

## HUNTING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This brochure is a guide to the permit system for the Hunting of feral species in South Australia.

For more specific information regarding hunting in South Australia please refer to:

- The *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*
- Hunting Regulations
- Proclamations in the Government Gazette
- *SA Firearms Act*
- Council By-laws.

### THE PERMIT SYSTEM

All hunting in South Australia is regulated under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (NPW Act) and the *National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011*.

If you wish to hunt in South Australia you must have a current basic hunting permit unless you are:

- Destroying animals which are endangering human life
- Destroying animals (**unprotected species only**) that are causing damage to crops, stock or other possessions on your land (your own or employers property).
- Taking an animal in pursuance to any other permit issued under the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

### WHAT IS HUNTING?

Hunting, in this State, means to take any animal which has not been domesticated or brought into captivity.

'Taking' includes catching, restraining, killing, injuring, attempting to hunt or assisting to hunt.

Note: A permit is required for anyone **assisting in the act of hunting** (ie. Driving a vehicle being used in the act of hunting, holding a spotlight, retrieving of animals etc).

Hunting is not confined to the use of firearms (**Note: being in possession of a South Australian hunting permit does not in any way authorise the holder to possess or carry a firearm – the onus is on the individual to obtain and hold the appropriate firearms licence**) and may include the use of traps, bows, ferrets, and other devices, all of which require a current South Australian hunting permit.

For further information on the use of firearms in South Australia please contact the SA Firearms Branch on (08) 7322 3346.

### PROTECTED NATIVE ANIMALS AND HUNTING



Most native mammals, reptiles and birds are fully protected in South Australia. Without this protection many species could ultimately disappear forever. It is an offence to hunt any protected native species in South Australia unless authorised to do so under an alternative permit issued under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (ie. Destruction Permit)

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## UNPROTECTED NATIVE ANIMALS, INTRODUCED ANIMALS AND HUNTING

Unprotected native animals are listed in Schedule 10 of the NPW Act. You must hold a current SA hunting permit before you can hunt unprotected native animals or introduced animals in South Australia.

## HUNTING FERAL ANIMALS

With a Basic Hunting Permit (and written permission of the land owner) you can hunt feral animals such as:

- Rabbits
- Goats
- Foxes
- Pigs
- Deer

A basic Hunting Permit does not allow you to take:

- Protected animals (eg. Kangaroos)
- Domestic Stock



## WHERE CAN I HUNT?

Hunting of feral animals is confined mainly to private property where you have been given written permission to hunt by the landholder. This permission must have been given with the previous six months.

Crown Land which was formally unalienated is now leased, licensed or dedicated is not available for hunting without the written permission of the lessee, licensee or management authority responsible for the land. Hunters wishing to hunt feral species need to source private land from which to hunt, with the written permission of the landholder.

For further information on Crown Lands please contact your local DEWNR Regional Office:

[http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Conservation/Land/Crown\\_lands/Contact\\_us](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Conservation/Land/Crown_lands/Contact_us)

## HUNTING OF DUCK AND QUAIL 'OPEN SEASON'



Ducks and quails are protected species and may not be taken outside of a **proclaimed season**. Musk, Freckled and Blue-billed Ducks are protected species and must not be taken at any time. The eggs of protected game birds for which an open season has been proclaimed may not be taken.

To be able to hunt duck in South Australia you must first have successfully sat and passed a Waterfowl Identification Test (WIT). This test involved the successful identification of waterbirds and their conservation status (game/not game). There are 22 video clips to be viewed; each correctly answered is awarded 3 points. To pass the test an applicant must obtain 50 points or more. For further information concerning these tests contact the Fauna Permits Unit on (08) 8124 4972.



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Open Season Duck Hunting permits and Open Season Quail Hunting permits are available once a season has been proclaimed\* by the Minister each year. These permits are only available once the season has been declared and for the duration of that season only. For details of the upcoming Open Season please contact the Fauna Permits Unit in late January/Early February.

\* A proclamation states:

- The species of duck and/or quail that may be taken.
- The maximum number of each species that may be taken by a hunter on any one day of the season.
- The starting and finishing times and dates for the season for both ducks and quails.
- The opening and closing times and dates of game reserves.
- Any other government-controlled land that has been opened for the season.
- Any additional restrictions not already specified in the regulations concerning the type and size of firearm shot that may be used.



Pink-eared Duck (*Malacorhynchus membranaceus*)

Lead shot must not be used in the taking of ducks throughout the State. Non-toxic shot such as steel or bismuth is to be used.

The bodies of protected game birds taken must not be sold.

## USE OF FIREARMS

All holders of an SA Hunting permit must have the appropriate Firearms Licence when using a firearm. Persons under the age of 18 years must be under direct supervision of a licensed person. Check with your nearest police station or the SA Firearms branch on (08) 7322 3346 for further information.

## ABORIGINAL HUNTING AND GATHERING

Under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, 'hunting' means to take any mammal or bird that has not been domesticated or brought into captivity.

Aboriginal people are not required to hold a Hunting Permit if they are hunting an animal that will be used as food for the hunter or for his or her dependants, or solely for cultural purposes of Aboriginal origin.

For further information on Aboriginal hunting and gathering visit the DEWNR website:

[http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants\\_Animals/Permits\\_licences/Native\\_animals\\_in\\_the\\_wild/Take\\_from\\_the\\_Wild\\_Permits\\_protected](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants_Animals/Permits_licences/Native_animals_in_the_wild/Take_from_the_Wild_Permits_protected)

## HOW TO APPLY

Completed application forms can be forwarded to the Fauna Permits Unit by post to GPO Box 1782 Adelaide SA 5001 or via fax on (08) 8124 4939. Please allow 10 working days for the processing of your permit.

Application forms are available to download from the DEWNR Website at:

[http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants\\_Animals/Permits\\_licences/Native\\_animals\\_in\\_the\\_wild/Hunting\\_Permits](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants_Animals/Permits_licences/Native_animals_in_the_wild/Hunting_Permits)



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## RENEWALS

The DEWNR Fauna Permits Unit issues renewal notices for Basic Hunting Permits approximately 6 weeks prior to the expiration of your current permit. Please note the onus is on the permit holder to renew your hunting permit; failure to receive a renewal notice is no excuse to hunt without being in possession of a current hunting permit.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Permit holders are required to advise the Fauna Permits Unit in writing of any change of address/contact details within 14 days.

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

Enquiries relating to the permit system for Hunting in South Australia can be made to the DEWNR Fauna Permits Unit on phone (08) 8124 4972, fax (08) 8124 4939 or by visiting our website at:

[http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants\\_Animals/Permits\\_licences/DEWNR\\_Fauna\\_Permit\\_Unit](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/Plants_Animals/Permits_licences/DEWNR_Fauna_Permit_Unit)

