



HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 10/06/2024

2024/562 - Illegal killing of birds of prey

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Between the dates;

1st January 2021 through to 31st December 2021 inclusive

1st January 2022 through to 31st December 2022 inclusive.

1st January 2023 through to 31st December 2023 inclusive

- 1. During the time frames, how many crimes involved the illegal killing of birds of prey?**
- 2. What species of bird of prey have been investigated as being killed?**
- 3. During these time frames, how many crimes involved other birds, and what species of bird were involved?**

I would like you to provide this information in email format, giving the date, the type of crime, Raptor illegal killing / other bird, illegal killing. The type of bird and suspected method.

Year	HO Code	HO Description	Outcome	Summary
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	EMAIL - WITNESS STATES NEIGHBOURS ARE SHOOTING PIGEONS UNLAWFULLY.
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Bird of prey shot illegally by offender
2021	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE ASSAULTED A LIVE SEAGULL BY BURNING IT WITH A LIGHTER AND POKING IT WITH A STCK. THE SEAGULL WAS LATER FOUND DEAD AT SCENE.
2021	190/06	Use trap to kill or take a wild bird recordable	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	Caller has come across animal traps being used unlawfully. And birds were found in the traps.
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	CALLER REPORTING THAT TWO YOUTHS HAVE KILLED AND INJURED THE SWANS AT THE LOCATION. INFORMANT STATES THERE IS CCTV OF SUSPECTS CAUSING DAMAGE AND KILLING THE SWANS.
2021	190/01	Possess live dead non Schedule 1 wild bird or parts	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	THREE GOLD FINCHES WERE FOUND AT LOCATION WHICH WERE NOT RINGED SO IT IS

		recordable		BELIEVED THEY WERE CAUGHT FROM THE WILD.
2021	190/06	Use weapon to kill take a wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	caller reporting that neighbour has been placing food outside to attract magpies and has been shooting at them.
2021	190/06	Use weapon to kill take a wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	He noticed shots being fired at one of the trees in the back garden. He said that he could hear someone loading and firing what sounds like an airsoft gun several times and saw something hit one of the birds sat in our tree followed by a load of feathers falling to the ground.
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Male suspect has attacked and killed a seagull at the location.
2021	108/23	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Offender has caused disturbance to bats
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	the skeletal and feather remains of an unknown bird on the ground. Either side of the remains were two Buzzards, circumstances highly suggest a poisoning offence has taken place.
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Birds have been located at the location deceased, believed to be poisoned and enquiries are ongoing with RSPB and partner agencies.
2021	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	THE CARCASS OF A BUZZARD AND A PHEASANT BIRD WERE FOUND DECEASED AT LOCATION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN POISONED.
2021	108/23	Damage destroy Schedule 5 wild animal shelter recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	REPORT MADE THAT BUILDING WORK THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT AT LOCATION HAS DAMAGED /CAUSED DISTURBANCE TO A BAT ROOST
2021	108/23	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	REPORT MADE OF BAT DISTURBANCE AT LOCATION
2021	190/01	Take a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	UPON EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT, OFFICERS HAVE FOUND BOX OF WILD BIRD EGGS WITH ACCOMPANYING BOOKLET/REGISTER.
2022	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Inf reporting dead seagull on the road thinks it has been purposely killed as there was a

				red brick next to it which has now been moved.
2022	190/02	Damage destroy nest of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	INFT HAS REPORTED THAT A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS DISTURBED A WILD BIRDS NEST.
2022	190/01	Take a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Offender set cage trap to capture birds of prey.
2022	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Unknown male has been seen by the estate gamekeeper acting in a suspicious manner. It appears he was attempting to take grouse using the bird of prey. The gamekeeper has found white falcon bird of prey which had attacked and killed a grouse, the bird appeared to have been trained.
2022	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Unidentified jet skiers killed guillemot chick
2022	190/02	Take eggs of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Third party information that a Mallard Ducks nest may have been disturbed by a boy who removed eggs
2022	190/01	Injure a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Offenders have injured a wild bird
2022	190/02	Take eggs of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Report that unknown offender has taken Seagull eggs from 3 nests. Possibility that the offender has killed one Seagull.
2022	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Report that informant has heard the sound of a thud and then saw seagull fall having been shot. No offenders or weapons seen. When Seagull examined believed to have been shot with an air weapon.
2022	190/02	Damage destroy nest of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	KNOWN OFFENDER DESTROYED A SEAGULL NEST LOCATED ON CHIMNEY AT THE ADDRESS.
2022	108/23	Disturb sheltering Schedule 5 wild animal recordable	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AT THIS LOCATION DESPITE EVIDENCE OF BATS ROOSTING HERE.
2022	190/01	Injure a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Report of two unidentified youths kicking a seagull resulting in its death.
2022	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	UNKNOWN OFFENDER HAS KILLED HERRING GULL BY DELIBERATELY DRIVING VEHICLE OVER IT.
2022	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	RSPB FOUND A DECEASED COMMON BUZZARD. FOLLOWING POST MORTEM THE BIRD HAD DIED FROM EATING

				AN UNKNOWN POISONED ITEM AS TRACES OF BANNED SUBSTANCE BENFIOCARB FOUND.
2023	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Caller reports having seen a seagull being shot on top of a nearby roof.
2023	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Email - Report that Common Buzzard has been found deceased in woodland. Buzzard subject to x-ray examination which confirmed it had been shot with a shotgun.
2023	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Allegation that a seagull has been deliberately shot and killed
2023	190/02	Take eggs of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Caller reporting the theft of Swan eggs
2023	190/06	Use weapon to kill take a wild bird recordable	Non Crime/Non-Notifiable	Informant reporting that members of the public have heard an air rifle gun shot , and believed it has shot a starling bird.
2023	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Neighbour reporting that his elderly neighbour is in his garden shooting at birds with an air weapon. He has killed a Seagull that has landed in his garden.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 07/06/2024