

# Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 - Licensing Statistics 2007 - All Birds

[x] denotes incomplete data

Species	Taxonomic Name	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 Animals Licensed	Number of Animals Affected
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	336	29	307	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	307	1677	[1389] #
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill	Shooting	0	0	[0]
					<b>Total</b>			<b>307</b>	<b>1677</b>	<b>[1389] #</b>
# Birds actually reported shot during calendar year										
Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	43	12	31	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	27	122	[75]
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill	Shooting	4	11	[0]
					<b>Total</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>[75]</b>
Brent goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	78	4	74	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise Protected Species	Shooting	74	1333	777
Canada goose (1.3.05 added to General Licence for damage to agriculture and public health & air	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	5	1	4	Conserving wild birds	Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	75	30
					Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	1	n/a	0
					Preserving public health & air safety	Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	2	n/a	120

safety)					<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>150</b>
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	139	9	130	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	51	1518	[776]
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	28	5815	[2998]
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	20	464	165
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	3	192	26
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	24	9380	2449
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	200	187
					Protecting a collection of wild birds	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	110	6
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	100	38
					<b>Total</b>					
Pink-footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	3	1	2	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	40	18
Barnacle goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	5	0	5	Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	4	975	292
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	1	50	18
					<b>Total</b>					
Egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	4	0	4	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs, fisheries etc	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	25	[0]
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	2	62	7

						Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	100	44
					<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>[51]</b>
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	10	6	4	Preserving public health & air safety	Take Otherwise Protected Species	Trap & Translocate	2	4	0
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	50	33
						To Take	Egg/nest Destruction	1	10	3
								<b>Total</b>		
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	2	0	2	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs, fisheries etc	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	30	0
						Kill in Sunday Ban Areas	Shooting	1	10	0
							<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>
Mallard duck	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	36	3	33	Conserving wild birds	Eggs incubated, reared & release	By hand	1	20	12
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	215	14
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	12	6425	3617
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	2	65	[18]
						To Take	Trap & Translocate	3	900	[106]
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	200	30
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	400	214
					Protecting a collection of wild birds	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	4	300	45
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	4	1300	589
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	3	400	27

					<b>Total</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>10225</b>	<b>4548</b>
Ruddy duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	3	0	3	Conserving Flora & Fauna	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	2000	1376
							Trap inc. netting & Kill	1	50	0
							Oiling or Pricking	1	200	0
										<b>Total</b>
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	18	5	13	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	13	58	37
Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	2	2	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1	0	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Disturbance of Schedule 1 Bird	Disturbance	1	6	[0]
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	12	0	12	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	20	20
							Protecting a collection of wild birds	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	4
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Destruction of Nest/Eggs			Oiling or Pricking	4
							Conserving wild birds	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1
					<b>Total</b>	Destruction of Eggs			Oiling or Pricking	1
							Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Hand	1	10
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	14	1	13	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	20	20
					Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	2	900	403

					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	100	10
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	400	63
					Protecting a collection of wild birds	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	4	200	31
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	4	800	313
					<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>2420</b>	<b>840</b>
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	4	0	4	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	2	8	6
						Eggs/nest relocated	Egg/nest relocation	1	4	[0]
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	4	0
									<b>Total</b>	
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	12	1	11	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	6	42	13
						Eggs/nest relocated	Egg/nest relocation	3	15	[1]
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	2	10	2
									<b>Total</b>	
Black headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	47	4	43	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	3	20	10
					Human Consumption	Take eggs	Hand	26	84600	33390
					Human Consumption	Sell Eggs	Hand	12	n/a	45030*
					Protecting a collection of wild	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	500	3

					birds	Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	1500	537
* Some eggs are sold more than once					<b>Total</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>86620</b>	<b>78970</b>
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1	0	1	Conserving wild birds	Eggs/nest relocated	Hand	1	2	2
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	1	0	1	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	1	45	0
Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	2	1	1	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	1	5	10
Stock dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	2	0	2	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	20	4
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	8	0
Fan Tailed Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2	0	2	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	2	15	6
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	3	1	2	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	2	20	14
Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	2	0	2	Preserving public health & air safety	Prohibited method	Alphachloralose	1	n/a	0
							CO2 dispatch	1	na	[0]
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	12	0	12	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	12	198	43
House martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	2	1	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	5	[0]

Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	4	1	3	Preserving public health & air safety	Take Otherwise Protected Species	Trap & Translocate	1	5	4	
					Preserving public health & air safety	Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	2	7	1	
					<b>Total</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	4	0	4	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	4	21	8	
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	18	4	14	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	3	3	1	
						Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	9	14	[3]	
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	1	1	
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	1	0	
<b>Total</b>							<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>		
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	18	2	16	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	1	[0]	
						Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	1	3	0	
						Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	1	6	6
						Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	13	196	48
						<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>[54]</b>

Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	6	1	5	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	4	14	2
					Exhibition/ Competition	n/a	n/a	1	1	1
					<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	2	0	2	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	2	10	0
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	1	0	1	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	1	2	3
Carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone corone</i>	10	0	10	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	10	144	79
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	10	0	10	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	10	145	60
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	11	0	11	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	11	123	22
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	6	0	6	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	6	74	5
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1	0	1	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	1	10	0
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	45	15	30	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	7	1275	[83]
					Preserving public health & air safety	Take otherwise protected species	Trap	6	105	[0]
						Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	5	10	[7]
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	2	11	0

					Preventing the spread of disease	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	100	[0]
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	9	118	28
					<b>Total</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>1619</b>	<b>[118]</b>
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	90	16	74	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	29	132	[31]
						Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	39	329	[47]
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	6	0
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	4	68	0
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	1	3	0
					<b>Total</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>[78]</b>
Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1	0	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Hand	1	100	1
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	5	0	5	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	10	6
					Sale	n/a	n/a	4	72	[0]
					<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>[6]</b>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	1	0	1	Sale	n/a	n/a	1	57	[0]

Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	1	0	1	Sale	n/a	n/a	1	42	[0]
Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	2	0	2	Sale	n/a	n/a	2	156	[0]
Twites	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	1	0	1	Sale	n/a	n/a	1	23	[0]
Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	1	0	1	Exhibition/ Competition	n/a	n/a	1	1	1
Canary x Crossbill	<i>Serinus canaria</i> x <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	1	0	1	Exhibition/ Competition	n/a	n/a	1	2	2
Crossbill x Mealy Redpole	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i> x <i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	1	0	1	Exhibition/ Competition	n/a	n/a	1	1	1