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**CAPERCAILLIE
BULGARIA 2020**



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... THE CAPERCAILLIE

The western capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*), also known as the wood grouse, heather cock, or just capercaillie is the largest member of the grouse family. Cocks typically range from 74 to 85 cm (29 to 33 in) in length with wingspan of 90 to 125 cm (35 to 49 in) and an average weight of 4.1 kg (9.0 lb). The largest wild cocks can attain a length of 100 cm (39 in) and weight of 6.7 kg (15 lb). The capercaillie is a non-migratory sedentary species, breeding across northern parts of Europe and western and central Asia in mature conifer forests with diverse species composition and a relatively open canopy structure.

At one time it could be found in all the taiga forests of northern and northeastern Eurasia in the cold temperate latitudes and the coniferous forest belt in the mountain ranges of warm temperate Europe. The western capercaillie lives on a variety of food types, including buds, leaves, berries, insects, grasses and in the winter mostly conifer needles. One can see the food remains in their droppings, which are about 1 cm (0.39 in) in diameter and 5–6 cm (2.0–2.4 in) in length. Most of the year the droppings are of solid consistency but, with the ripening of blueberries, these dominate the diet and the faeces become formless and bluish black.

The western capercaillie is a highly specialized herbivore, which feeds almost exclusively on blueberry leaves and berries with some grass seeds and fresh shoots of sedges in summertime. The young chicks are dependent on protein-rich food in their first weeks and thus mainly prey on insects. Available insect supply is strongly influenced by weather—dry and warm conditions allow a fast growth of the chicks, cold and rainy weather leads to high mortality.







HUNTING WOOD GROUSE

The breeding season of the western capercaillie starts according to spring weather progress, vegetation development and altitude between March and April and lasts until May or June. Three-quarters of this long courting season is mere territorial competition between neighbouring cocks or cocks on the same courting ground. The cock flies from his courting tree to an open space nearby and continues his display. The hens, ready to get mounted, crouch and utter a begging sound. If there is more than one cock on the lek, it is mainly the alpha-cock who engages in sexual intercourse with the hens. In this phase western capercaillies are most sensitive to disturbances. Even single human observers may cause the hens to fly off and prevent copulation in this very short time span where they are ready for conception. A traditional gamebird, the capercaillie has been widely hunted with guns and dogs throughout its territory in central and northern Europe. This includes trophy hunting and hunting for food. Since hunting has been restricted in many countries, trophy-hunting has become a tourist resource, particularly in Central European countries. The bird has not been hunted in Scotland or Germany for over 30 years. Bulgaria with its healthy wood grouse population is a prime destiny for hunting in the mating season.







OFFER CAPERCAILLIE

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- 6 days
- 5 nights
- 4 days of hunting
- full board accomodation
- Alle non alcoholic beverages
- guiding 1:1
- veterenarian certificate
- interpreter
- hunting licences
- Transfer to hunting area
- all transfers within hunting area
- pre taxidermy

1.450.- €



DETAILS & PRICING



TROPHY FEES (15. APRIL TO 15. MAI)

Capercaillie	1.200.- €
Wounding	800.- €



Other Costs

- Flight
- Booking Fee 195.- €
- Tipps and personal expenses

We recommend purchasing travel insurance (not included in the hunting costs), K&K Premium Jagd GmbH terms and conditions apply. Programs and prices are subject to change.



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