

Conserving the black grouse



Worksheet

Following gradual improvements in farming, the black grouse has declined in numbers over the last 100 years. Dedicated recovery projects throughout the UK aim to restore their numbers and range.

- The following questions can be answered by using a dictionary, encyclopaedia and visiting our website www.gwct.org.uk
- Once you have entered the website click on to the **Advice and Education, Document downloads**, then choose **Conservation guides** from the drop down list. Here you will find the 'Conserving the black grouse' leaflet on- line

Questions

1. Name a predator of the black grouse.
2. When was the black grouse designated a 'BAP species'?
3. Name two types of staple food which the black grouse likes to eat.
4. What is the key to stoat control?
5. Looking at the pie chart in the leaflet, what percentage of black grouse deaths did foxes cause?
6. What is the black grouse shooting season?
7. Name one cause of the black grouse's continuing decline?
8. What do you call a female black grouse?
9. What is a lek?
10. When do most black grouse chicks hatch?

Task 1

Design posters and badges to promote the conservation of black grouse – see examples included in this pack.

Task 2

When you're out and about collect examples of food which black grouse eat and create a menu for a chick and an adult black grouse.

What now?

Arrange a trip to see black grouse lekking under supervision of the land manager, gamekeeper or ranger on whose land the birds are displaying.

Never approach displaying birds on foot.

Please refer to the **Code for Bird Watchers** section in the 'Conserving the black grouse leaflet'.