

# We Are the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management

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# About Us



A photograph of a moose running through tall grass in a field. The moose is dark brown and is captured in profile, moving from left to right. The background is a soft-focus forest. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Sweden's oldest and largest wildlife management organisation

- Founded in 1830 to save game species from extinction.
- Our organization represents around 150 000 members
- Promotes sustainable game populations and a hunting culture based on established facts and good ethics.
- Represented across Sweden, operating locally, nationally, and internationally.





# The Hunters' centre of knowledge

- Öster Malma, in the heart of Södermanland.
- Central office of the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management.
- A modern centre of knowledge for hunters as well as the public.
- Includes: Offices, a hotel, a castle, conference facilities, a farm-shop, lunch restaurant, demonstration slaughterhouse, shooting ranges, and the Wildlife Park.



A photograph of two women in hunting attire sitting in a forest. The woman on the right is wearing an orange beanie with goggles and a matching orange neck gaiter. She is looking down at a large, shaggy brown and black dog sitting in front of her. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a camouflage hat and a dark jacket. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees.

## A popular movement with room for all

- Hunting is widely accepted in Sweden (88 %).
- Deeply rooted in Swedish society. Many Swedes know hunters and enjoy game meat.
- Every fourth person passing the Hunter's Exam is female.



# Being a hunter



A landscape photograph showing two hunters in dark clothing and hats walking through a field of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# Hunting carries a responsibility

- Hunting in Sweden is regulated by hunting laws and regulations, as well as gun laws and regulations. Open seasons are set by the government.
- Hunters have created ethical guidelines that go beyond the legal requirements, based on concern for game birds and animals, respect towards the public and their access to nature, as well as the welfare of hunting dogs.





# The Hunter's Exam

- Required to obtain a license for hunting weapons.
- Introduced in 1985 on the initiative of the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management.
- Includes theory, practice, and a final exam.
- “Jägarskolan” (the School for Hunters): For aspiring hunters and anyone interested in animals, nature, dogs, hunting, wildlife management, and legislation - fostering a strong foundation in ethical hunting practices and responsible wildlife management.





## Focus on dogs

- Hunting with dogs is at the core of Swedish hunting traditions.
- The Swedish Kennel Club (SKK) was founded in 1889 by hunters seeking to develop skilled hunting dogs.
- The organisation has produced ethical guidelines for hunting with and training dogs.
- Provides training for tracking teams.



# Our contributions





# To preserve and protect

- Saving endangered animal species, e.g. in Project lesser white-fronted goose.
- Promoting game species whose populations are in decline or deemed threatened.
- Protecting Swedish nature from invasive alien species that impact biodiversity or spread diseases.

# Trailblazer in wildlife management

- Hunting is a part of game management.
- Provide feed, cover, a more varied agricultural landscape, considering game in forestry and restoring wetlands.
- Not exceed a sustainable harvest.
- These efforts benefit a variety of birds and insects - enhancing biodiversity.





# Hunters are stewards of wildlife

- The Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management has been monitoring game populations for over 80 years.
- Unique data for several game species.
- Hunters are a great asset in observation programs and wildlife censuses.
- Observation programs for moose, bear, red deer and inventories of upland birds.





## Many miles of flowers

- Flowering margins along fields benefit all wildlife - from beetles, butterflies and bumblebees to partridges and deer.
- Plants in bloom are a joy to every person passing by.



# Vital wetlands

- Some of our most biodiverse habitats and of great biological significance.
- Store greenhouse gases and act as biological water purifiers.
- The Swedish Wetland Foundation was founded in 1995 on an initiative by the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management.
- The foundation supports and assists landowners involved in wetland restoration.



A top-down photograph of a wooden cutting board with sliced game meat, arugula, and a glass of red wine. The meat is sliced into several pieces, showing a dark, charred exterior and a reddish interior. It is garnished with fresh arugula, a sprig of rosemary, and a few garlic cloves. A glass of red wine is placed to the right of the board. The entire setup is on a dark, textured surface.

