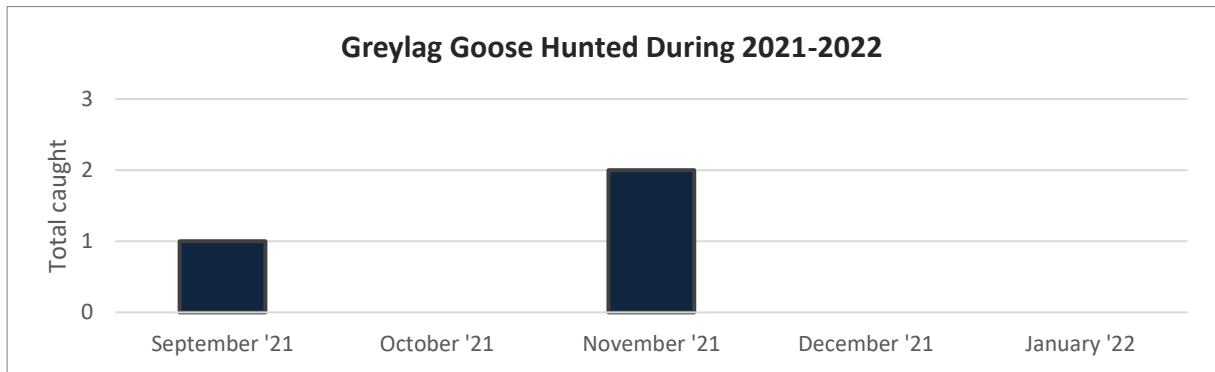


Anser anser

Greylag Goose

Wizza Griza

Month	Specimens Hunted
September '21	1
October '21	0
November '21	2
December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	3

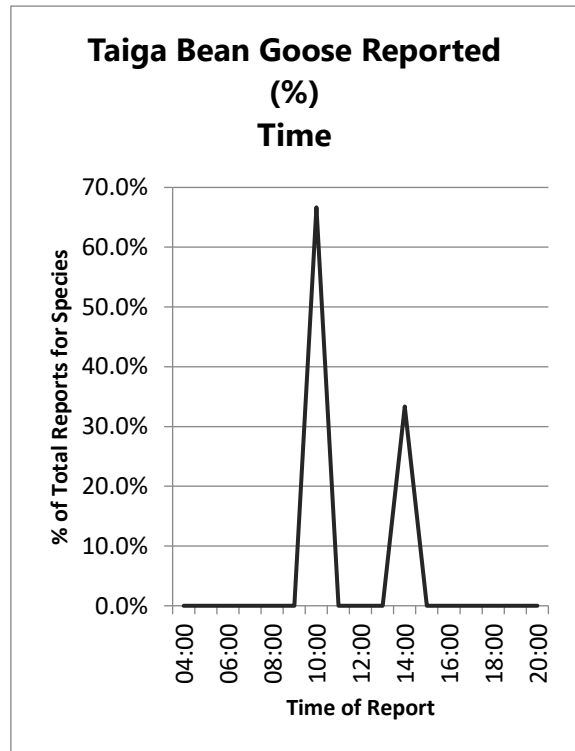
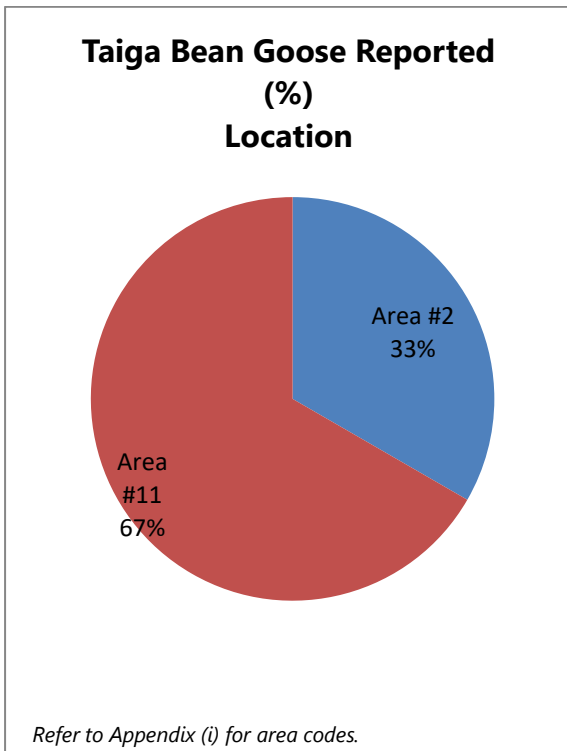
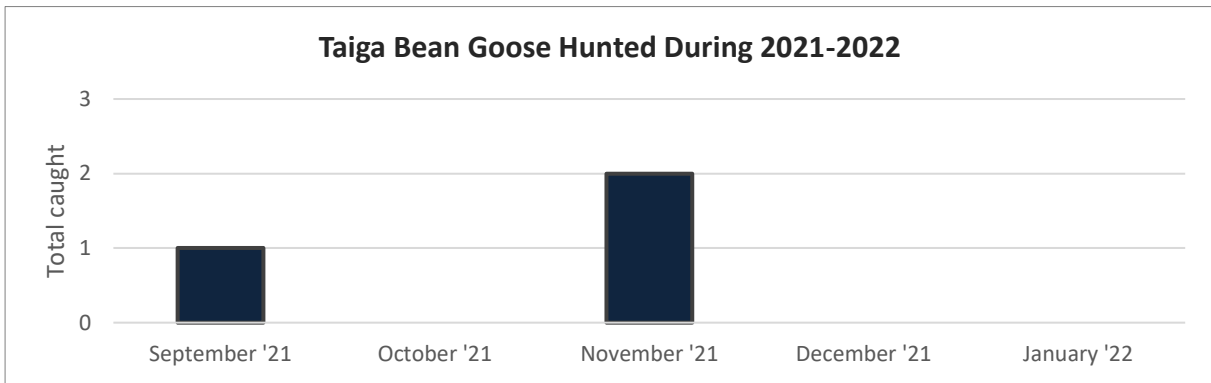


Anser fabalis

Taiga Bean Goose

Wizza tal-Ful

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October '21	0
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December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	3

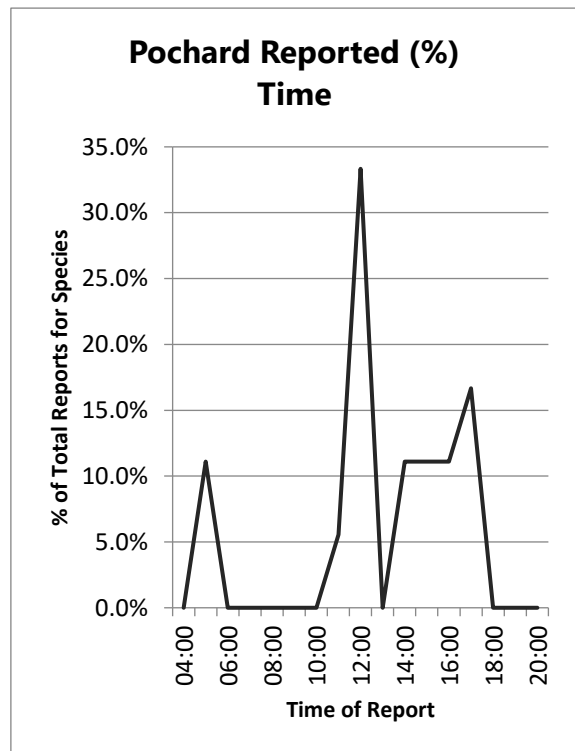
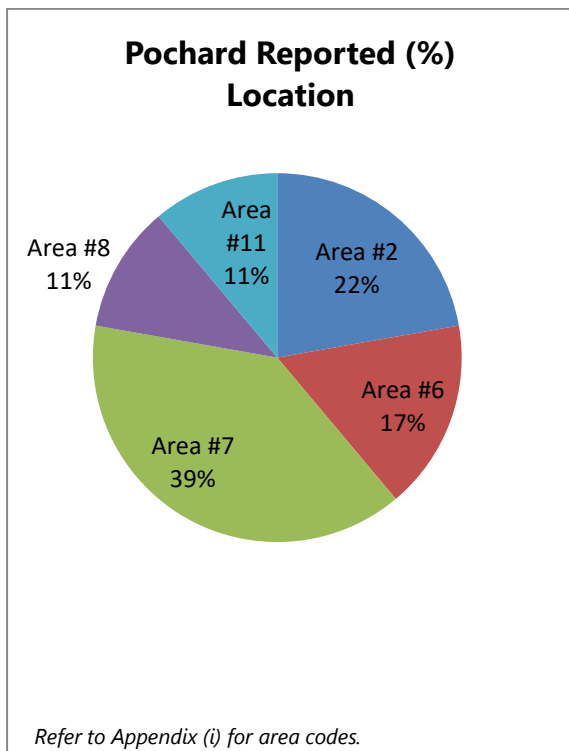
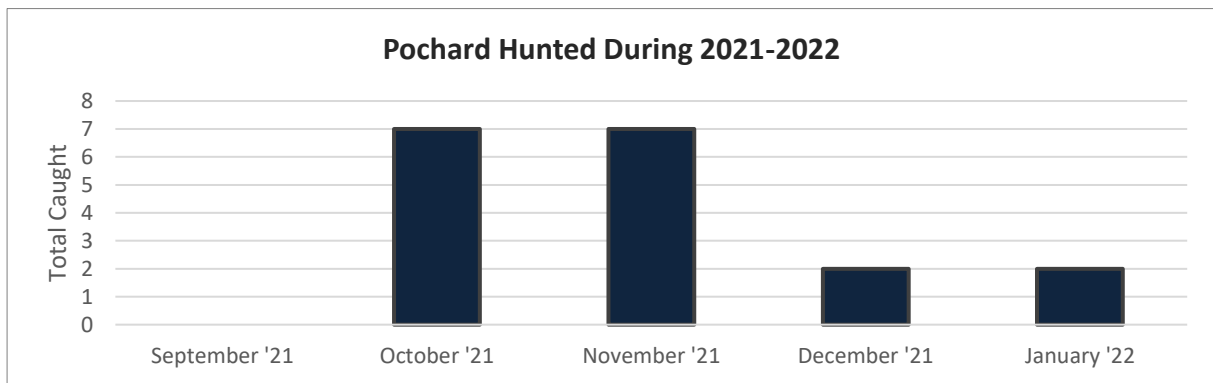


Aythya ferina

Pochard

Brajmla

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October '21	7
November '21	7
December '21	2
January '22	2
Total	18

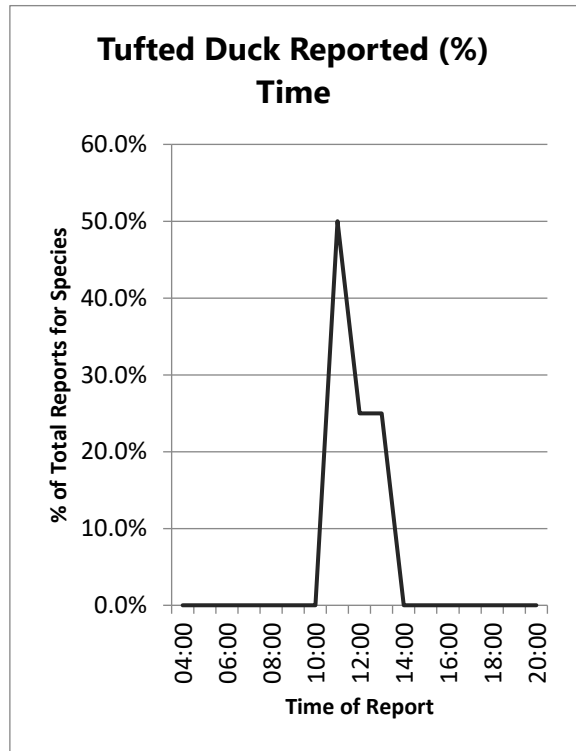
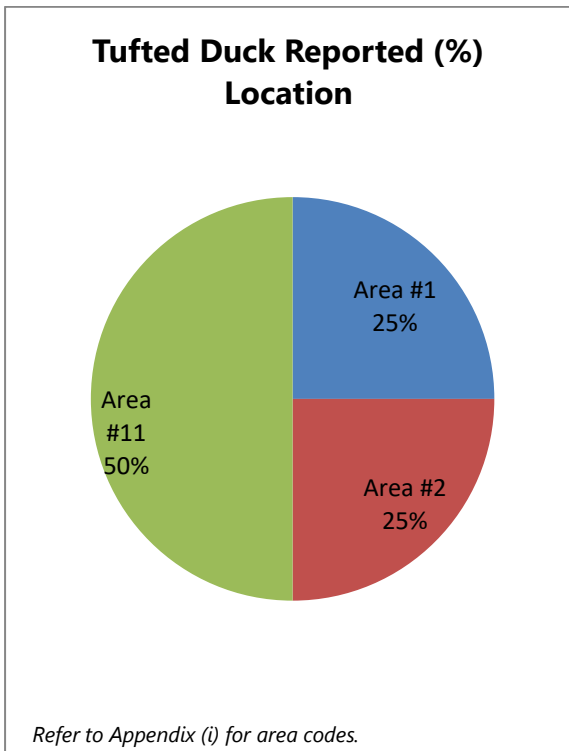
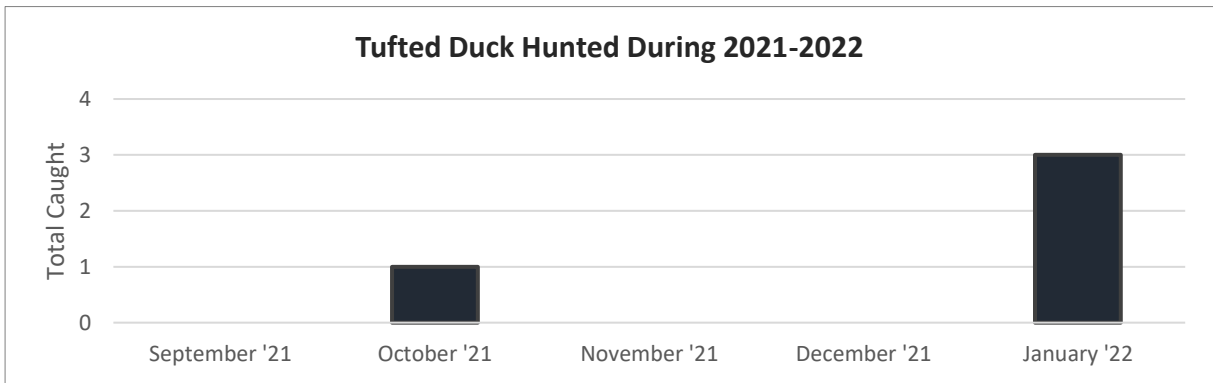


Aythya fuligula

Tufted Duck

Brajmla tat-Toppu

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October '21	1
November '21	0
December '21	0
January '22	3
Total	4



