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I, Martin Cullen, Minister for the Environment Heritage and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Sections 8(2) of the Wildlife Acts, 1976 (No. 39 of 1976) and 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), and the Heritage (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order, 2002 ([S.I. No. 356 of 2002](#)), hereby order as follows:

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) (Amendment) Order, 2003.
- 2. In this Order the “Principal Order” means the Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) (Amendment) Order, 1979 (S.I. No. 192 of 1979) as amended.
- 3. The First Schedule to the “Principal Order” is hereby amended by the substitution of the following Part for Part I:

PART I

WILD BIRDS	OPEN SEASON	PLACES IN THE STATE
(1)	(2)	(3)
Red Grouse	The period beginning on the 1 st day of September in each year and ending on the 30 th day of September in the same year.	Throughout the State.

Mallard	The period beginning on the 1 st day of September in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Teal		
Gadwall		
Wigeon		
Pintail		
Shoveler		
Scaup		
Tufted Duck		
Pochard		
Goldeneye		
Golden Plover		
Snipe		
Jack Snipe		
Red-legged Partridge	The period beginning on the 1 st day of November in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately	Throughout the State.
Cock Pheasant	The period beginning on the 1 st day of November in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Woodcock		
Curlew	The period beginning on the 1 st day of November in each year and ending on the 30 th day of November in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Woodpigeon	The period commencing on the 1 st day of November in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Canada Goose	The period beginning on the 1 st day of September in each year and ending on the 15 th day of October in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Canada Goose	The period beginning on the 16 th day of	The counties of

	October in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately following that year.	Cavan (exclusive of the townlands of Eonish Island, Rinn, Deramfield) and Leitrim (exclusive of the River Shannon).
Greylag Goose	The period beginning on the 1 st day of September in each year and ending on the 15 th day of October in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Greylag Goose	The period beginning on the 16 th day of October in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately following that year.	Lady's Island, in the county of Wexford Gearagh East & Gearagh West, in the county of Cork.
Ruddy Duck	The period beginning on the 1 st day of September in each year and ending on the 31 st day of January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government this 3rd day of September, 2003



Martin Cullen, T.D.,

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

The effect of this Order is to amend the Open Seasons list of huntable species of wild birds by providing a season for the hunting of Wood Pigeon. Thereafter the season for Wood Pigeon will begin on the 1st day of November in each year (including 2003) and end on the 31st day of January in the year immediately following.