# Game meat – a unique ingredient

- Healthy and sustainable option.
- Working to make more locally sourced game meat accessible to the public.
- Spreading information about game meat and sharing recipes through different channels.



# When accidents happen...



- Every year, about 70 000 wildlife-vehicle collisions occur in Sweden.
- Every day, all year round, hunters work to end the suffering for animals hit by vehicles.
- The Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management is involved in the National Council of Wildlife Accidents.
- Providing the police with tracking teams, as well as training new ones.



A photograph of a wild boar standing in a grassy field. The boar has dark, coarse fur and prominent, upright ears. It is looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus landscape of green grass and distant hills.

... or the plague strikes.

- Generally, game populations are healthy and thriving.
- African swine fever - Fagersta autumn 2023.
- The Association contributes to early discovery of wildlife diseases.
- Cooperation with the Swedish Veterinary Agency (SVA) and the Swedish Board of Agriculture.



# Research and knowledge





# Research provides knowledge

- The Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management is committed to basing all game management decisions on the best available knowledge and facts.
- Wildlife research is currently largely funded by the Game Management Fund.
- Members of the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management contribute to the Game Management Fund through their membership fee.





# Hunting for knowledge

- The Association offers a large selection of courses in the fields of hunting, dog handling and nature.
- More than Jägarskolan (School for Hunters).
- Hunters need to stay updated, learn more and pass on knowledge to future generations as well as to the public.

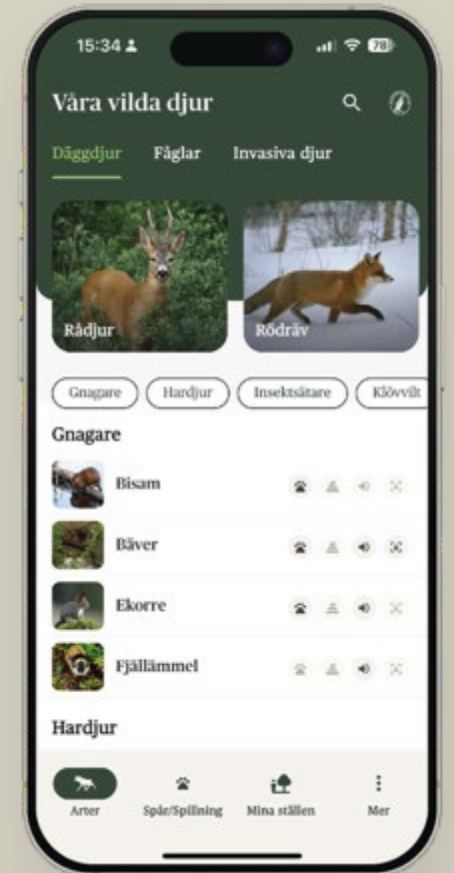


# Sources of information

→ Jagareförbundet.se

→ Viltappen

→ Svensk Jakt



# Looking abroad



# Presence in Brussels



- The EU influences many aspects of Swedish hunting.
- Firearms, ammunition, the handling of game meat, offal, and hunting trophies are all subject to EU regulations. Efforts to combat wildlife diseases and invasive alien species are coordinated by the EU.
- The EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 and framework for restoring nature affect hunting and game management in Sweden. The common agricultural policy impacts our small game.
- Hunting dogs are subject to EU rules.
- The Association works actively within the EU and internationally through collaborations with organisations such as NJS, FACE, CIC and IUCN to represent the interests of its members.





# Wildlife know no borders

- The Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management participates in working groups, reference groups, and expert panels at both national and international level.
- Examples include the Waterfowlers Network, the IUCN Goose Specialist Group, the Invasive Species Specialist Group, the IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group, the HELCOM Expert Group on Marine Mammals, the EU Large Carnivore Platform and the Chronic Wasting Disease Working Group.



# Become a member

## - Together we make a difference



As a member of the Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management, you contribute to securing good conditions for hunting, game management and biological diversity with varied and vital game populations in a sustainable ecosystem. Now and for the future.

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