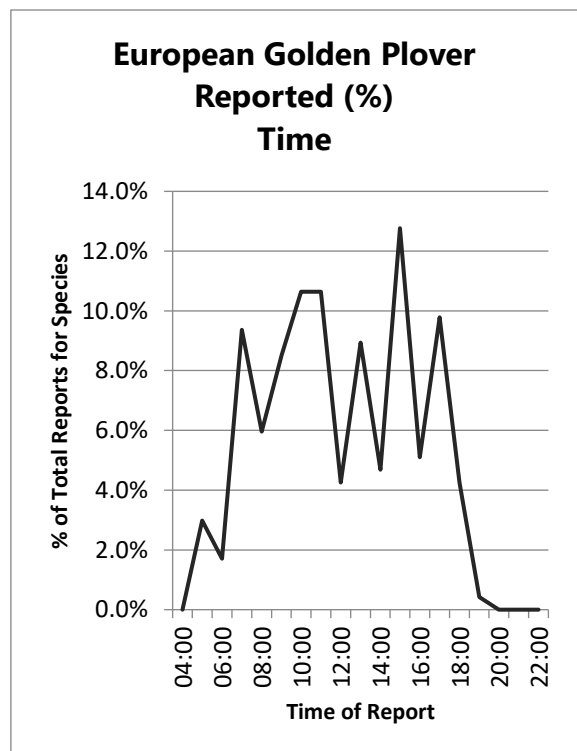
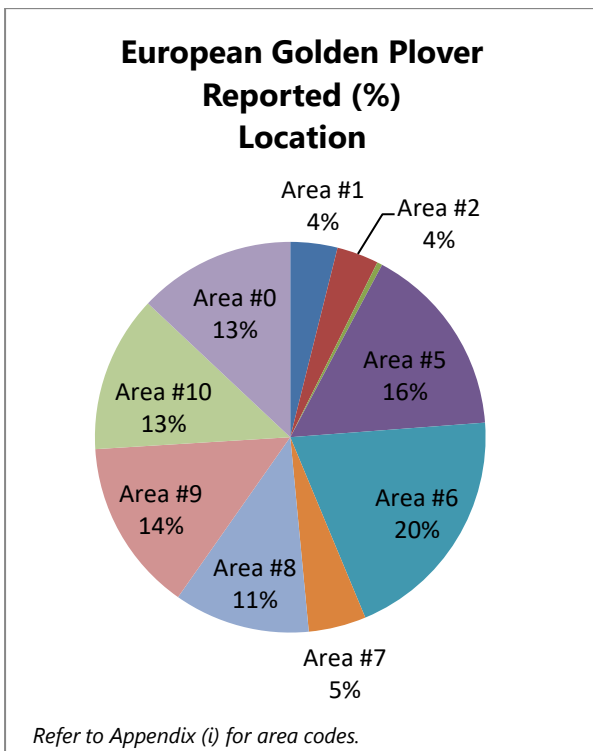
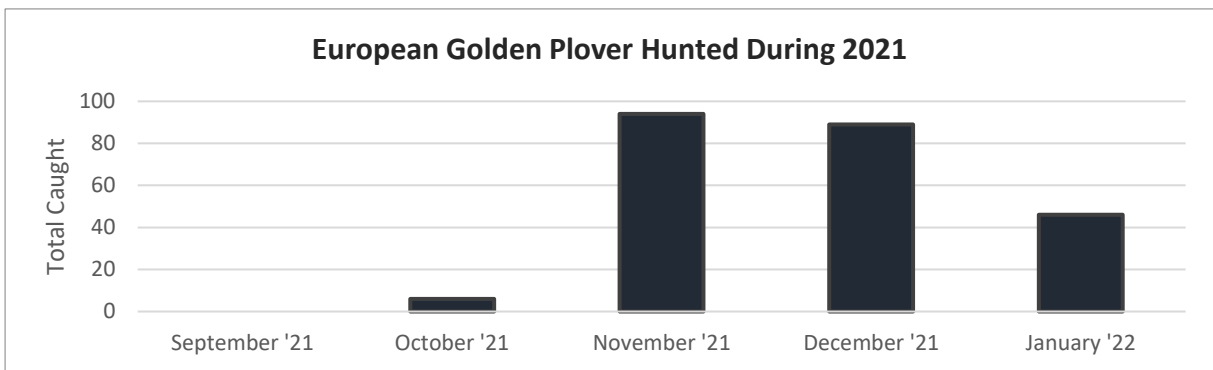
Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

(Hunting Data)

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October '21	6
November '21	94
December '21	89
January '22	46
Total	235

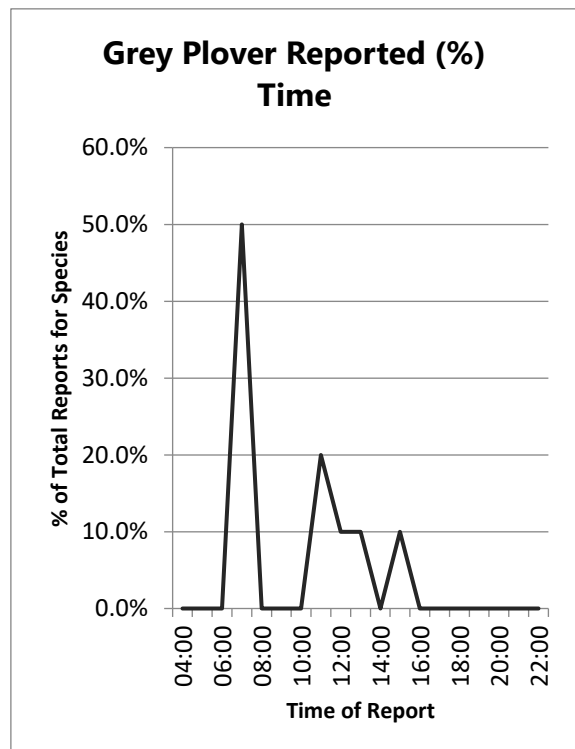
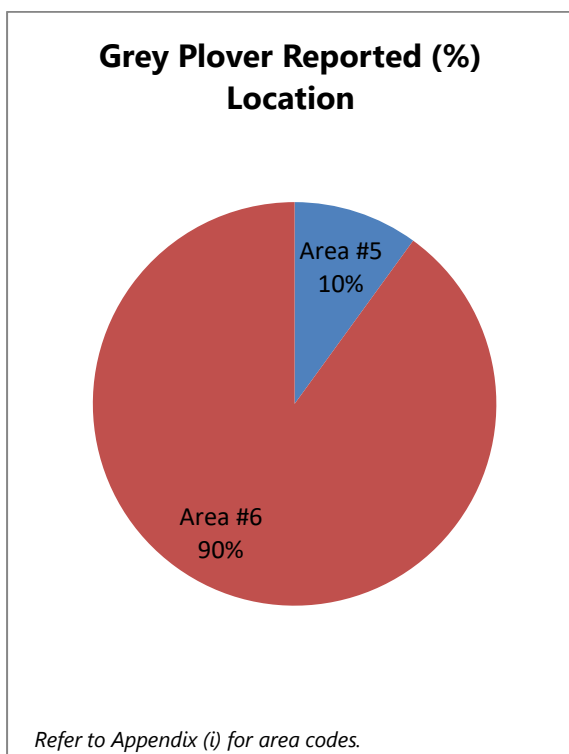
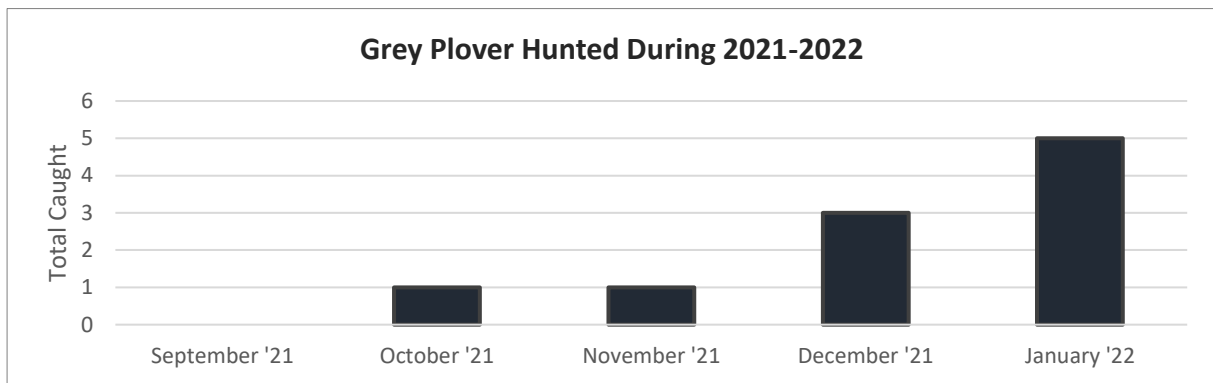


Pluvialis squatarola

Grey Plover

Pluviera Pastarda

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October '21	1
November '21	1
December '21	3
January '22	5
Total	10

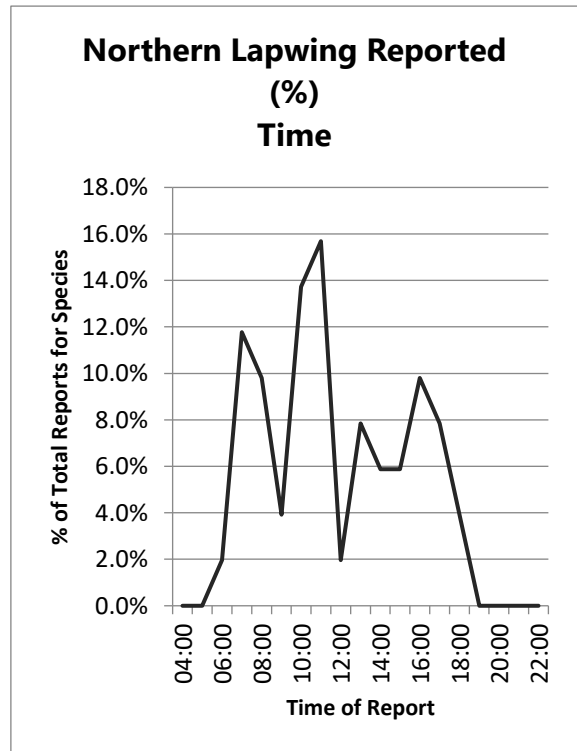
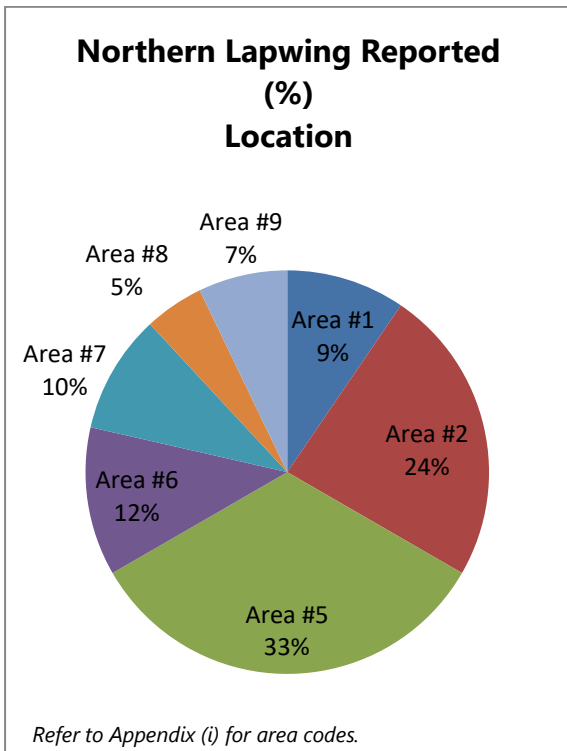
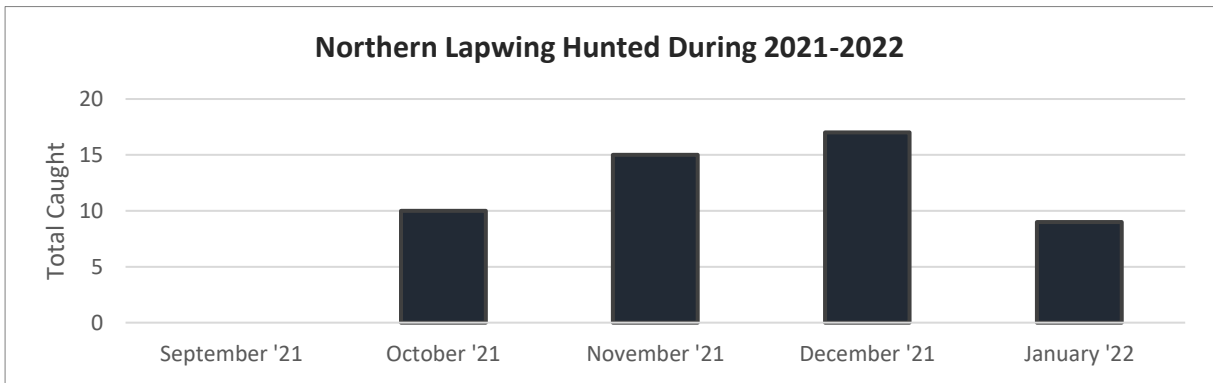


Vanellus vanellus

Northern Lapwing

Venewwa

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October '21	10
November '21	15
December '21	17
January '22	9
Total	51

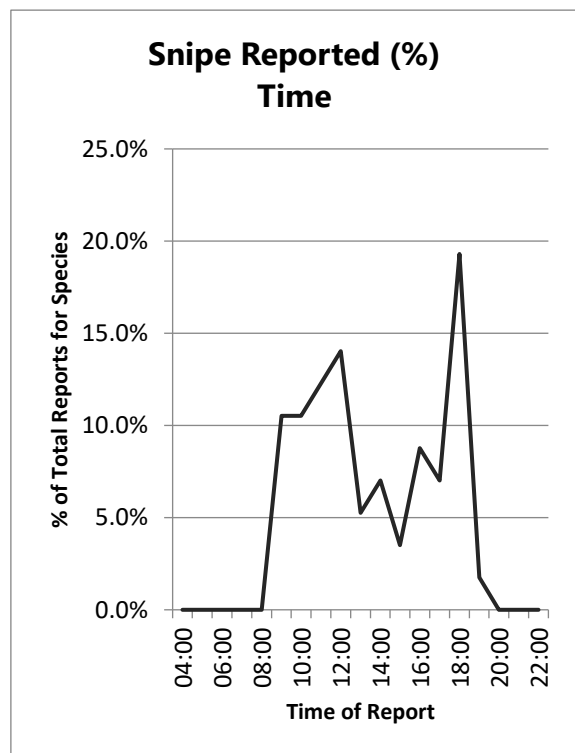
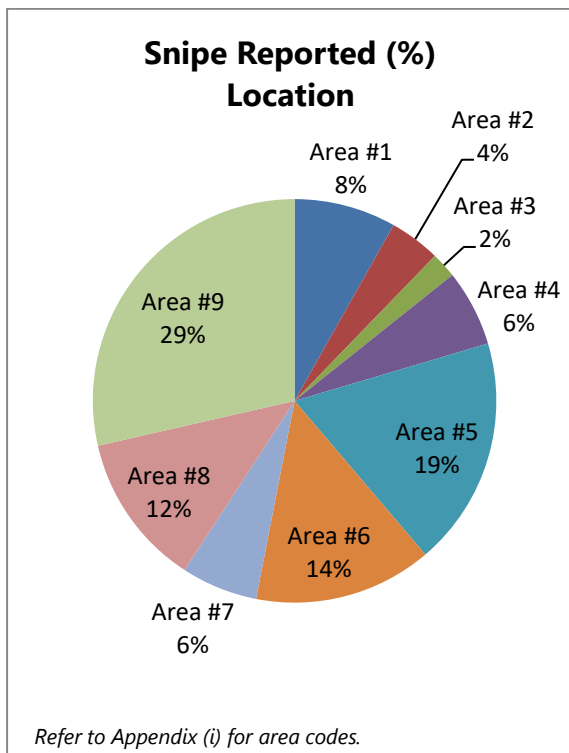
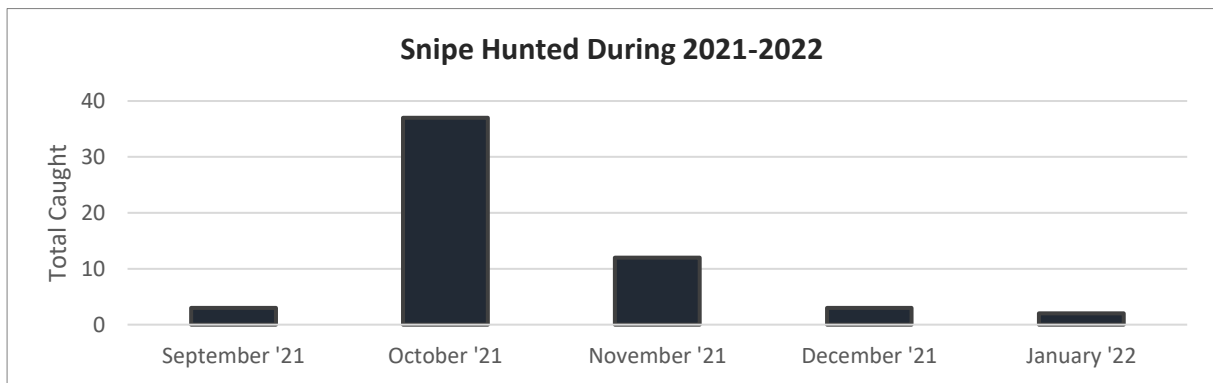


