

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building: HELDEBERG WINERY
Street: WINERY ROAD
Suburb: SOMERSET WEST
Postal Code: 7599
Date: 2026-08-12
Time: 12:51
Inspector: TAMARYN PRINS

Type: EMAIL - SENT

Follow-Up Date:

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Subject: Egyptian Geese Shooting - No permit

Good day All

On Saturday 08 August 2026 at around 10h40, the SPCA received a complaint about wild geese being shot by people at Helderberg Winery on Winery Road in Raithby, Somerset West.

Inspector Siviwe Noko attended to the matter immediately and came across several men positioned to shoot Egyptian Geese and Spurwing Geese approximately 500 meter from the fence of the winery. The owner of the property named Peter Rossouw with contact number 082 781 4899 explained that he hired a shooter because of the “pests and invasive species” are damaging his crops. Inspector Noko requested a permit for shooting the birds and they claimed they do not need one by law. Mr Rossouw claimed he may shoot up to 10 Egyptian Geese and 3 Spurwing Geese per day. The shooter is named Ashley Smit with contact number 073 810 8586 and admitted to killing 7 Egyptian Geese and 1 Spurwing goose for the day. A commotion erupted and the shooter decided to cease his activities for the day. He refused to give his residential address and Mr Rossouw claimed that all matters should be directed to him directly.

Hunting Egyptian and Spurwing geese legally in the Western Cape requires :

- A CapeNature hunting licence for game birds.
- Permission from the landowner where hunting occurs.
- A prohibited hunting method permit, if using restricted methods.

We are requesting Cape Nature to follow up on the matter and check whether Mr Smit and/or Mr Rossouw is in possession of a hunting permit and to investigate the matter accordingly.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Tamryn Prins 2026-08-12 12:51

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