



Response Date:13/11/2025

2025/1129 - The illegal killing /persecution of raptors / birds of prey

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the periods between :

1st January 2020 through to 31st December 2020 inclusive 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 1st January 2024 through to 31st December 2024 inclusive 1st January 2025 through to date

For each period:

1. During the time frames, how many crimes involved the illegal killing /persecution of raptors / birds of prey - which includes those recorded under following police codes:

- 19001 - Summary offences in relation to birds under Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**
- 19002 - Summary offences in relation to nests and eggs of birds under Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**
- 19003 - Summary offences in relation to birds under Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**
- 19004 - Summary offences in relation to nests and eggs of birds under Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**
- 19006 - Prohibition of certain methods of killing or taking wild birds (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)**

2. The number of raptor persecution-related cases (as above) reported and then NOT referred to the Crown Prosecution Service?

3. The number of raptor persecution-related cases (as above) reported and then referred to the Crown Prosecution Service?

4. The number of raptor persecution-related cases (as above) that led to a successful prosecution?

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Stat classed offences under the Act 2020-2025 without a no-crime outcome applied.
A keyword search of raptor was conducted of occurrence summaries with no result.

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Offence Category Desc	Offence HO Group1	Offence HO Group2	Offence HO Group3	Outcome	Summary
2020	190/02	Damage destroy nest of non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	Person reporting that the suspect has used a brush to knock over bird nests.
2020	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	Person reporting has witnessed the suspect intentionally drive at and kill a seagul.
2020	190/06	Use weapon to kill take a wild bird recordable					18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	dead jackdaw bird shot found in lower gutter close to rear of property body warm and bleeding from hole in the chest
2020	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	KNOWN OFFENDERS HAVE KILLED A WOODPECKER WHILST CUTTING DOWN TRESS DURING THE BREEDING SEASON.

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	Possess live dead non Schedule 1 wild bird or parts recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	03. Adult Caution /Conditional Caution	THREE GOLD FINCHES WERE FOUND AT LOCATION WHICH WERE NOT RINGED SO IT IS BELIEVED THEY WERE CAUGHT FROM THE WILD.
2022	190/02	Damage destroy nest of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	INFT HAS REPORTED THAT A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS DISTURBED A WILD BIRDS NEST.
2024	190/01	Killing a Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	KNOWN OFFENDER HAS BEEN SEEN BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PUNCHING A SEAGULL IN THE FACE, THEN PICK IT UP, AND SMASHED IT'S HEAD AGAINST A GARDEN WALL, HAS ALSO BEEN VERBALLY ABUSIVE, TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ,AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO INTERVINE.

2025	190/02	Damage destroy nest of Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Caller has reported seeing a neighbour with a catapult/slingshot shooting at gulls and the nest on top of his roof, caller reports damage to the nest and some birds have been injured, schedule 1 birds attacked (gulls)
2025	190/02	Damage destroy nest of non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Unidentified offender destroyed a gull's nest.
2025	190/01	Kill a non Schedule 1 wild bird recordable	Other Indictable Or Triable Either Way Offences	14. Misc Crimes Against Society	54. Other Notifiable Offences	(2.0) Non-victim based crime	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Offender shot and killed 2 buzzards.

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