Gallinago gallinago

Snipe

Bekkaçc

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October '21	207
November '21	12
December '21	3
January '22	2
Total	227

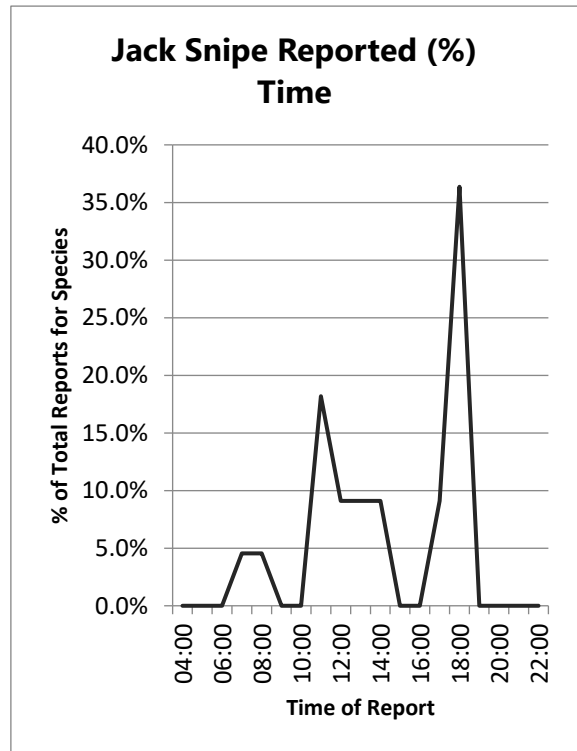
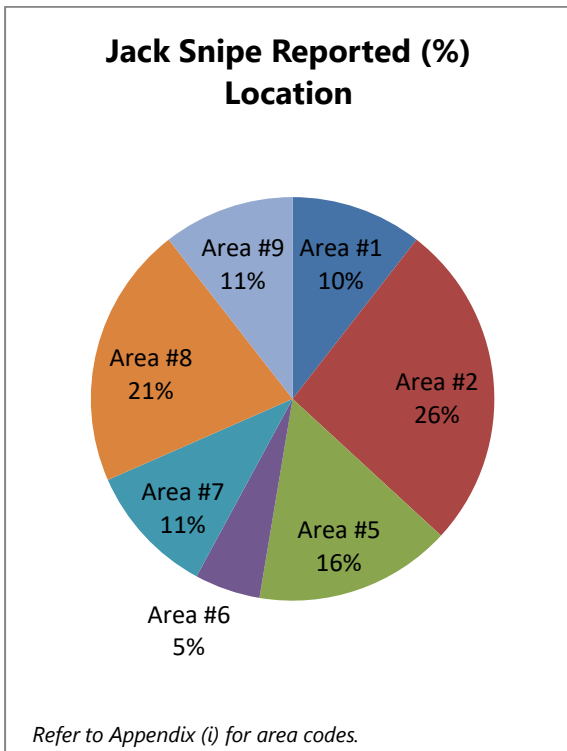
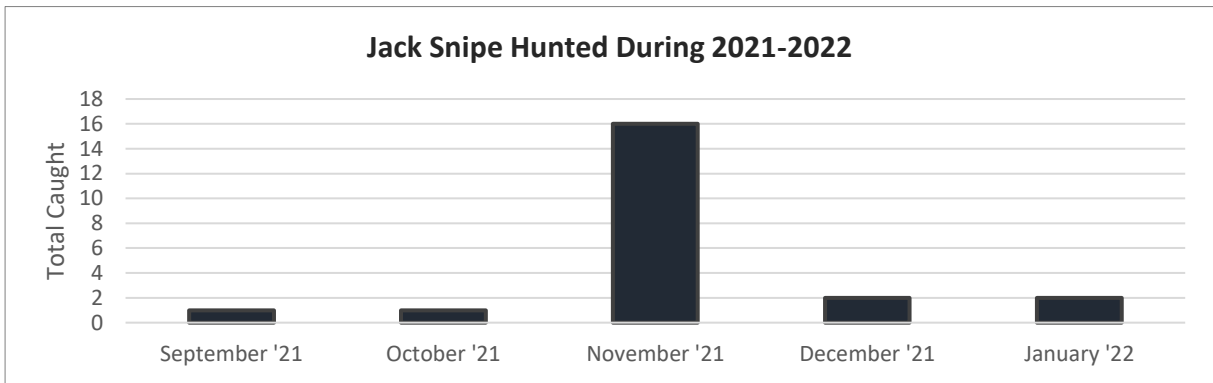


Lymnocyptes minimus

Jack Snipe

Činkonja

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November '21	16
December '21	2
January '22	2
Total	22

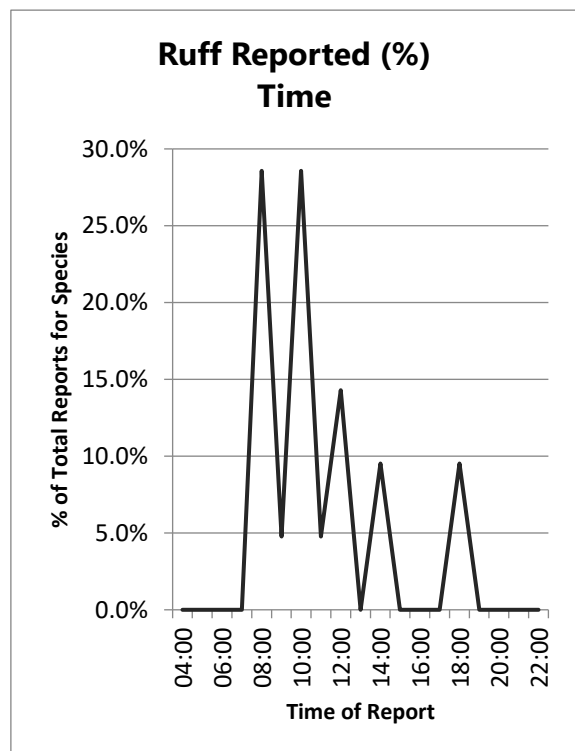
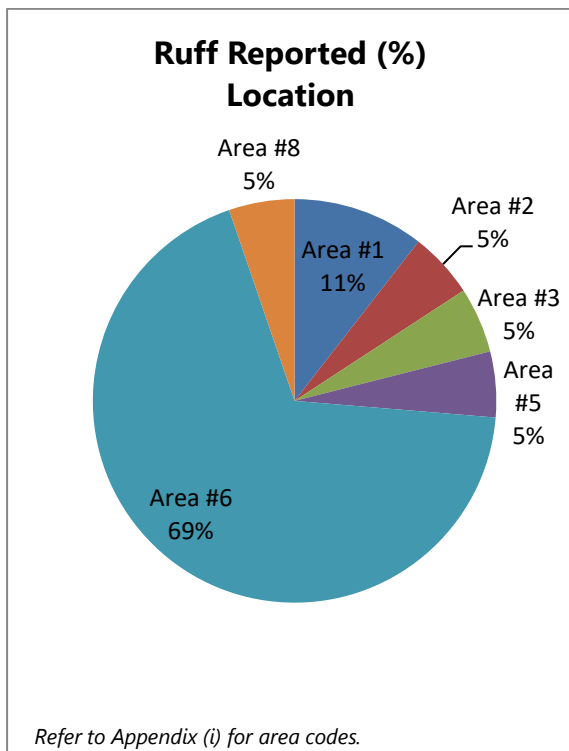
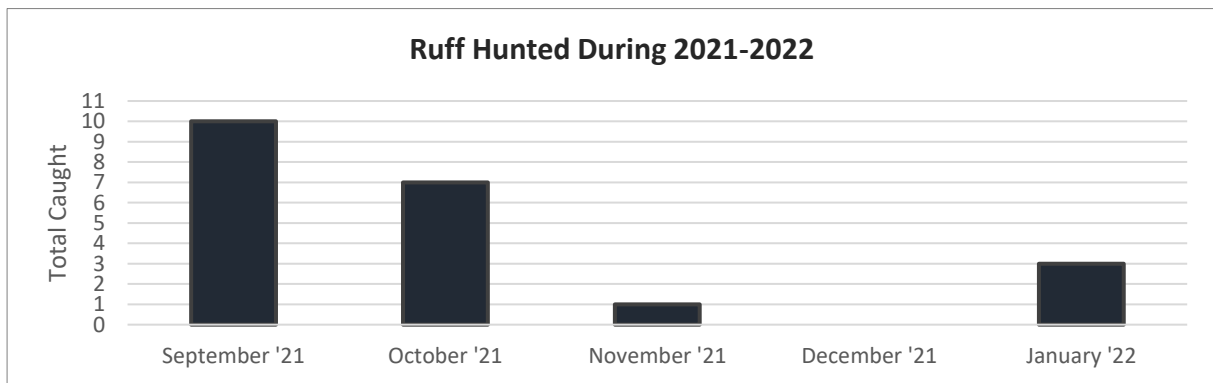


Philomachus pugnax

Ruff

Girviel

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October '21	7
November '21	1
December '21	0
January '22	3
Total	21

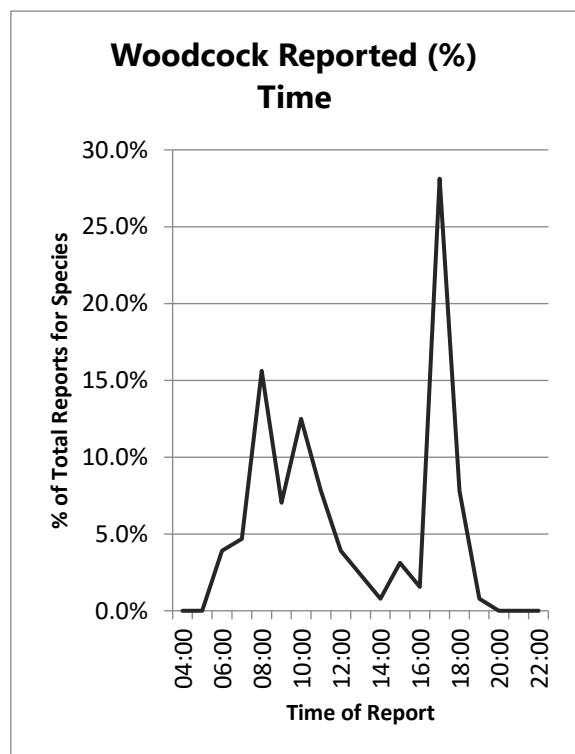
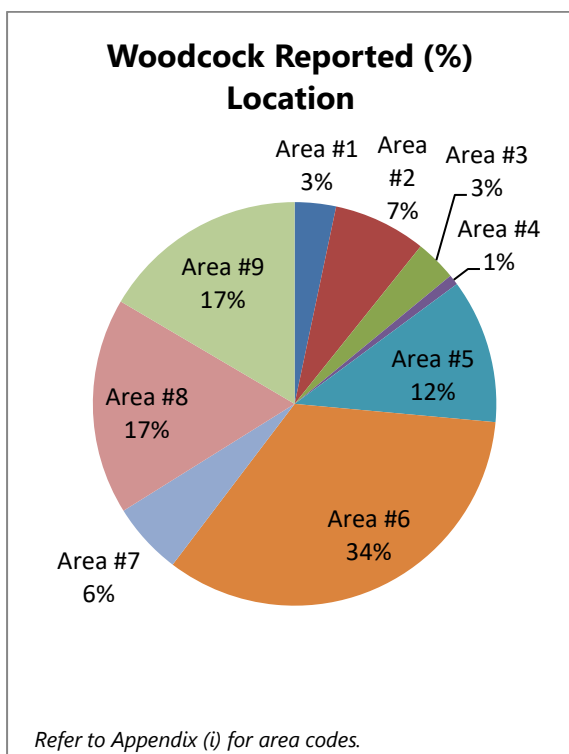
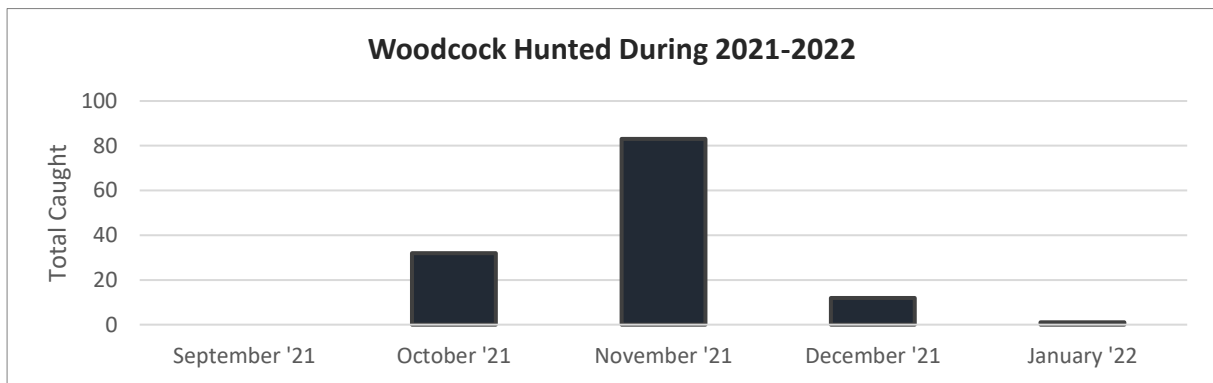


Scolopax rusticola

Woodcock

Gallina

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October '21	32
November '21	83
December '21	12
January '22	1
Total	128

