

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981:
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1. During the 2001-2002 (May to April) season the number of licences applied for in England and the outcome of the applications were as set out below (the figures for the previous season (2000-2001) are shown in brackets):

	NUMBER OUTSTANDING (From previous season)	LICENCE APPLICATIONS (Plus those outstanding)	NUMBER REFUSED	NUMBER GRANTED	NUMBER OUTSTANDING (At close of season)
Cormorant	20	136 (132)	39 (28)	94 (79)	3
Grey Heron	0	22 (15)	5 (2)	16 (13)	1
Goosander	0	6 (8)	4 (5)	1 (1)	1
Merganser	0	1 (0)	0 (-)	0 (-)	1
TOTAL	20	165 (155)	48 (35)	111 (93)	6

2. An unusually high number of applications (20) were outstanding from the previous season as Wildlife Advisers were not permitted to visit sites between February 2001 and June 2001, following the outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease.

3. The majority of applications were for still-water fisheries (119) as opposed to river situations (46). Of the 111 licences granted, 31 were granted for river fisheries and 80 for still waters. Ninety-four licences were granted for Cormorants, 16 for Grey Herons and 1 for Goosanders. None were granted for Mergansers.

4. A total of 618 birds were licensed to be shot, 545 Cormorants, 68 Grey Herons and 5 Goosanders. The number of birds actually shot was 254, i.e. 225 Cormorants, 28 Herons and 1 Goosander.

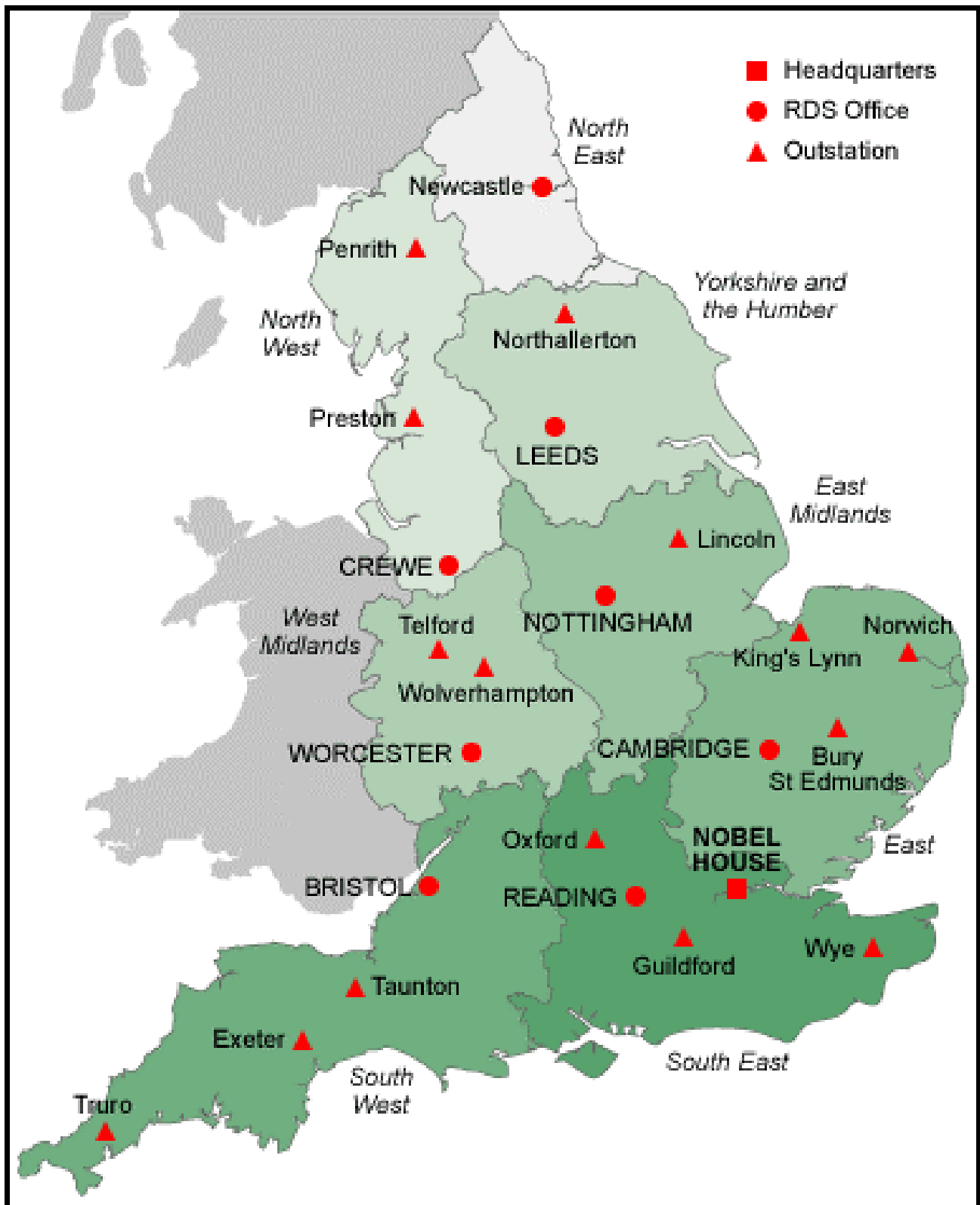
5. Licence applications were received from throughout the country and the most important area, accounting for almost a third of applications received, was the South East.

