

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 - Licensing statistics - Fish Eating Birds

Licences granted by Natural England under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for fish eating birds detailed in summary table below. Also included licences granted historically by Defra 2001-2005. A more detailed table can be downloaded which gives licensing statistics for all birds. These data will be updated annually. [0] Outstanding information not yet received. Please note that this data in brackets may only be incomplete because reports of action taken were not all due for return to Natural England at the time the statistics were published.

2010									
Species	Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected Withdrawn or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of licences issued	Number of Birds Licensed	Number of Birds Affected
Cormorant	452	22	430	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	430	2262	[1779] #
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	0	0	0
				Conservation	Kill	Shooting	0	0	0
					Take	Nest Destruction	0	0	0
				Total			430	2262	[1779]#
# Birds actually reported shot during calendar year									
Heron	56	14	42	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	40	155	[108]
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	2	5	[0]
				Total			42	160	[108]
Goosander	25	2	23	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	23	119	[109]
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			23	119	[109]
Merganser	2	2	0	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2009

Species	Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected Withdrawn or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of licences issued	Number of Birds Licensed	Number of Birds Affected
Cormorant	438	22	416	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	416	2219	[1632]#
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	0	0	0
				Conservation	Kill	Shooting	0	0	0
					Take	Nest Destruction	0	0	0
				Total			416	2219	[1632]#
# Birds actually reported shot during calendar year									
Heron	55	13	42	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	40	144	[79]
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	2	4	[0]
				Total			42	148	[79]
Goosander	19	3	16	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	16	84	[47]
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			16	84	[47]
Merganser	0	0	0	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2008									
Species	Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected Withdrawn or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of licences issued	Number of Birds Licensed	Number of Birds Affected
Cormorant	386	28	358	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	356	1893	[1458] #
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	0	0	[0]
				Conservation	Kill	Shooting	1	10	[0]
					Take	Nest Destruction	1	40	[0]
Total						358	1943	[1458]	
Heron	36	4	32	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	30	116	[80]
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	Kill	Shooting	2	9	5
				Total			32	125	[85]
Goosander	17	2	15	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	15	88	54
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			15	88	54
Merganser	1	1	0	Preventing Serious Damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving Public Health & Air Safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2007									
Species	Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of licences Issued	Number of Birds Licensed	Number of Birds Affected
Cormorant	336	29	307	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	307	1677	[1389] #
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	0	0	[0]
				Total			307	1677	[1389] #
# Birds actually reported shot during calendar year									
Heron	43	12	31	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	27	122	[75]
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	4	11	[0]
				Total			31	133	[75]
Goosander	18	5	13	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	13	58	37
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			13	58	37
Merganser	2	2	0	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

2006									
Species	Number of Applications Processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Licences Granted	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of licences Issued	Number of Birds Licensed	Number of Birds Affected
Cormorant	401	46	322	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	321	2067	[858]#
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	1	5	[0]
				Total			322	2072	[858]

Birds actually reported shot during calendar year

Heron	34	8	25	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	23	94	[68]
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	2	5	[0]
				Total			25	99	[68]
Goosander	22	7	14	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	14	72	36
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			14	72	36
Merganser	1	1	0	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

2005									
Species	Number of applications processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Applications Yet To Be Determined	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of Licences issued	Number of birds Licensed	Number of birds Affected
Cormorant	287	81	25	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	180+209*	1279+1548**	[1637]#
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	1	5	0
				Total			181+209*	1284+1548**	[1637]#
<p>*180 new cormorant licences were issued during 2005. An additional 209 two-year licences issued in 2004 were also valid during this period **1279 cormorants were licensed under new licenses issued in 2005. An additional 1548 birds were licensed under the two year licences issued in 2004. #birds actually reported shot during the calendar year.</p>									
Heron	46	18	2	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	23	105	[61]
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	3	10	[0]
				Total			26	115	[61]
Goosander	13	4	3	Preventing serious damage to	Kill	Shooting	6	28	11

				Fisheries					
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			6	28	11
Merganser	0	0	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2004

Species	Number of applications processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Applications Yet To Be Determined	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of Licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
Cormorant	416	65	109	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	242	1672	580
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

				Total			242	1672	580
Heron	43	10	9	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	20	94	[51]
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	4	11	[1]
				Total			24	105	[52]
Goosander	16	3	2	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	11	61	12
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			11	61	12
Merganser	2	2	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2003									
Species	Number of applications processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Applications Yet To Be Determined	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of Licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
Cormorant	223	49	22	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	152	733	455
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			152	733	455
Heron	37	13	4	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	17	81	56
				Preserving public health/air & safety	Kill	Shooting	3	10	1
				Total			20	91	57
Goosander	10	2	4	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	4	21	6
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

				Total			4	21	6
Merganser	1	1	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2002									
Species	Number of applications processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Applications Yet To Be Determined	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of Licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
Cormorant	166	50	19	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	97	527	190
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			97	527	190
Heron	25	6	2	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	17	85	29

				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			17	85	29
Goosander	9	7	1	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	1	5	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			1	5	0
Merganser	1	1	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0

2001									
Species	Number of applications processed	Number of Applications Rejected or Minded to Refuse	Number of Applications Yet To Be Determined	Licensing Purpose	Permitted Activity	Permitted Method	Number of Licences issued	Number of Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
Cormorant	122	19	19	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	84	532	186
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			84	532	186
Heron	20	4	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	16	68	24
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			16	68	24
Goosander	4	2	1	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	Kill	Shooting	1	5	1
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

				Total			1	5	1
Merganser	0	0	0	Preventing serious damage to Fisheries	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Preserving public health/air & safety	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
				Total			0	0	0