

Application to Control Certain Wild Bird Species (19-03)

To kill or take certain species of wild birds and their nests and eggs, in order to prevent serious damage



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- Complete all relevant sections of the form as failure to do so may result in delay to your application;
- Sufficient information should be given to enable Natural England to assess the application;
- It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the owner or occupier's permissions to act under licence on their property;
- Sign the application (the person applying should sign the form) or tick the box if completing electronically; and
- Return the application form to the address shown or email to birds2019@naturalengland.org.uk.

PART 1 - Applicant's Personal and Contact Details

Title:

(eg, Mr, Mrs,
Miss, Ms)

Forenames:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Daytime telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Name of business:

Is the applicant the owner/occupier of the land? Yes No

Have you received the owner/occupier's permission to apply? Yes No

**Location of the
land over which
control will occur
(full address
including
postcode):**

Grid reference in XX123456

Please tick the box below that most closely describes the land use of the land identified for control:

- Urban
- Industrial / Commercial
- Agriculture - Crops
- Agriculture - Livestock
- Agriculture - Other
- Forestry
- Other:

PART 2 - Purpose for Control: Preventing Serious Damage

<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Foodstuffs for livestock:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crops:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Growing timber:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inland waters:	

Please provide details of the damage being incurred. Note that damage must related to an economic interest and be serious, which means more than mere nuisance, minor damage or normal business risk. Include details of the extent and nature of damage and how this is being caused by the species which you are applying to control:

PART 3 - Species to be controlled

Please select the species to be controlled, the intended activity and the proposed technique for the control:

Species to be controlled	Licensible activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Crow <i>Corvus corone</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs

Species to be controlled	Licensible activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Jay <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Magpie <i>Pica pica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Rook <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Monk Parakeet <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs
<input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian Goose <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kill, injure or take <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy the nest <input type="checkbox"/> Take, damage or destroy eggs

PART 4 - Alternative non-lethal methods tried and tested

Note that in considering whether or not to grant a licence, Natural England needs to be satisfied that there is no satisfactory alternative solution to resolving the problem.

Have you tried any alternative methods of preventing the serious damage? Yes No

Information on a variety of recognised non-lethal control techniques is available here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-wild-birds-damaging-your-land-farm-or-business>

Please identify from the list below the applicable techniques that you have considered and attempted, and explain how these have been ineffective or impractical. Note that in considering whether or not to grant a licence, Natural England needs to be satisfied that there is no satisfactory alternative solution to resolving the problem.

Alternative Methods	Details of how the technique has been considered or used	Details of how the technique has been ineffective or impractical
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual deterrents		
<input type="checkbox"/> Auditory deterrents		
<input type="checkbox"/> Physical barriers, ie, <i>proofing, exclusion</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Human disturbance		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting to scare		
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricting access to food supply		
<input type="checkbox"/> Crop management, i.e. <i>planting sacrificial crops, Spring-sown crops</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal husbandry and management, ie, <i>checking and removing sick animals</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Habitat management, ie, <i>for outdoor reared livestock</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Modification of roost/loafing areas, ie, <i>of the birds considered to be causing the problem</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, as specified:		

Please note that it is a condition of the licence that reasonable endeavours must continue to be made to resolve the problem using appropriate lawful methods.

PART 5 - Consents

With the exception of WML-CL25 (*To permit the diversionary feeding of hen harrier (Circus cyaneus) on grouse moors in northern England*), a licence is not permission from Natural England for an activity that could damage a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The notification documents for each SSSI contain a list of operations that could damage its special features and for which prior permission from Natural England is required. Owners and occupiers of sites notified as SSSIs are required to give written notice to Natural England before beginning any of these operations, or allowing someone else to carry out these activities. A similar process applies for public bodies and statutory undertakers (as defined under Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)) and this obligation applies even where the operations are carried out on land outside of the SSSI. See [Gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for further information.

In considering whether to issue consent or assent for activities on a SSSI that is a European Site, in other words a Special Protection Area (SPA) or Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Natural England will consider whether there is likely to be a significant effect on features of European importance (alone or in combination) and carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment, as required.

To identify SSSIs, European Sites and the features for which they are designated, refer to www.magic.gov.uk. Consult the SSSI citation for details of 'operations likely to damage', and consider whether your activity is likely to have an impact. Advice may be sought from the local adviser for the SSSI: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england>.

PART 6 - Declaration

Have you or anyone using this licence been convicted of any wildlife-related or animal welfare offence?

Yes No

If 'YES', please give details, including dates

Using and sharing your information

The data controller is Natural England, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1 - 2 Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PX.

Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate. It will be used for processing your application.

Natural England or its appointed agents may use the name, address and other details on your application form to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you.

We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018, or a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you believe that any of the information we hold concerning you is incorrect or out of date, please provide us with the accurate information in writing together with supporting evidence (if appropriate). You should address your correspondence to: Wildlife Licensing, Natural England, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH; Tel. 020 802 61089; Email birds2019@naturalengland.org.

Declaration

- I have read and understood the guidance provided in this application form. I declare that the particulars given are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply to be registered for a licence in accordance with these particulars.
- Where required, I undertake to obtain permission from landowners/occupiers of land to exercise any licence resulting from this application, and to allow any employee or representative of Natural England to monitor or inspect the work described in this application.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

For applications submitted electronically, please either insert an electronic signature above or tick this box to confirm agreement with this declaration

Name in
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Important Advice

- **Natural England can modify or revoke at any time any licence that may be issued but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so.**
- **Any notification for a licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the registration for a licence.**
- **Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, any person who in order to obtain a licence knowingly or recklessly makes a statement or representation, or furnishes a document or information which is false in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence and may be liable to criminal prosecution. Any person found guilty of such an offence may be liable to an unlimited fine.**

- ❖ **Please ensure that you have answered all relevant questions fully and have signed the declaration.**
- ❖ **If you wish to change the information on this form contact Wildlife Licensing, Natural England.**