6. A detailed set of statistics is set out in the appendix.

7. The Department would welcome any comments and suggestions you may have on the operational aspects of the licensing system.

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APPENDIX

DETAILS OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR PISCIVOROUS BIRDS IN ENGLAND 2001-2002

Cormorants

Period - 1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received plus outstanding at outset		No. of licences granted for:		No. of applications refused for:		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot for:		Actual no. of birds shot for:		No. of applications outstanding at close of year	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	5	0	14	0	5	-	8	-	46	-	18	-	1	-
East Midlands	4	0	10	3	4	0	4	3	24	-	5	-	2	0
North East	0	0	4	0	4	-	0	-	32	-	24	-	0	-
North West	0	0	19	0	16	-	3	-	119	-	56	-	0	-
South East	3	0	29	16	25	12	4	4	134	41	54	18	0	0
South West	3	0	9	10	6	9	3	1	25	26	7	20	0	0
West Midlands	4	0	10	7	6	3	4	4	82	8	18	0	0	0
Yorks and the Humber	1	0	5	0	4	-	1	-	8	-	5	-	0	-
England	20	0	100	36	70	24	27	12	470	75	187	38	3	0
	20		136		94		39		545		225		3	

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Grey Heron

Period - 1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received		No. of licences granted for:		No. of applications refused for:		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot for:		Actual no. of birds shot for:		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
North East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West	0	0	2	0	1	-	0	-	3	-	0	-	1	-
South East	0	0	6	7	6	7	0	0	34	19	19	4	0	0
South West	0	0	4	0	1	-	3	-	10	-	5	-	0	-
West Midlands	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorks and the Humber	0	0	2	0	1	-	1	-	2	-	0	-	0	-
England	0	0	15	7	9	7	5	0	49	19	24	4	1	0
	0		22		16		5		68		28		1	

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Goosander

Period - 1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received		No. of licences granted for:		No. of applications refused for:		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot for:		Actual no. of birds shot for:		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands	0	0	0	1	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	1
North East	0	0	1	0	1	-	0	-	5	-	1	-	0	-
North West	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
South East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	0
Yorks and the Humber	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
England	0	0	4	2	1	0	3	1	5	-	1	-	0	0
	0		6		1		4		5		1		1	

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Merganser

Period - 1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002

Gov Office	No of applications outstanding at outset		No. of applications received		No. of licences granted for:		No. of applications refused for:		Max. no. of birds licensed to be shot for:		Actual no. of birds shot for:		No. of applications outstanding at close	
	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River	Still	River
East of England	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Midlands	0	0	0	1	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	1
North East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South East	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South West	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yorks and the Humber	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
England	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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