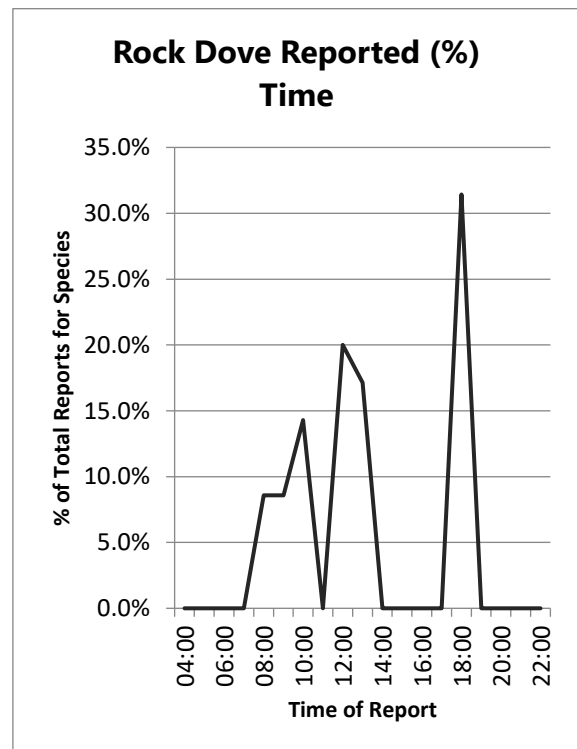
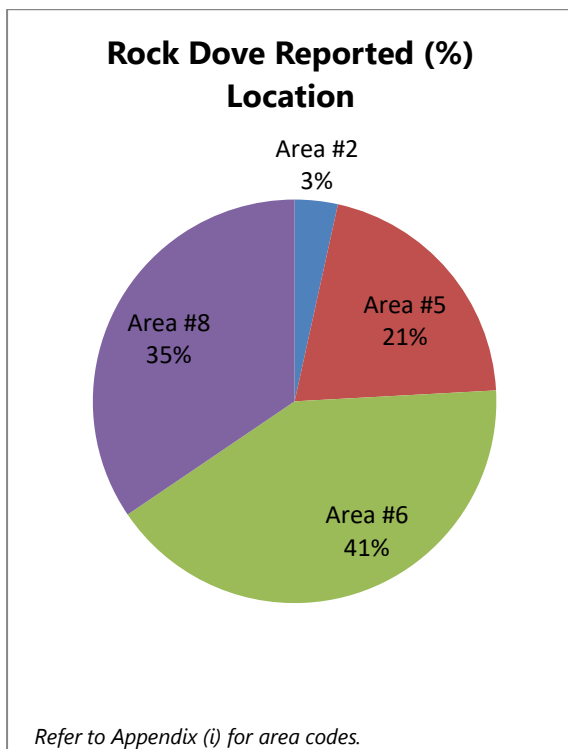
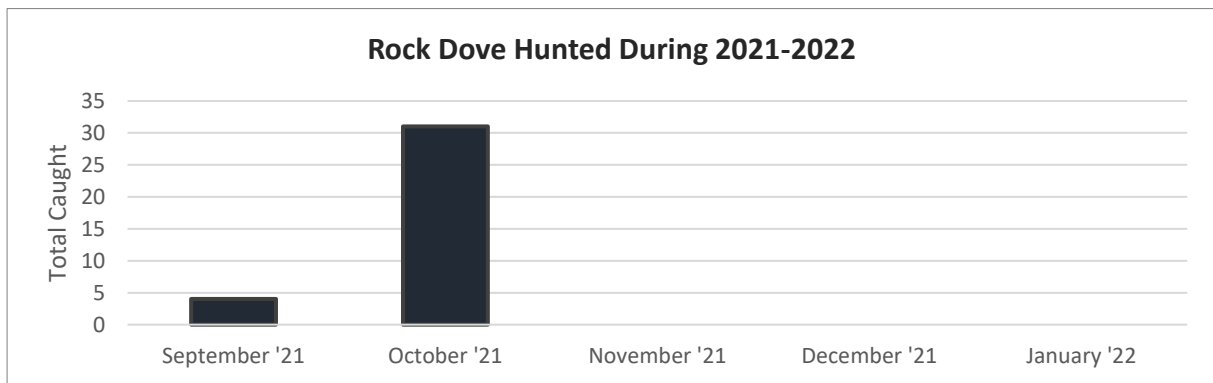


Columba livia

Rock Dove

Tudun tal-Ġebel

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October '21	31
November '21	0
December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	35

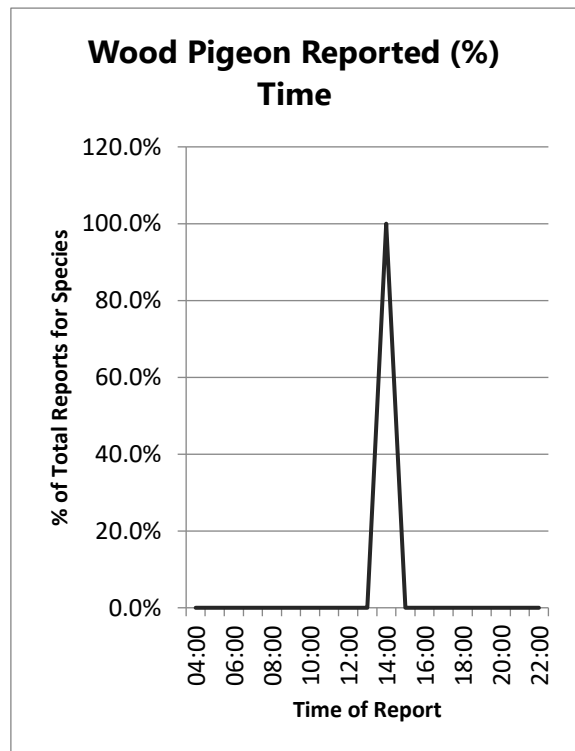
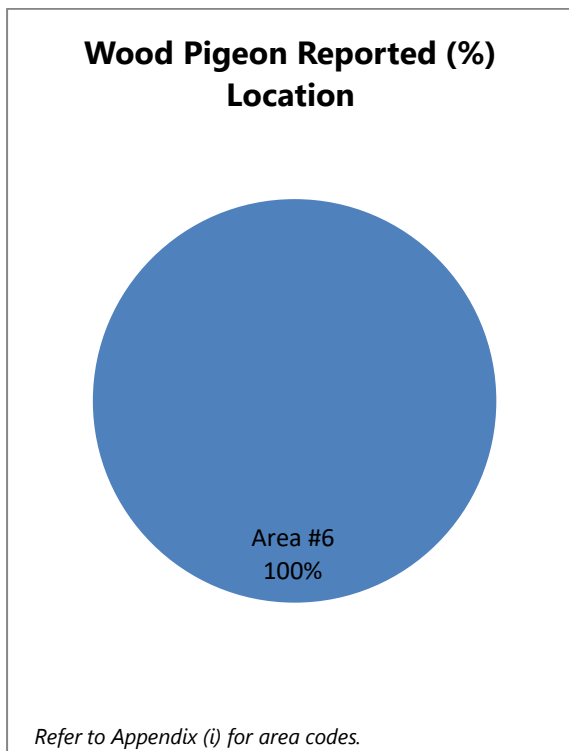
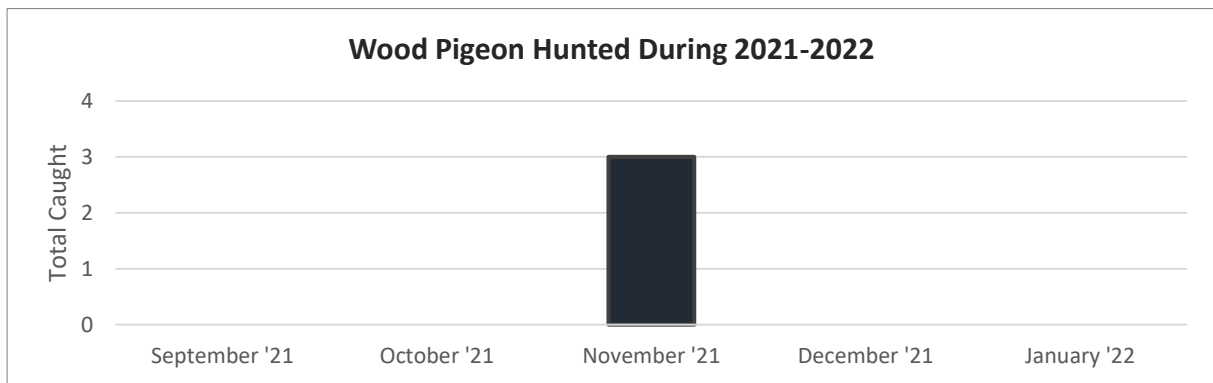


Columba palumbus

Wood Pigeon

Tudun

September '21	0
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November '21	3
December '21	0
January '22	0
Total	3



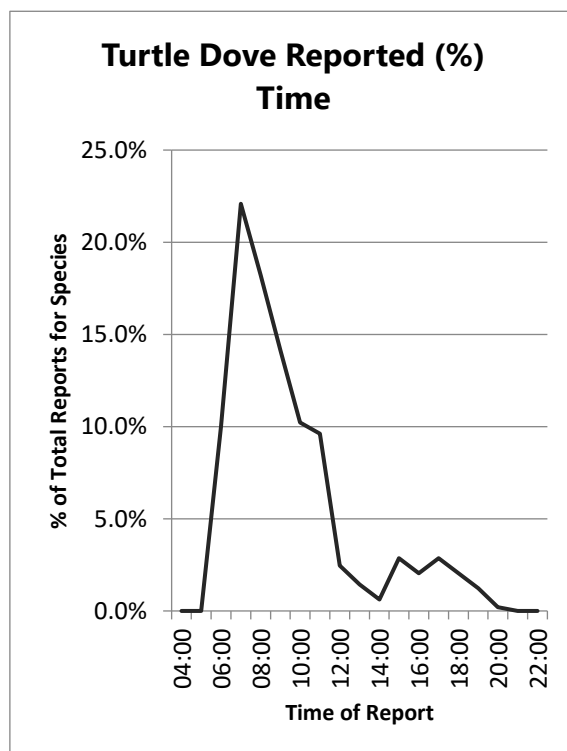
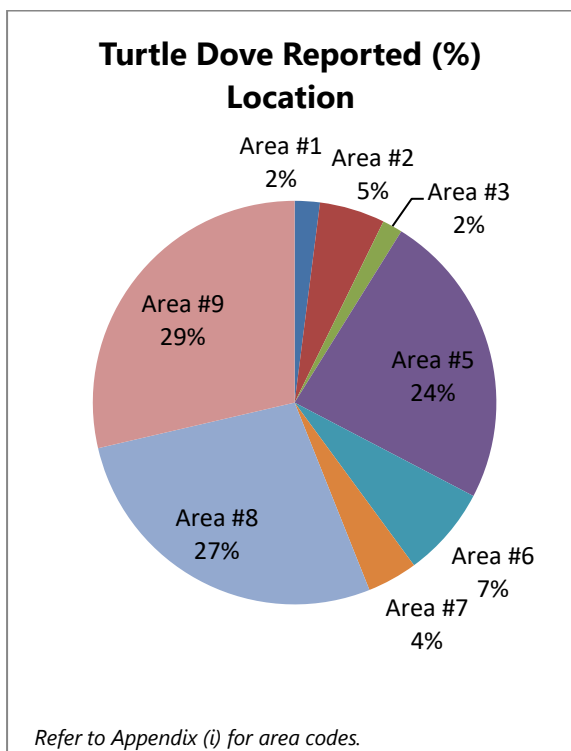
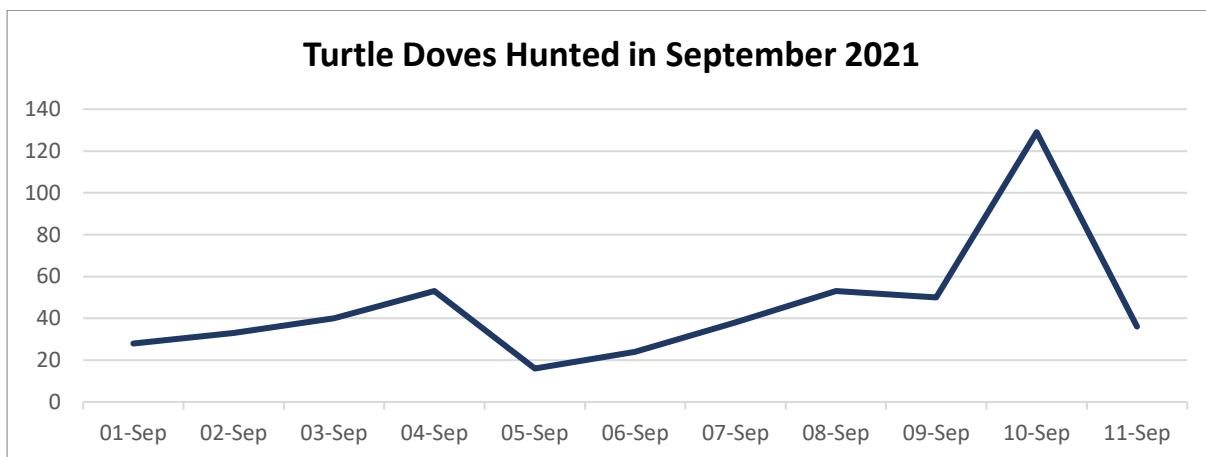
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European Turtle-dove

Gamiema

September '21 500

Total 500



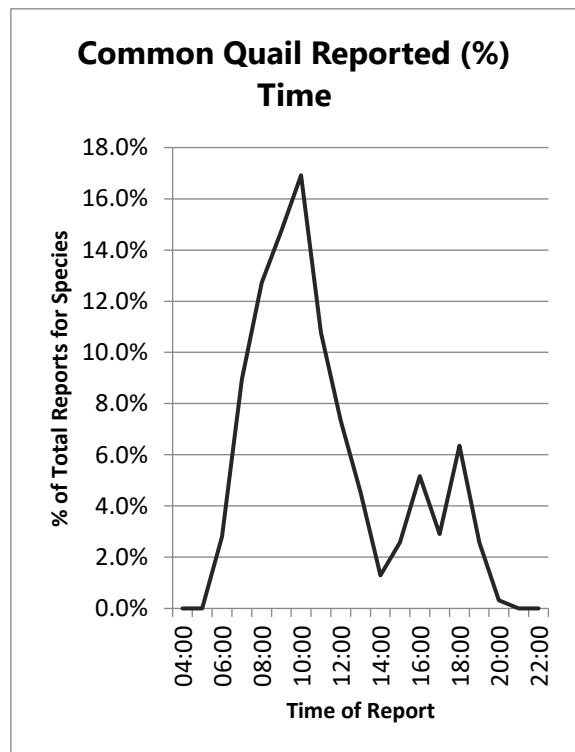
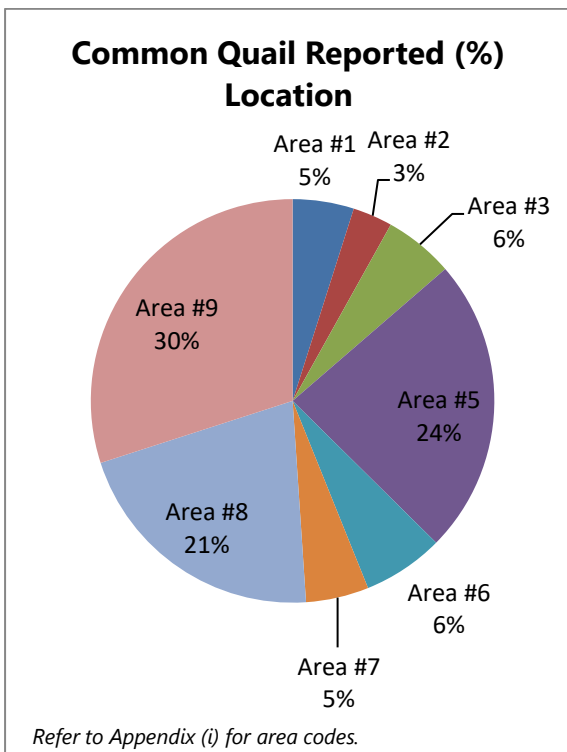
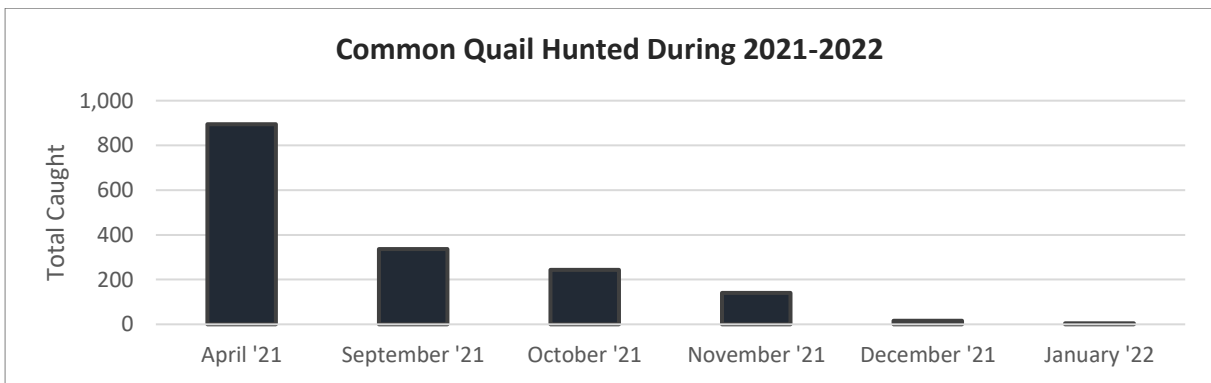
Note: Hunting of this species in September is governed through L.N. 341 of 2021. Full details on this are available at <https://legislation.mt/eli/ln/2021/341/eng>.

