

Game Seasons – UK

Wild game can only be shot during certain times of the year and for many species there is a close season during which time it is illegal to shoot them. This is to ensure that the species continue to flourish and are not hunted to extinction. Below is a chart showing the shooting seasons.

Coot	UK	1st Sep	31st Jan
Curlew	Northern Ireland	1st Sep	31st Jan
<i>Deer - see Venison</i>			
Duck & Goose	Inland - England, Scotland, Wales	1st Sep	31st Jan
Duck & Goose	Foreshore - England, Scotland, Wales	1st Sep	20th Feb
Duck & Goose	Inland/Foreshore - Northern Ireland	1st Sep	31st Jan
<u>Golden Plover</u>	UK	1st Sep	31st Jan
Grouse	England, Scotland, Wales	12th Aug	10th Dec
Grouse	Northern Ireland	12th Aug	30th Nov
Jack Snipe	Northern Ireland only	1st Sep	31st Jan
Moorhen	UK	1st Sep	31st Jan
PARTRIDGE	UK	1st Sep	1st Feb
PHEASANT	England, Scotland and Wales	1st Oct	1st Feb
Pheasant	Northern Ireland, cocks only	1st Oct	31st Jan
Ptarmigan	(only found in Scotland)	12th Aug	10th Dec
Quail	UK	All year	
Rabbit	UK	All year	
Snipe - common	England, Scotland, Wales	12th Aug	31st Jan
Snipe - common	Northern Ireland	1st Sep	31st Jan
Woodcock	England, Wales, Northern Ireland	1st Oct	31st Jan
Woodcock	Scotland	1st Sep	31st Jan
Fallow, Red and Roe are species of deer			
Fallow bucks	UK	1st Aug	30th Apr
Fallow does	England, Wales, Northern Ireland	1st Nov	28th Feb
Fallow does	Scotland	21st Oct	15th Feb
Red deer hinds	England, Wales, Northern Ireland	1st Nov	28th Feb
Red deer hinds	Scotland	21st Oct	15th Feb
Red deer stags	England, Wales, Northern Ireland	1st Aug	30th Apr
Red deer stags	Scotland	1st Jul	20th Oct
Roe bucks	England, Wales	1st Apr	31st Oct
Roe bucks	Scotland	1st Apr	20th Oct
Roe does	England, Wales	1st Nov	28th Feb
Roe does	Scotland	21st Oct	31st Mar