

No. 3 OF 1934.

A.D. 1934. A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GAME AND WILD BIRDS.

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Amended by Law 23/38 24/41 19/47

H. R. PALMER,] Governor.

[18th January, 1934.

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Game and Wild Birds Law, 1934.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— "Close Season" means the period between the 21st January and 30th September, both days inclusive, in any year or any other period prescribed by the Governor to be a close season under section 6 of this Law.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District.

"Game" means hares and game birds.

"Game bird" means francolin, pheasant and partridge.

"Game Licence" means a licence granted under section 4 of this Law.

"Wild bird" means any undomesticated bird other than a game bird.

Shooting of game, etc., prohibited without a Game Licence.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 7 of this Law no person shall by any means whatsoever shoot, kill, take or pursue any game or wild bird unless he is the holder of a Game Licence. Any person who acts in contravention of this sub-section shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

(2) Any person who is found doing any act in respect whereof a Game Licence is required or who is reasonably suspected of being about to do any such act, may be called upon by any peace officer, rural constable, gamekeeper, forest guard or holder of a Game Licence to produce for inspection his Game Licence and if such person refuses or fails to produce the same or in default thereof refuses to give on demand his true name and address or gives a false name or address he shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Game Licence.

4.—(1) A Game Licence shall be in the Form A in the First Schedule hereto and may be granted by the Commissioner to any person who is the holder of a Firearms Licence issued under the Firearms Law, 1933, or any Law amending the same.

(2) There shall be payable in respect of a Game Licence a fee of ~~five~~ ^{ten} shillings.

(3) Every Game Licence shall expire on the 31st July next following the date of issue.

5.—(1) No person shall shoot, kill, take, pursue or sell any game or wild bird during a Close Season :

Shooting of game, etc., prohibited during a Close Season.

Provided that—

(a) the Governor in Council may by Order to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* authorize the holder of a Game Licence to shoot, kill, take or pursue within any area specified in such Order, any wild bird during the whole or part of a Close Season and to sell the same.

(b) a Commissioner may in his discretion authorize the holder of a Game Licence by endorsement thereon to shoot, kill, take, pursue or sell sparrows, thrushes, blackbirds, larks, beccaficos, doves, pigeons, starlings, crows, jackdaws, ravens, magpies and hawks during any period of a Close Season. Every such endorsement shall specify the period during which and the area within which the person so authorized may shoot, kill, take or pursue such birds.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of sub-section (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

6. The Governor in Council may from time to time by Order to be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* prescribe any period in any year to be a Close Season and thereafter such period as may be specified in the Order shall, during the continuance of such Order, be deemed to be the Close Season for the purposes of this Law.

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Power to the Governor in Council to prescribe Close Season.

7. Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained it shall be lawful for the owner or occupier of any plantation, vineyard, garden, or other cultivated land at all times by himself or through any other person authorized by him—

Trapping, etc., of hares and wild birds by owners of land.

(a) to trap, snare, or scare any hares found therein ;

(b) to trap, snare, or scare any wild bird found therein which is damaging or may reasonably be supposed to be likely to damage any crop growing thereon.

8. Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Law, any person who is found in possession of freshly killed game or wild birds at any time during a Close Season shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Possession of freshly killed game, etc., during Close Season prohibited.

Shooting,
etc., of
moufflon
without a
special
permit
prohibited.

9.—(1) No person shall shoot, kill, take or pursue moufflon except under a special permit from the Governor and subject to any conditions contained in such permit.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of sub-section (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both.

Use of
decoys,
shelters and
motor cars
prohibited.

10. No person shall make use of—

(a) a decoy or shelter for the purpose of shooting, killing or taking game ;

(b) a motor car at night time for the purpose of shooting game therefrom, or shall in any way use a motor car or motor-cycle at night time for the purpose of attracting and shooting game ;

and any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Shooting,
etc., of
certain
species of
wild birds
prohibited.

11.—(1) No person shall at any time shoot, kill, take, pursue, sell or expose for sale any of the following wild birds, that is to say—

Cyprian Wren (*Anorthura cypriones*).

Cyprian Water-ousel or Dipper (*Cinclus olympicus*).

Cyprian Wheatear or Chat (*Saxicola cyprica*).

Cyprian Coal Titmouse (*Parus cypriones*).

Cyprian Tree Creeper (*Certhia Harterti*).

Cyprian Crossbill (*Loxia guillermardi*).

Cyprian Scops Owl (*Scops cyprica*).

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of sub-section (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Law :

Provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed if any such wild bird is accidentally shot or taken on birdlime.

Eggs of
game birds
protected.

12.—(1) No person shall at any time destroy, take, sell or expose for sale or have in his possession the eggs of any game bird.

(2) Any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months and shall in addition be ordered to pay a fine of one shilling for each egg in respect of which the offence has been committed.

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