

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 - Licensing Statistics 2006 - 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
Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	6	0	6	Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of nest/eggs	Take/destroy	6	20	0
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	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]
<p>*321 new cormorant licences were issued during 2006. An additional 309 two-year licences that had been issued between September and December 2004 were also valid during this period.</p> <p>** 2067 cormorants were licensed under the 321 new licences issued in 2006. An additional 2081 birds were licensed under the 309 two-year licences issued in 2004.</p> <p># Birds actually reported shot during calendar year was 1390 which includes [858] shot under the 321 licences issued during 2006 & 532 reported shot under the 309 licences two year licences issued in 2004 totalling 1390</p>										
Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	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]
Brent goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	79	3	76	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise Protected Species	Shooting	75	1240	676
						Kill in Sunday Ban Areas	Shooting	1	15	15
					Total			76	1255	691

Canada goose (1.3.05 added to General Licence for damage to agriculture and public health & air safety)	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	6	2	4	Conserving wild birds	Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	75	21
					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	Shooting with Aid of Artificial Light	1	n/a	[0]
							Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	1	n/a	96
					Total			4	75	[117]
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	106	4	102	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	33	822	559
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	23	7930	2522
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	18	592	256
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	1	150	0
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	22	5030	2213
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	3	90	76
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	2	250	250
					Total			102	14864	5876
Pink-footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	4	1	3	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	50	30
						Kill in Sunday Ban Areas	Shooting	1	5	5
					Total			3	55	35
Barnacle goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	4	0	4	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise Protected Species	Shooting	1	300	297

						Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	3	1140	734
					Total			6	1910	1031
Egyptian goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	5	1	4	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs, fisheries etc	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	20	[0]
						Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	2	700	45
					Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	100	54
					Total			4	820	[99]
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	5	0	5	Preserving public health & air safety	Take Otherwise Protected Species	Trap & Translocate	1	7	7
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	50	26
						To Take	Egg/nest Relocation	2	20	1
					Conserving wild birds	Take Otherwise Protected Species	Trap & Translocate	1	3	3
					Total			5	80	37
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	4	0	4	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs, fisheries etc	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	3	85	23
						Kill in Sunday Ban Areas	Shooting	1	10	0
					Total			4	95	23
Mallard duck	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	42	9	33	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	20	19
					Preserving public health & air safety	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	375	121
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	1	400	0
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	13	6240	[2894]

						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	50	4
						To Take	Trap & Translocate	2	220	32
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	5	500	208
						Use of a Prohibited Method	Roundup & Cull via lethal Injection	2	200	0
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	5	1300	968
					Total			33	9305	[4246]
Ruddy duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	3	0	3	Conserving Flora & Fauna	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	3000	2028
							Trap inc. netting & Kill	1	50	0
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	200	7
					Total			3	3250	2035
Eider duck	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	15	15	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Muscovy duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	22	7	14	Preventing serious damage to fisheries	Kill	Shooting	14	72	36
Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1	0	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	3	1
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	2	2	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	3	2	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Disturbance of Schedule 1 Bird	Disturbance	1	6	6
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	17	0	17	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	1	20	0
					Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Take/destroy	6	32	0
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	5	170	32
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	5	650	218
					Total			17	872	250
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	16	3	13	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	2	35	0
					Preserving public health & air safety	Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	100	21
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill in Close Season	Shooting	5	280	104
						Destruction of Eggs	Oiling or Pricking	5	950	599
					Total			13	1365	724
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	10	4	6	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	5	16	4
						Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	4	0
					Total			6	20	4
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	13	4	9	Preserving public health &	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	7	67	5

					air safety	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	2	11	1					
					Total			9	78	6					
Black headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	51	2	49	Falconry/ Aviculture	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	1	500	83					
						Destruction of eggs	Oiling or Pricking	1	1000	1000					
						Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	5	104	4					
										Preserving public health & air safety	Kill General Licence species	Shooting	1	6	[0]
										Human Consumption	Take eggs	Hand	28	85200	39745
										Human Consumption	Sell Eggs	Hand	13	n/a	46760
										Total			49	86810	[87592]
Common Gull	<i>Larus Canus</i>	5	1	4	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	20	2					
						Take Otherwise Protected Species	Trap	1	10	0					
						Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	2	35	0				
						Total			4	65	2				
Lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0					
Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0					
Stock dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0					

Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	16	0	16	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	16	233	53
House martin	<i>Delichon urbica</i>	3	2	1	Preserving public health & air safety	Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	28	28
Pied wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	5	3	2	Preserving public health & air safety	Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	5	0
					Conserving wild birds	Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	1	1	1
					Total			2	6	1
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	28	9	19	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	7	11	[3]
						Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	12	24	[4]
					Total			19	35	[7]
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	22	4	18	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	1	0
						Take otherwise protected species	Trap & Translocate	2	21	8
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	2	11	0
					Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Destruction of Nest/Eggs	Hand	1	5	5
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Falconry	12	175	44
					Total			18	213	57

Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1	1	0	N/a	N/a	N/a	0	0	0
Blue tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	5	2	3	Preserving public health & air safety	Capture & Release	Cage Trap	1	2	2
						Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	2	4	[0]
					Total			3	6	2
Carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone corone</i>	1	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	9	0	9	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	9	142	26
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	10	0	10	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	10	131	1
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	8	1	7	Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	7	74	7
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	47	26	21	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	6	1950	950
					Preserving public health & air safety	Take otherwise protected species	Trap	3	3	0
						Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	3	9	2
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	5	20	[2]
					Falconry/ Aviculture	Kill General Licence species	Falconry	4	33	5
					Total			21	2015	[959]

House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	82	13	69	Preserving public health & air safety	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	25	119	[37]
						Capture & Release	Trap & Translocate	39	408	[38]
						Egg / Nest Removal / Relocation	Hand	5	43	7
					Total			69	570	[82]
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	2	0	2	Preventing serious damage to agriculture	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	6	5
						Take otherwise protected species	Cage Trap	1	5	[0]
					Total			2	11	5
Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	2	1	1	Preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs, fisheries etc	Kill otherwise protected species	Shooting	1	30	22
Canary x Crossbill	Serinus canaria x Loxia curvirostra	2	0	2	Exhibition/competition	n/a	n/a	2	2	2
Greenfinch x Crossbill	Carduelis chloris x Loxia curvirostra	1	0	1	Exhibition/competition	n/a	n/a	1	1	1