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I, DARRAGH O'BRIEN Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 8 and 24 of the Wildlife Act 1976 (No. 39 of 1976) and the Heritage (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 339 of 2020) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020)) hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) (Amendment) Order 2023.

(2) The Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) Orders 1979 to 2012 and this Order may be cited together as the Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) Orders 1979 to 2023.

2. In this Order, "Principal Order" means the Wildlife (Wild Birds) (Open Seasons) Order 1979 (S.I. No. 192 of 1979).

3. The First Schedule to the Principal Order is amended by the substitution of the following Part for Part 1:

"Part 1

Wild Birds (1)	Open Season (2)	Places in the State (3)
Red Grouse	The period beginning 1 September in each year and ending on 30 September in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Mallard Teal Gadwall Wigeon Shoveler Tufted Duck	The period beginning 1 September in each year and ending on 31 January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.

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Golden Plover Snipe Jack Snipe		
Red-legged Partridge	The period beginning 1 November in each year and ending on 31 January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Cock Pheasant Woodcock	The period beginning 1 November in each year and ending on 31 January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Woodpigeon	The period beginning 1 November in each year and ending on 31 January in the year immediately following that year.	Throughout the State.
Canada Goose	The period beginning 1 September in each year and ending on 15 October in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Canada Goose	The period beginning 16 October in each year and ending on 31 January in the year immediately following that year.	The counties of Cavan (exclusive of the townlands of Eonish Island, Rinn, Deramfield) and Leitrim (exclusive of the River Shannon).
Greylag Goose	The period beginning 1 September in each year and ending on 15 October in the same year.	Throughout the State.
Greylag Goose	The period beginning 16 October in each year and ending on 31 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 1 September in each year and ending on 31 January	Throughout the State.

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GIVEN under my Official Seal,
24 August, 2023.

DARRAGH O'BRIEN,
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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 removing the Goldeneye, Pintail, Pochard and Scaup from the list.

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