

HUNTER RETURNS FROM STEWART ISLAND – RAKIURA. Maori Land Blocks not included

	1977	1987	1997	2007	2011	2015
# PERMITS ISSUED	363	1092	490	559	527	524
# RETURNED			108	162	121	154
# HUNTERS	958		440	626	484	581
<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL # HUNTERS</i>			1994	2157	2055	1975
AVERAGE # HUNTERS PER PARTY	2.63		4.07	3.86	3.9	3.77
TOTAL DAYS HUNTED		5898	2532	3568	2973	2779
AVERAGE DAYS HUNTED		5.4	7.75	5.7	6.16	4.78
<i>ESTIMATED TOTAL DAYS HUNTED</i>			11270	11286	12660	9940
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY			7.56	7.54	7.01	7.24
WHITETAIL SEEN			838	1135	1088	897
WHITETAIL SHOT	503	715	225	354	256	217
<i>ESTIMATED WHITETAIL SHOT</i>			1016	1108	1091	737
AVERAGE SEEN PER PARTY			7.75	8.24	8.9	5.82
AVERAGE SEEN PER HUNTER			1.9	2.13	2.25	1.54
AVERAGE SHOT PER PARTY	1.38		2.08	2.18	2.11	1.4
AVERAGE SHOT PER HUNTER	0.52		0.51	0.56	0.53	0.37
RED DEER SEEN			9	34	27	32
RED DEER SHOT		8	3	8	10	7
CATS DESTROYED		72	26	40	35	47
SOURCE	NZFS	DOC	NZDA	NZDA	RHCT	RHCT

About 25 % of parties return permits. While we would like 100% compliance the reports of hunter effort are remarkably constant.

Average 8 deer seen per party

Average 2 deer shot per party

One deer seen every 2.5 days hunting

One deer shot every 10.5days hunting

One deer killed every 4 deer seen.

The winner of the Ridgeline sponsored draw for hunters who sent reports for 2015 was Murray Welsh party from Taupo. (Thanks also for the comprehensive report)

Hunter returns can now be completed online at <http://www.southlanddeerstalkers.org.nz/hunter-returns/>