Coturnix coturnix

Common Quail

Summiena

April '21	894
September '21	336
October '21	243
November '21	141
December '21	16
January '22	4
Total	1,634



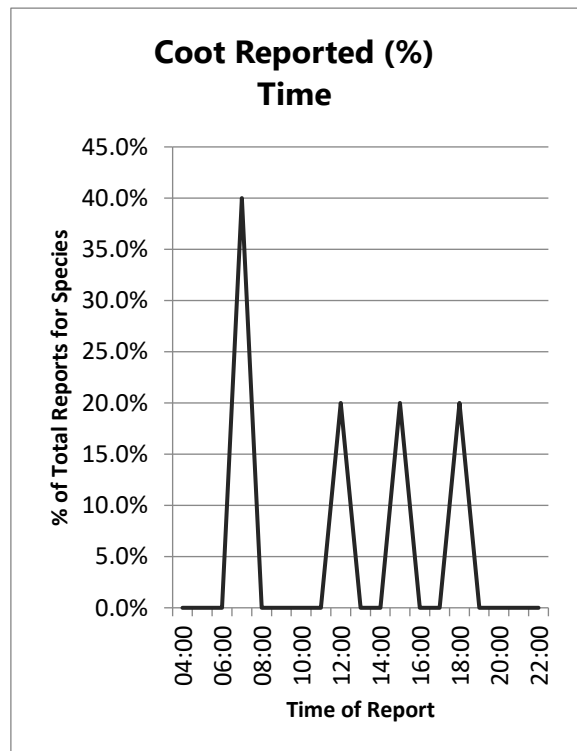
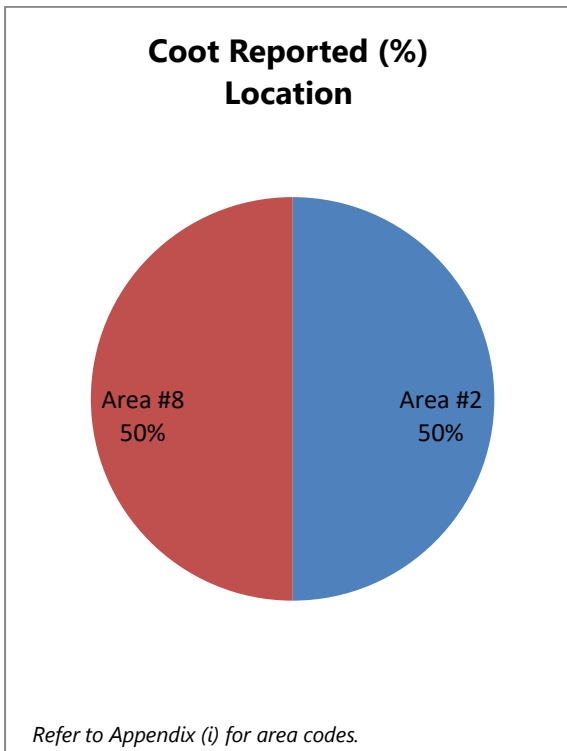
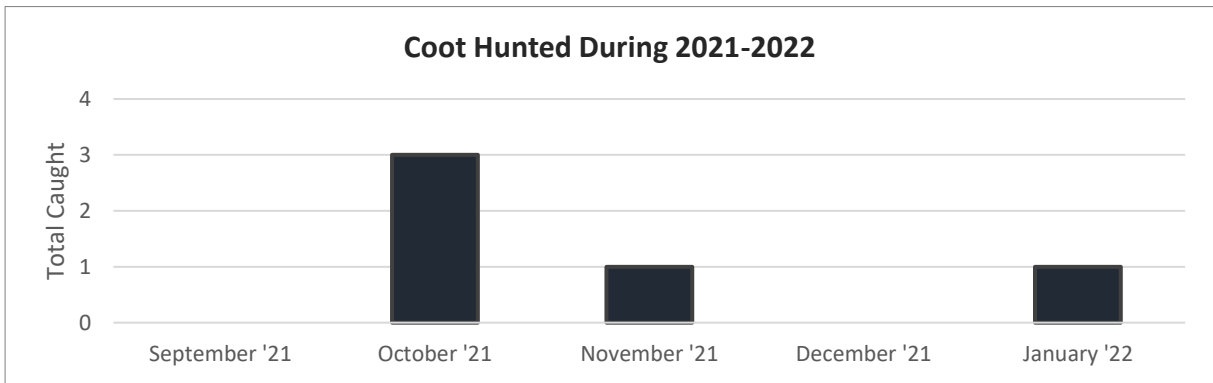
Note: Hunting of this species in spring was authorised through derogation. Full details on the application of this derogation are available at <https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Pages/WBRU/Spring-Hunting-Derogation.aspx>.

Fulica atra

Coot

Tigiega tal-Baħar

September '21	0
October '21	3
November '21	1
December '21	0
January '22	1
Total	5

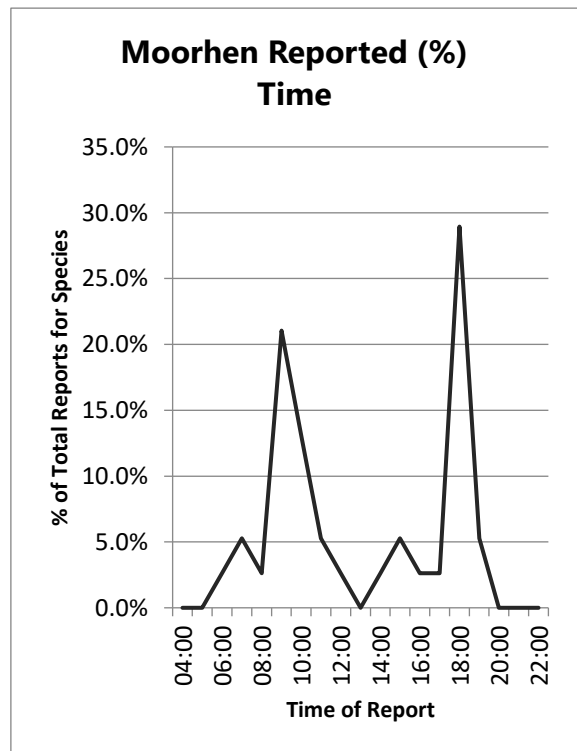
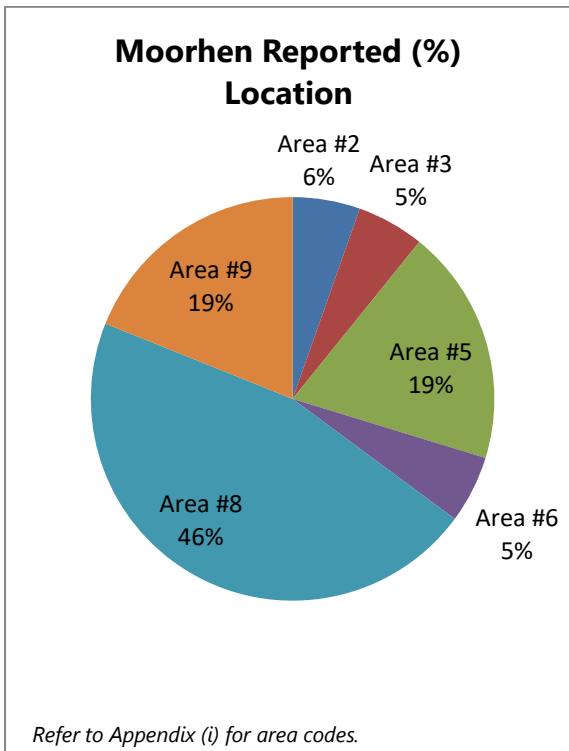
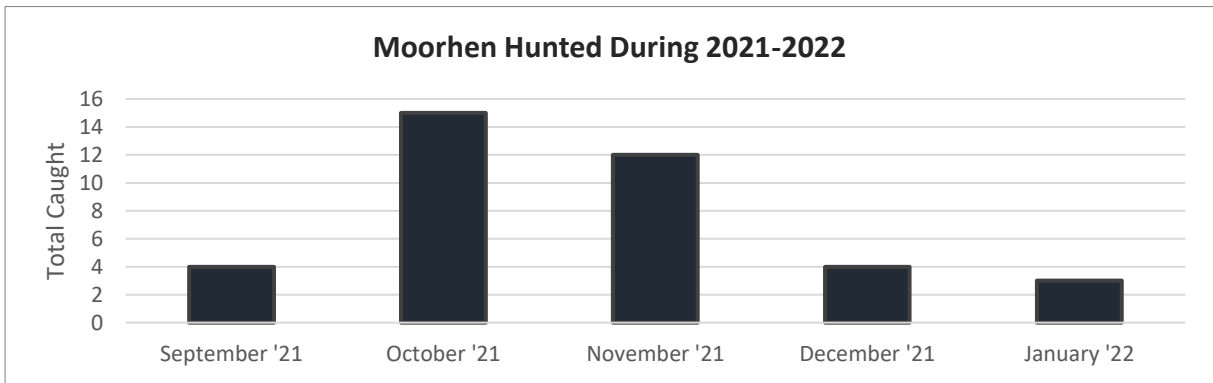


Gallinula chloropus

Moorhen

Gallozz Iswed

September '21	4
October '21	15
November '21	12
December '21	4
January '22	3
Total	38

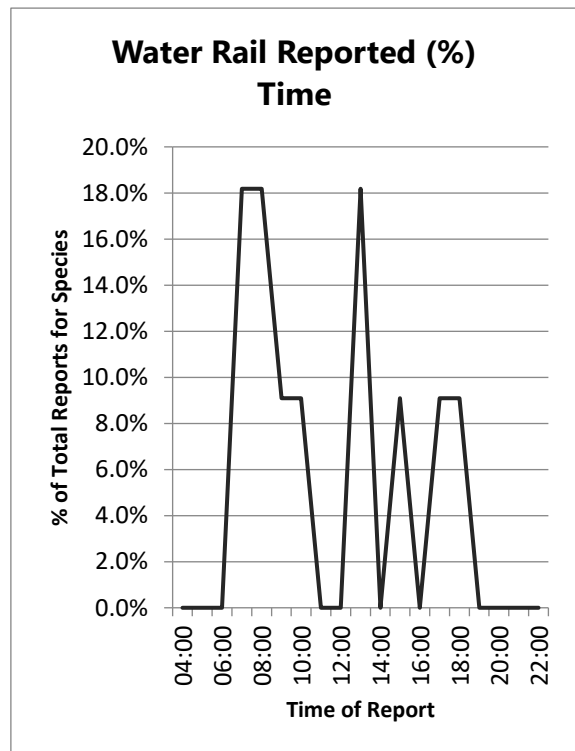
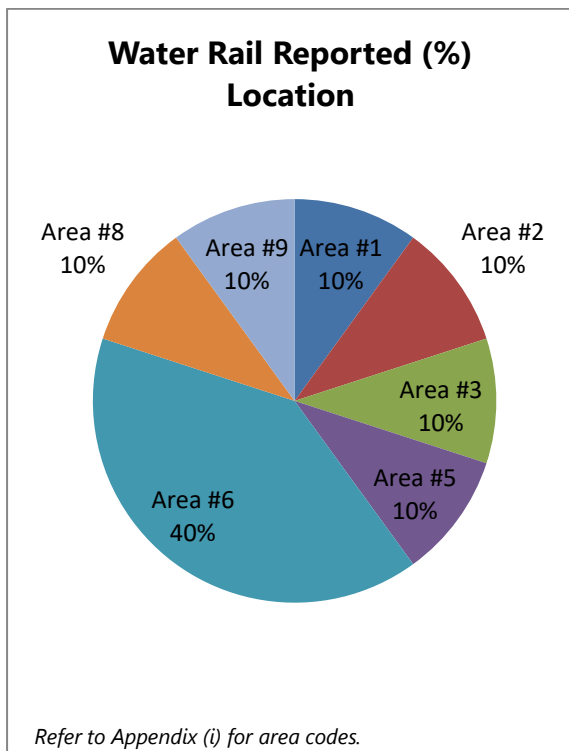
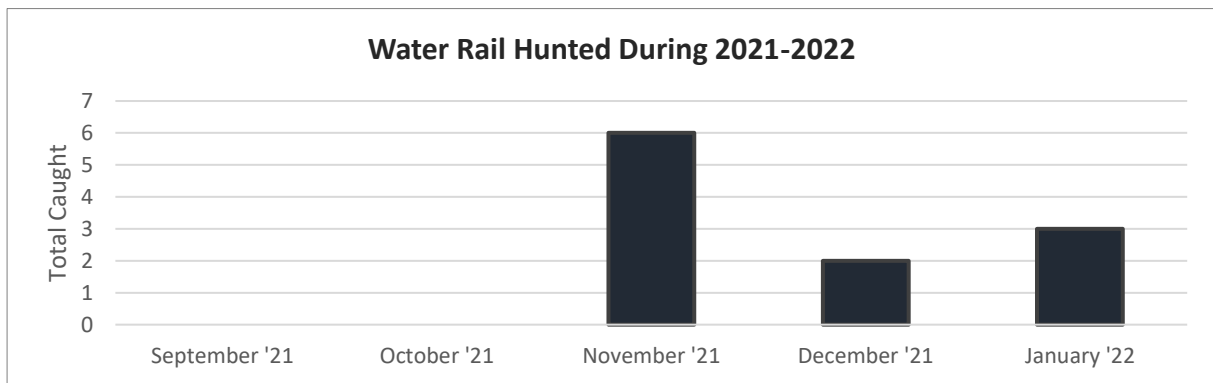


Rallus aquaticus

Water Rail

Gallozz tax-Xitwa

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November '21	6
December '21	2
January '22	3
Total	11

