



THE CHATHAM ISLANDS (WILDLIFE) NOTICE 1977

PURSUANT to sections 6 and 44 of the Wildlife Act 1953, the Minister of Internal Affairs hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title—This notice may be cited as the Chatham Islands (Wildlife) Notice 1977.

2. Commencement—This notice shall come into force on the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

3. Interpretation—(1) In this notice—

“Chatham Islands” means all the islands comprising the Chatham Islands group:

“Grey duck” means grey duck and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck:

“Mallard duck” means mallard duck and any cross of that species with any other species, variety, or kind of duck:

(2) Expressions in this notice defined in the Wildlife Act 1953 have the meanings so defined.

4. Certain wildlife may be hunted or killed in Chatham Islands—Any person in the Chatham Islands may hunt or kill or be in possession of any grey duck, mallard duck, pukeko, or black swan, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Grey duck, mallard duck, and pukeko may be hunted or killed or had in possession only during the period from the first Saturday in May to the 30th day of June (both days inclusive) in any year:
- (b) Black swan may be hunted or killed from the first Saturday in May in any year to the 31st day of March in the next year following (both days inclusive) by any person:
- (c) No person shall hunt or kill grey duck, mallard duck, pukeko, or black swan in any way other than with and by the use of a shotgun:
- (d) No person shall use live birds as decoys.

5. Black swan eggs—Black swan eggs may be taken and held in possession in the Chatham Islands at any time in any year by any person.

6. Eggs and nests of other birds—No person shall take or have in his possession in the Chatham Islands the eggs or nests of any grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko.

7. Weka—Weka may be hunted or killed or had in possession at any time in the Chatham Islands in any year by any person.

8. Export of certain wildlife prohibited—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, no person shall export or take away from the Chatham Islands any grey duck, mallard duck, pukeko, weka, black swan, or black swan eggs which have been taken in the Chatham Islands.

(2) Any person may, at any one time, take away from the Chatham Islands not more than 6 in all of grey duck or mallard duck, 4 black swan, or 24 black swan eggs, if—

- (a) The birds or eggs accompany the person taking them away; and
- (b) The birds or eggs are taken away only during that period when they may otherwise be hunted or killed or had in possession in the Chatham Islands or within 28 days after the expiry of that period.

9. Secretary may authorise export of certain wildlife—Notwithstanding clause 8 of this notice, the Secretary may on application in that behalf authorise the applicant in writing to export or take away from the Chatham Islands such number of grey duck, mallard duck, pukeko, weka, black swan, or black swan eggs as the Secretary may specify and subject to such conditions as he may impose.

10. Revocation—The Chatham Islands (Wildlife) Notice 1975* is hereby revoked.

D. A. HIGHET,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

*S.R. 1975/94

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice provides for the hunting of certain wildlife in the Chatham Islands, and amends the existing provisions (contained in the notice revoked by this notice) as follows:

- (a) The season for black swan is now from the first Saturday in May to 31st March in the next year following;
- (b) The Secretary for Internal Affairs (which includes his deputy) may now authorise, under such conditions as he may specify, any person who makes application to him to export or take away from the Chatham Islands any weka, black swan, grey duck, mallard duck, or pukeko;
- (c) Any person may now take away a prescribed limit of black swan, black swan eggs, and grey and mallard duck, from the Chatham Islands;
- (d) The restrictions on hunting or killing certain wildlife on the Wharekauri Estate or on Motuhinahina Island have been removed.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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This notice is administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.