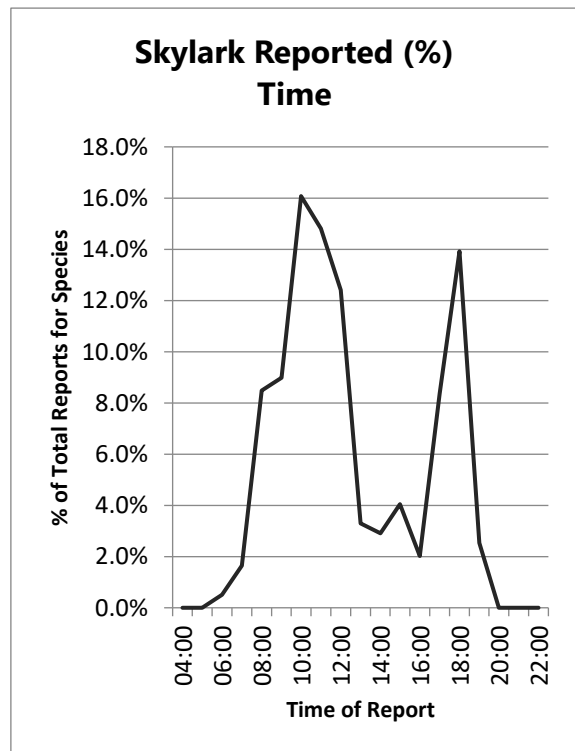
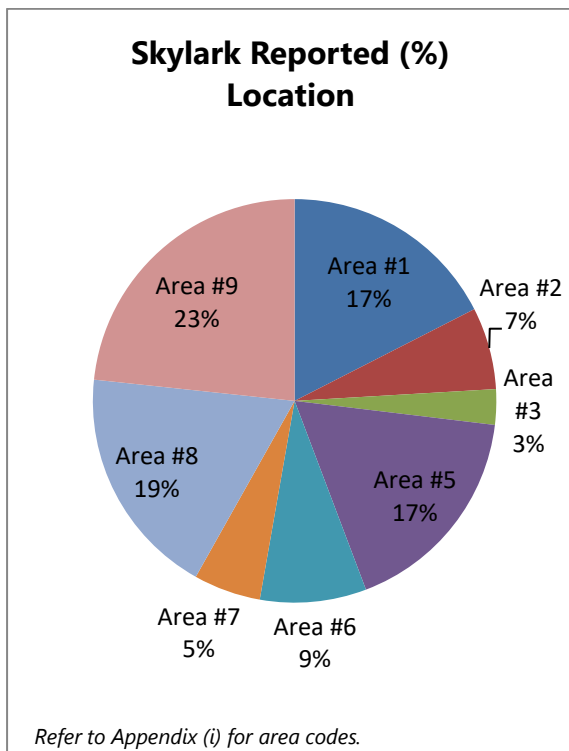
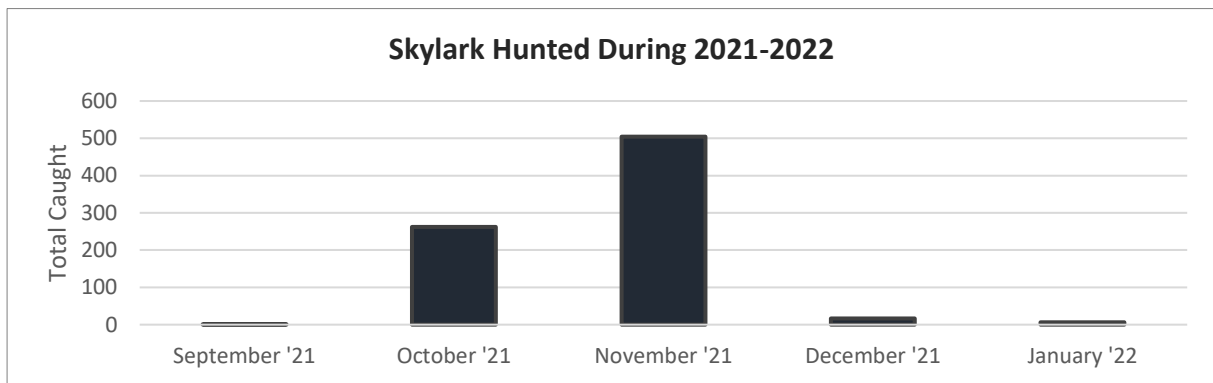


Alauda arvensis

Skylark

Alwetta

September '21	1
October '21	262
November '21	504
December '21	17
January '22	6
Total	790

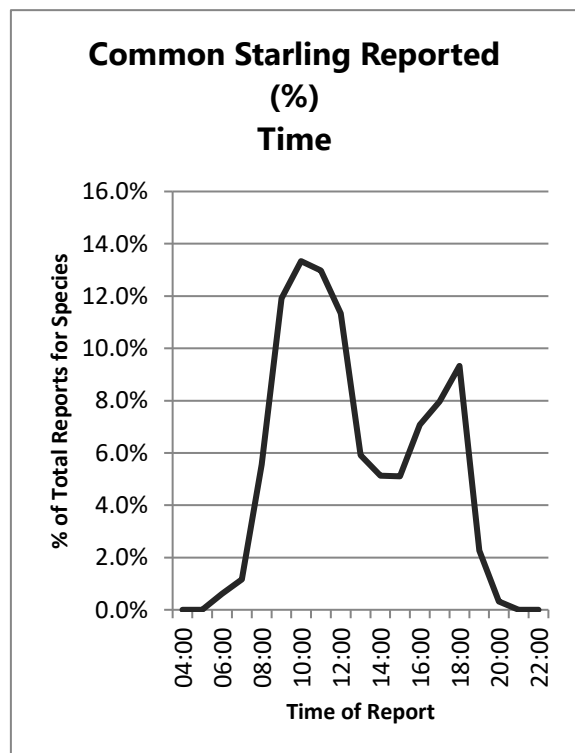
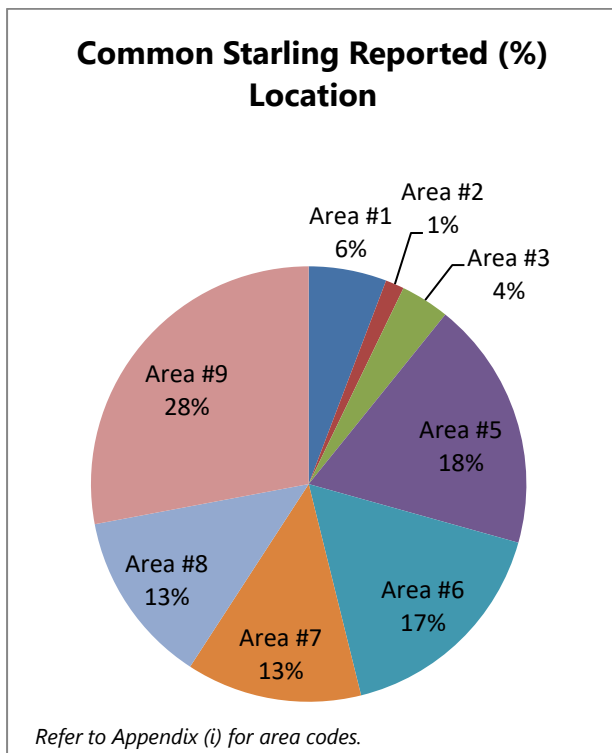
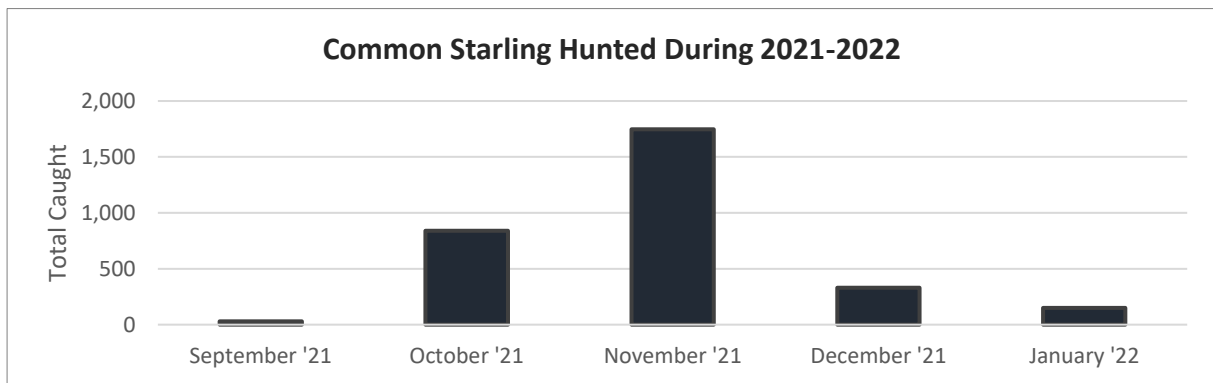


Sturnus vulgaris

Common Starling

Sturnell

September '21	30
October '21	840
November '21	1,747
December '21	330
January '22	150
Total	3,097

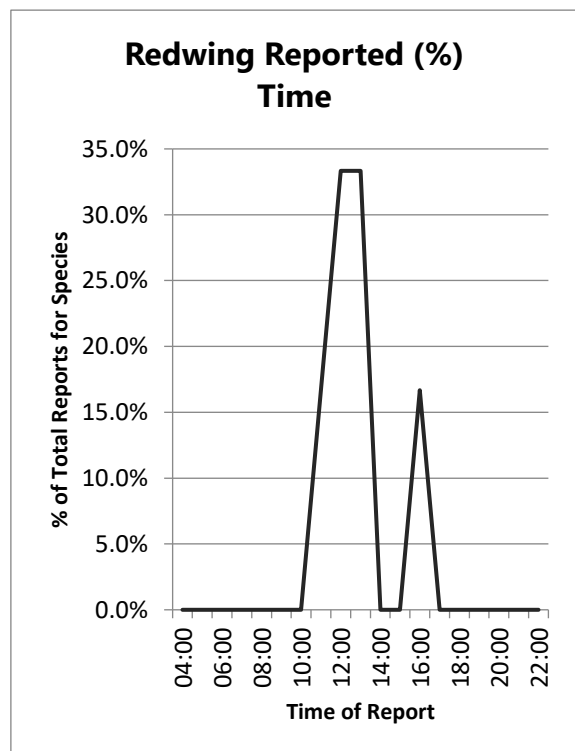
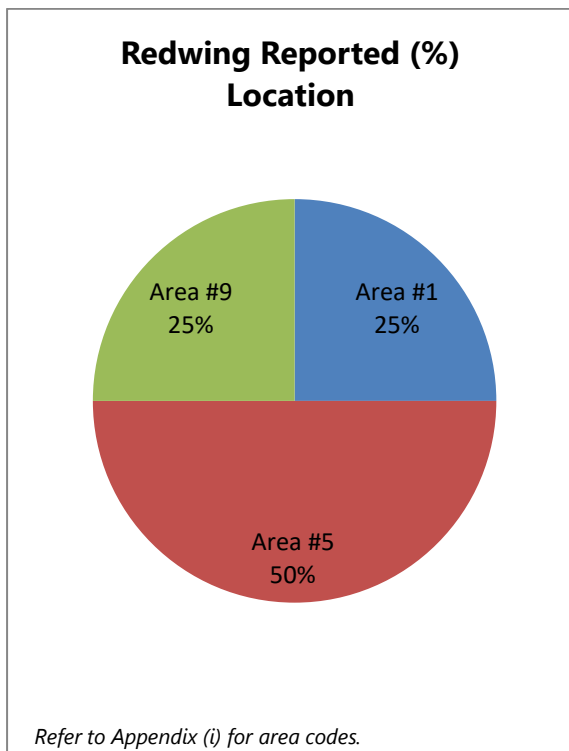
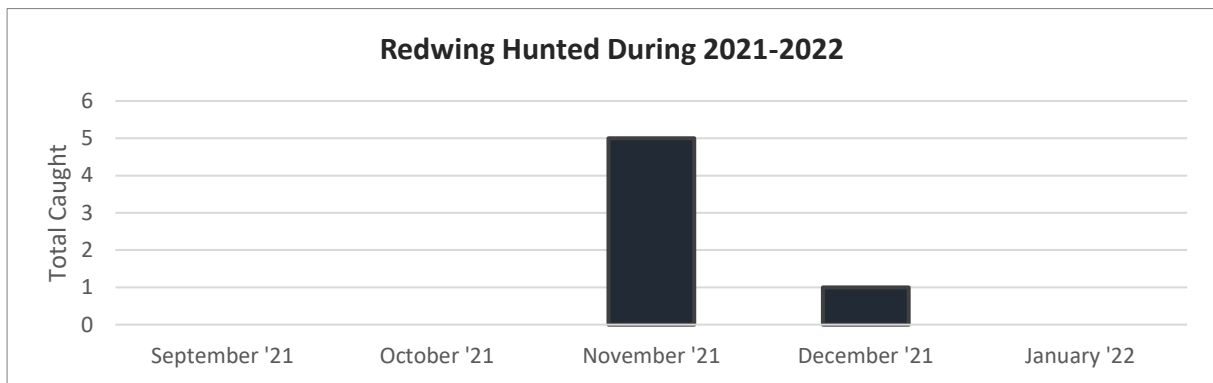


Turdus iliacus

Redwing

Malvizz Aħmar

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October '21	0
November '21	5
December '21	1
January '22	0
Total	6

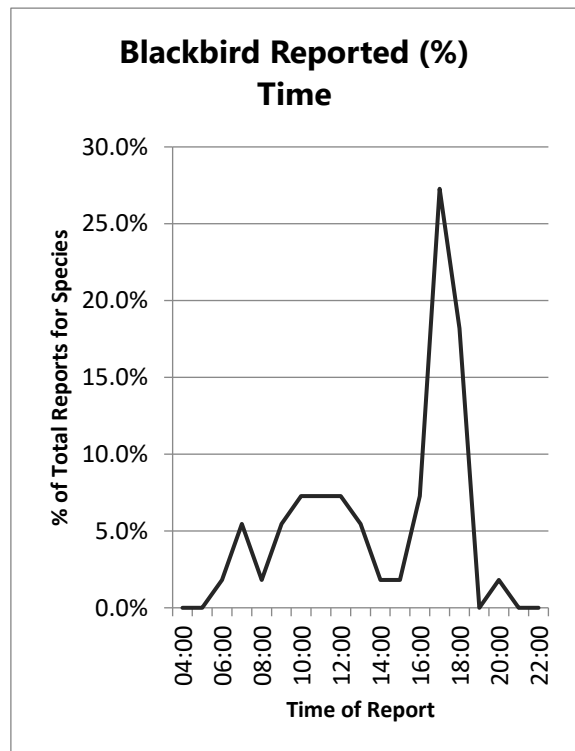
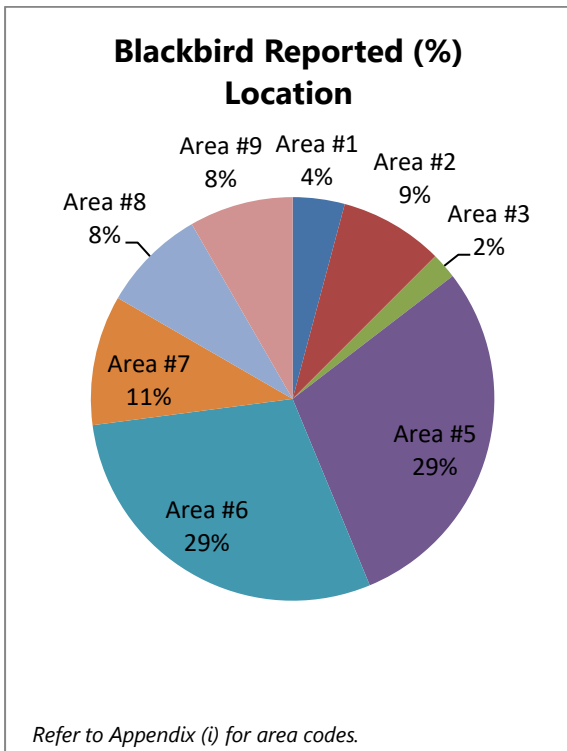
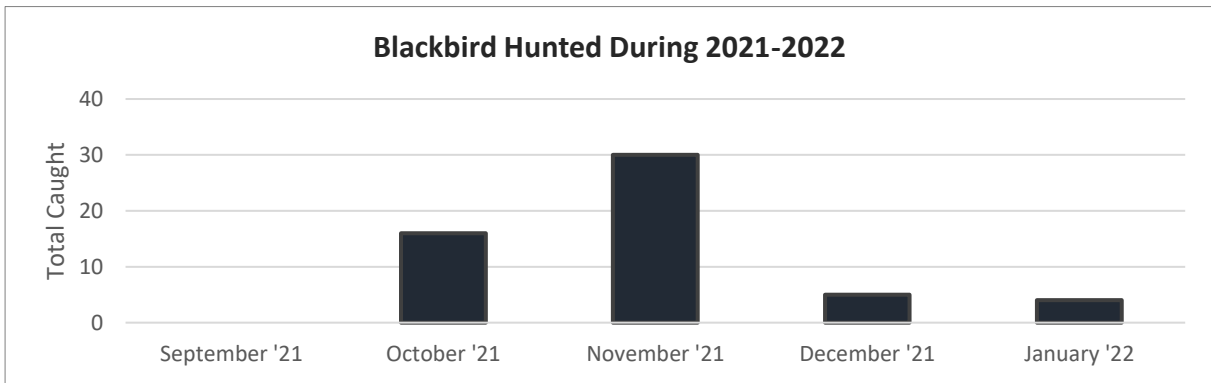


Turdus merula

Blackbird

Malvizz Iswed

September '21	0
October '21	16
November '21	30
December '21	5
January '22	4
Total	55



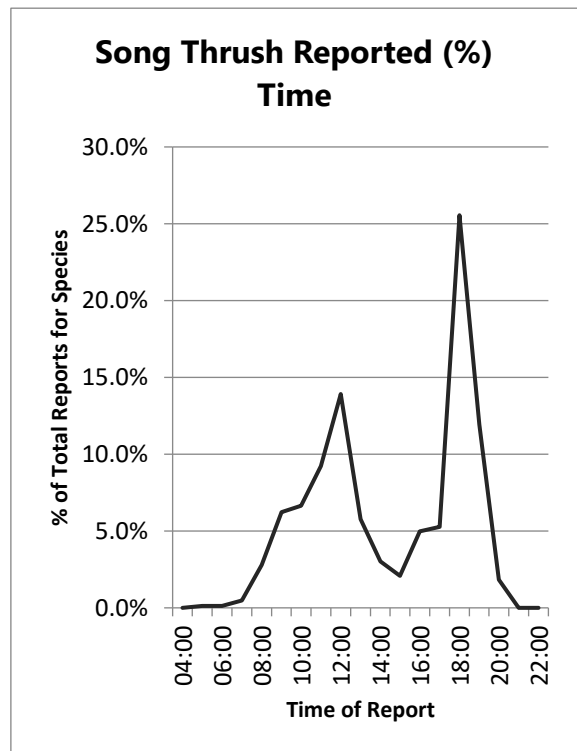
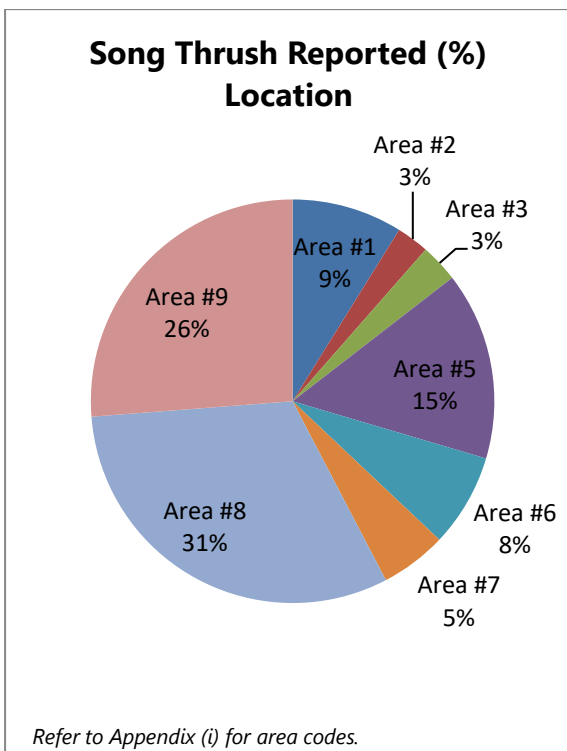
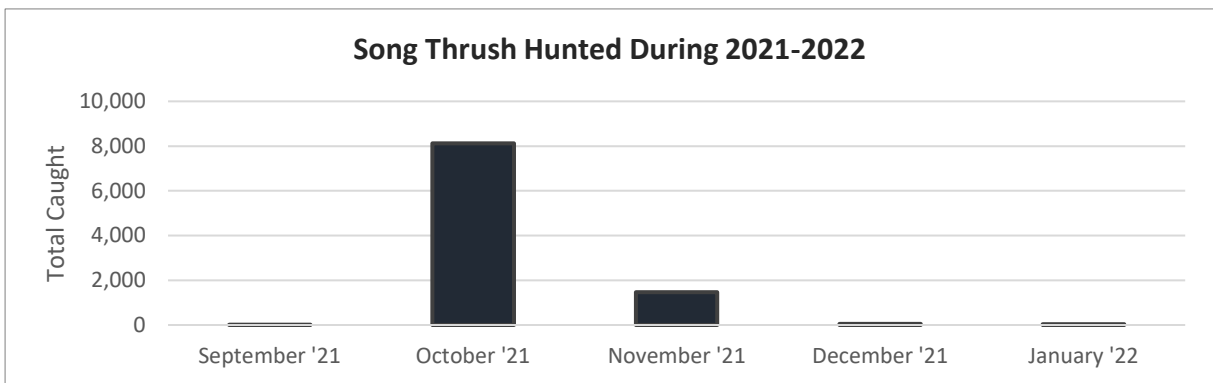
Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

(Hunting Data)

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October '21	8,118
November '21	1,470
December '21	48
January '22	29
Total	9,666

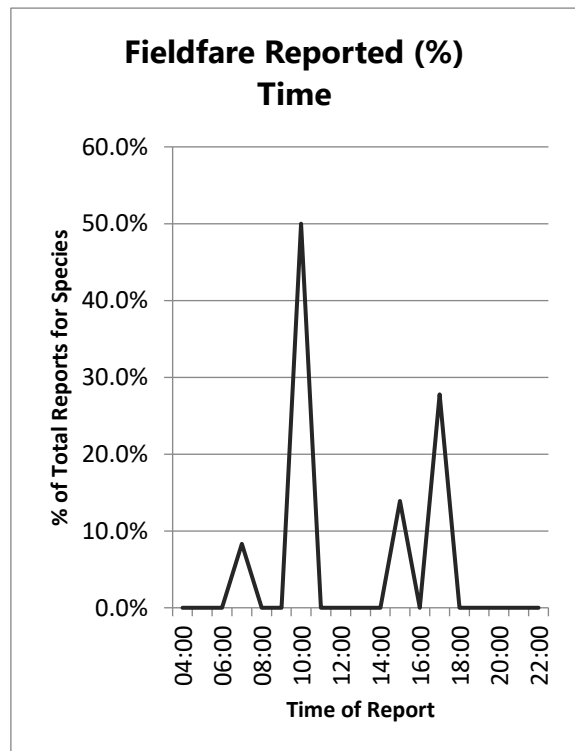
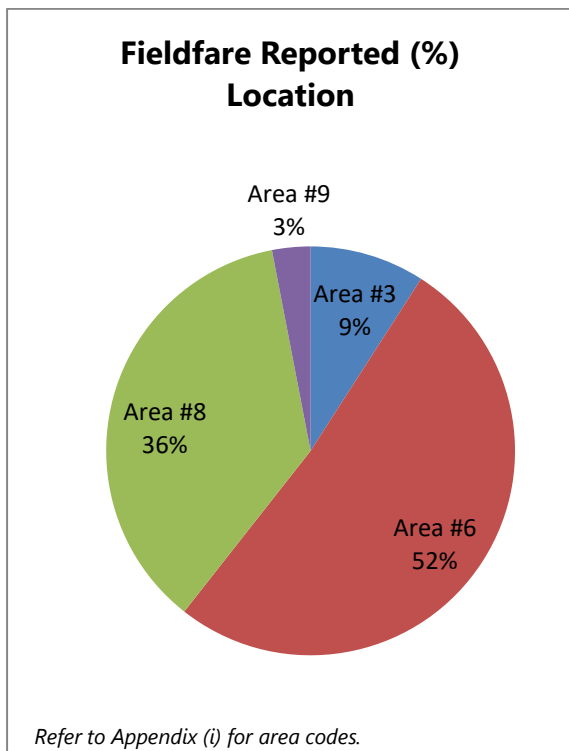
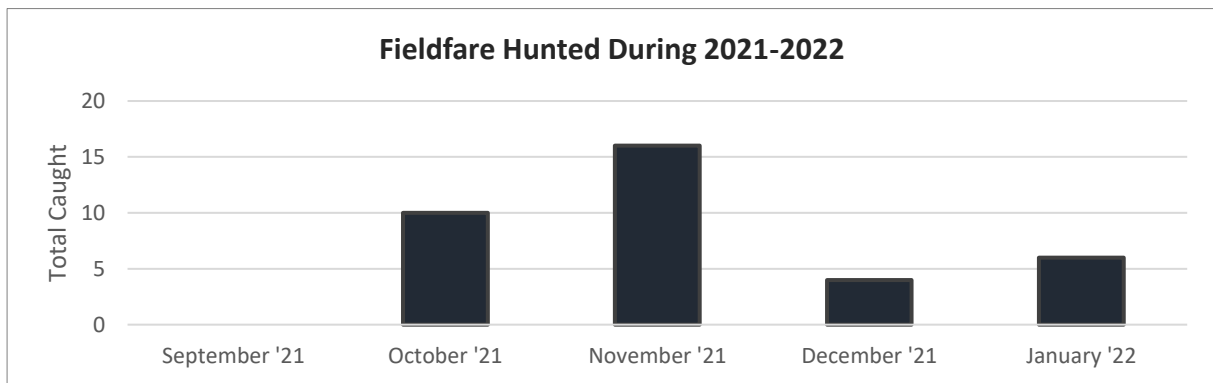


Turdus pilaris

Fieldfare

Malvizz tal-Qtajja'

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October '21	10
November '21	16
December '21	4
January '22	6
Total	36

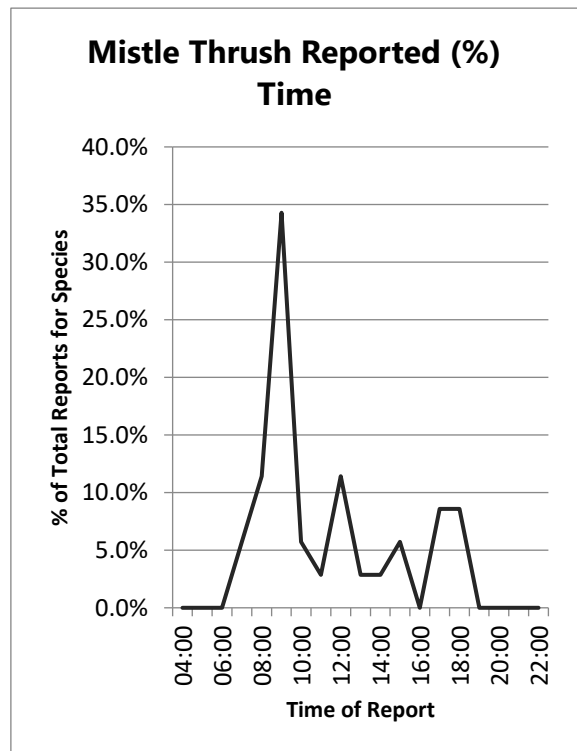
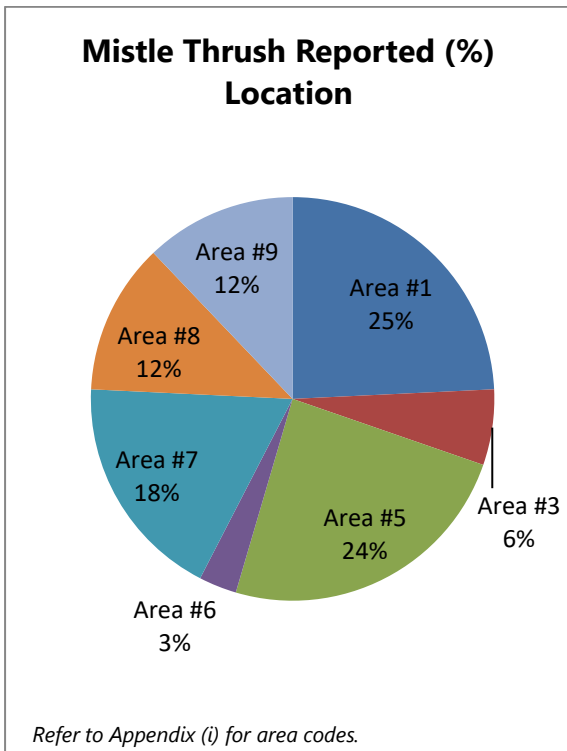
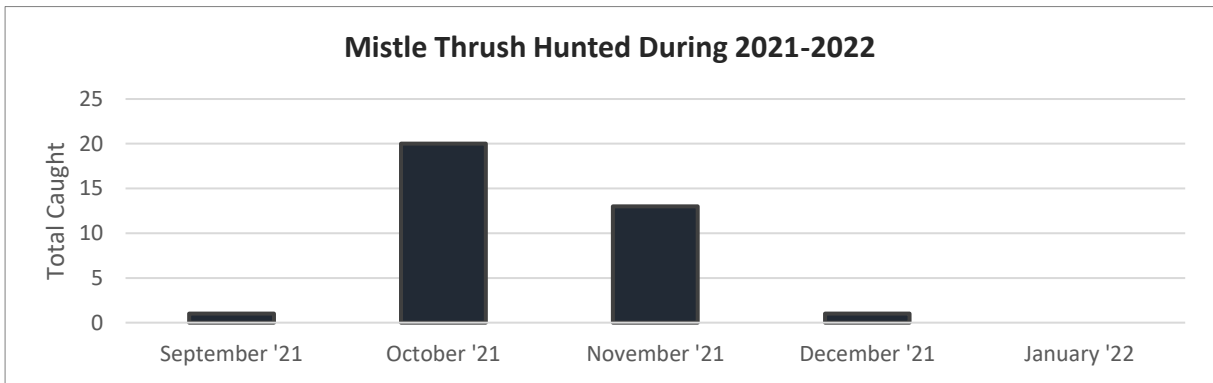


Turdus viscivorus

Mistle Thrush

Malvizzun Prim

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October '21	20
November '21	13
December '21	1
January '22	0
Total	35



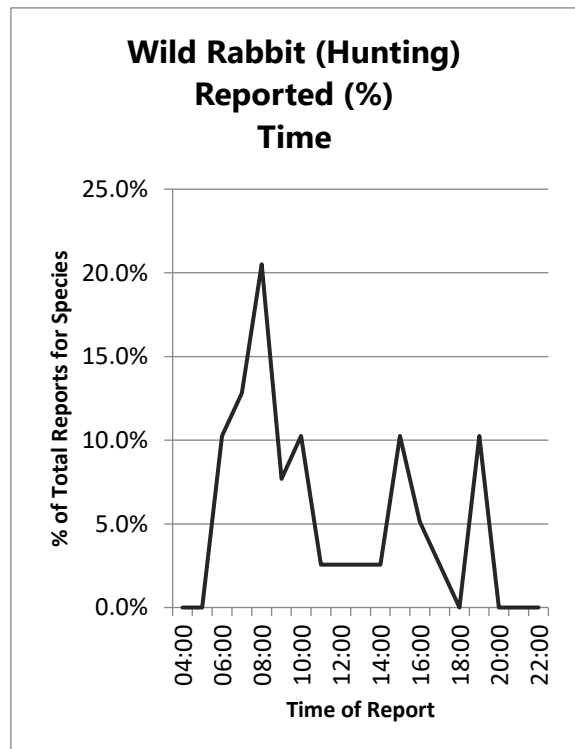
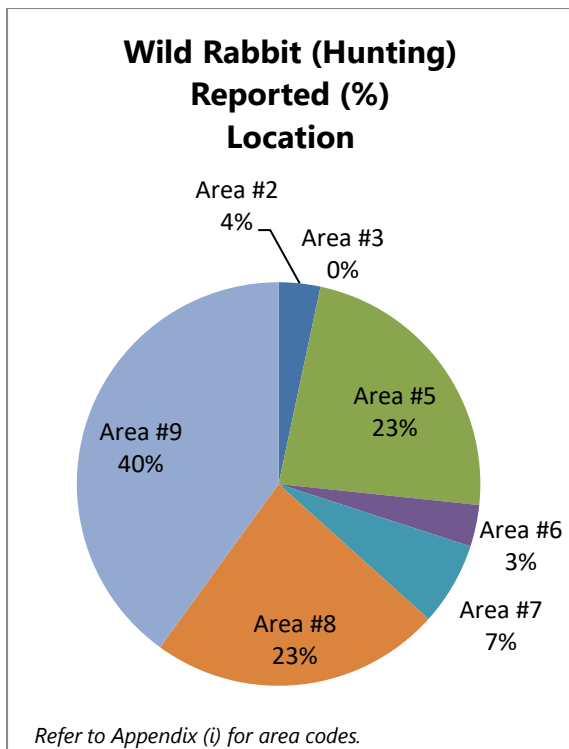
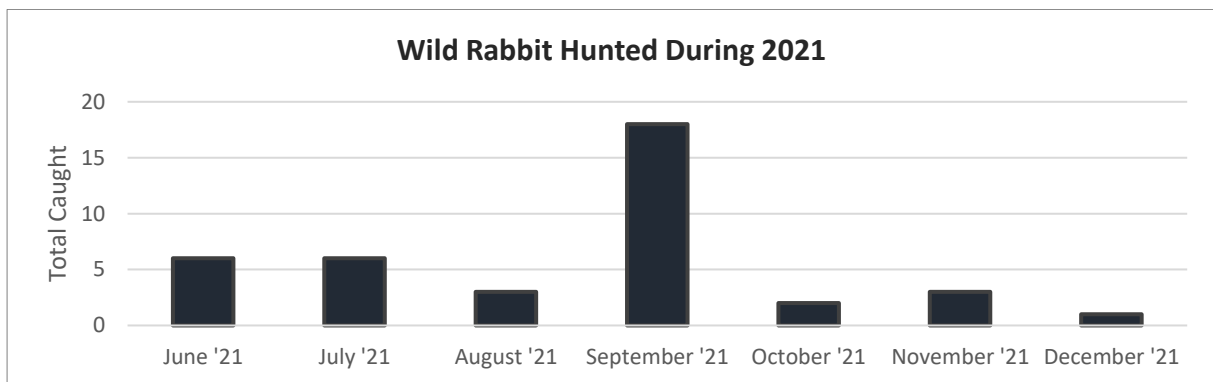
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Wild Rabbit

Fenek Selvağg

(Hunting for Wild Rabbit)

June '21	6
July '21	6
August '21	3
September '21	18
October '21	2
November '21	3
December '21	1
Total	39



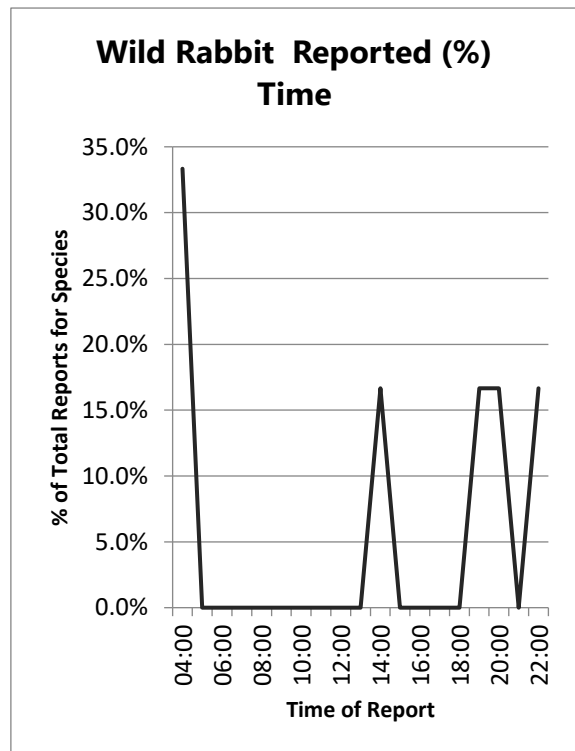
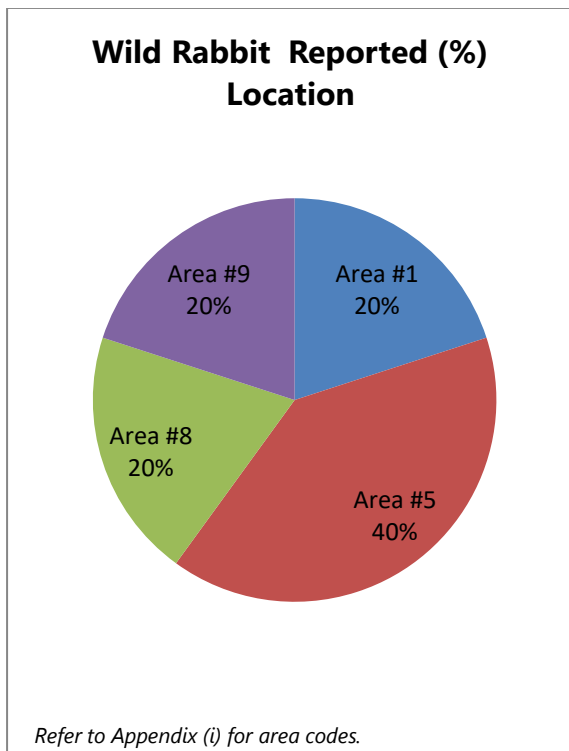
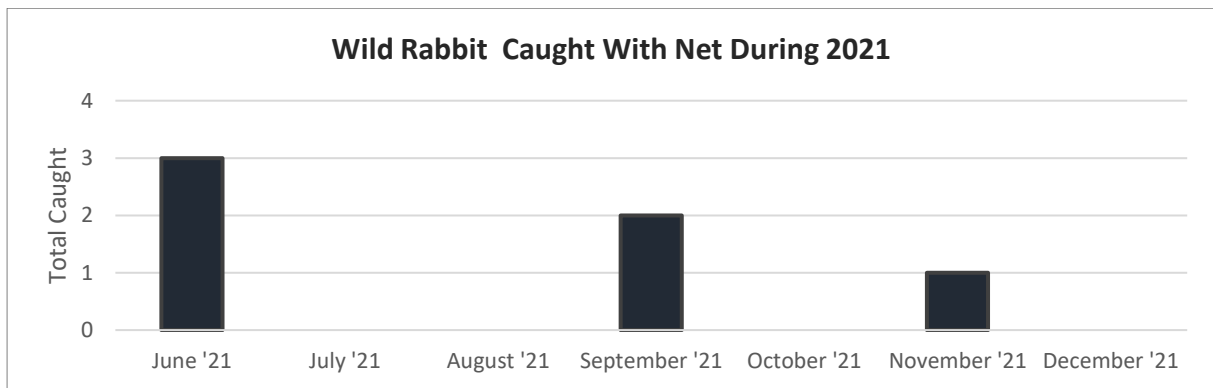
Oryctolagus cuniculus

Wild Rabbit

Fenek Selvağğ

(Capture of Wild Rabbit with nets [ferreting])

June '21	3
July '21	0
August '21	0
September '21	2
October '21	0
November '21	1
December '21	0
Total	6



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.

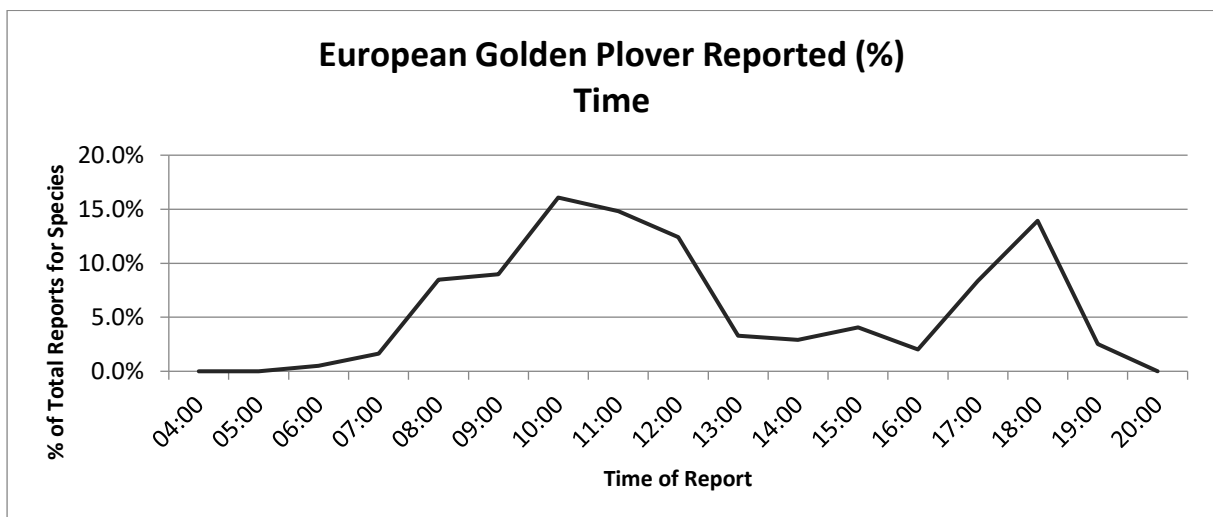
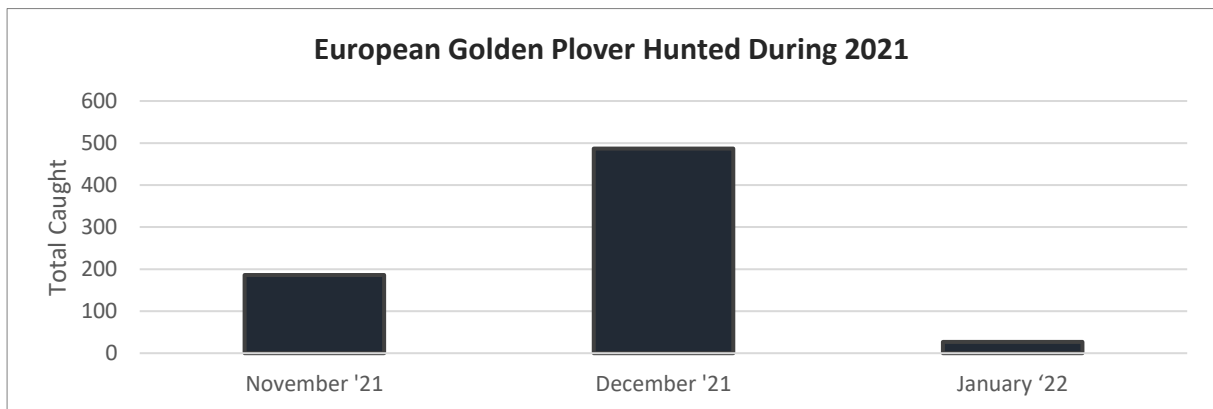
Pluvialis apricaria

European Golden Plover

Pluviera

(Live-Capturing Data)

November '21	186
December '21	487
January '22	27
Total	700



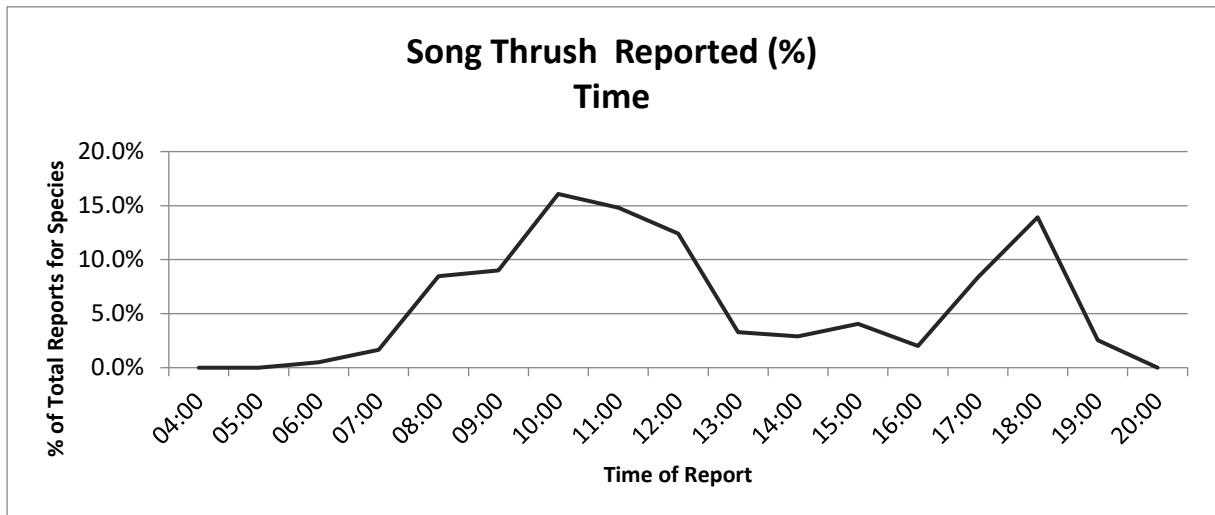
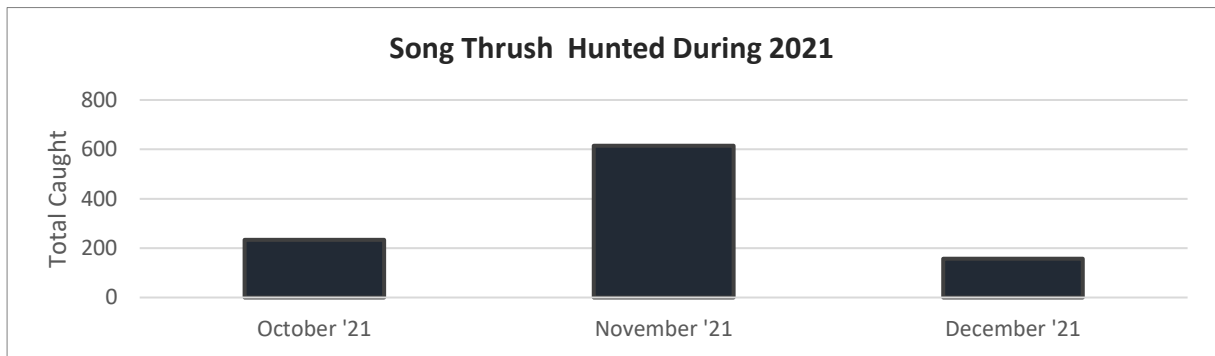
Turdus philomelos

Song Thrush

Malvizz

(Live-Capturing Data)

October '21	234
November '21	615
December '21	157
Total	1,006



Appendix (i)

Note: Birds hunted under the 'Hunting birds at sea' licence are marked as **Area #11**

