



# Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

## CHAPTER 69

This is an extract from a scanned copy of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, **as at the time when it received Royal Assent**. The Act remains one of the most important pieces of wildlife legislation in Great Britain, but it is important to be aware that **this document does not represent the Act as it currently stands**.

### **Please Note:**

- Since the passing of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 there have been various amendments to the text of the Act, most significantly through the [Countryside and Rights of Way \(CROW\) Act 2000](#) (in England and Wales) and the [Nature Conservation \(Scotland\) Act 2004](#) (in Scotland), but also through other legislation including the Local Government Act 1985, the Water Act 1989, and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (**PLEASE NOTE:** This is not a complete list of amending legislation).
- There have also been changes to the species listed in the schedules, through Variations to the Schedules Orders. There is a statutory five-yearly review of Schedules 5 and 8 (protected wild animals and plant respectively), undertaken by the statutory conservation agencies and coordinated through JNCC, but changes to the Schedules can be made by the Secretary of State at any time, if it is considered necessary because of a threat of extinction or in response to international obligations. JNCC maintain a central spreadsheet of [conservation designations for all taxa](#) which includes any changes to the Schedules of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act.
- When citing any legislation, it is important to check whether any parts of it have been amended (or repealed) by later Acts or Statutory Instruments. Most UK legislation introduced since 1988 is available online from the website of the Office of Public Sector Information <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation>. If necessary, a qualified legal adviser should be consulted for definitive guidance over what legislation may be applicable, and its interpretation.

The remaining parts of this original text of the act can be found at [www.jncc.gov.uk/page-3614](http://www.jncc.gov.uk/page-3614)

SCH. 8	<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
	Woodsia, Alpine	Woodsia alpina
	Woodsia, Oblong	Woodsia ilvensis
	Wormwood, Field	Artemisia campestris
	Woundwort, Downy	Stachys germanica
	Woundwort, Limestone	Stachys alpina
	Yellow-rattle, Greater	Rhinanthus serotinus

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Sections 14 and  
22.

#### SCHEDULE 9

##### ANIMALS AND PLANTS TO WHICH SECTION 14 APPLIES

##### PART I

##### ANIMALS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE WILD

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
Bass, Large-mouthed Black	Micropterus salmoides
Bass, Rock	Ambloplites rupestris
Bitterling	Rhodeus sericeus
Budgerigar	Melopsittacus undulatus
Capercaillie	Tetrao urogallus
Coypu	Myocastor coypus
Dormouse, Fat	Glis glis
Duck, Carolina Wood	Aix sponsa
Duck, Mandarin	Aix galericulata
Duck, Ruddy	Oxyura jamaicensis
Eagle, White-tailed	Haliaeetus albicilla
Frog, Edible	Rana esculenta
Frog, European Tree (other- wise known as Common tree frog)	Hyla arborea
Frog, Marsh	Rana ridibunda
Gerbil, Mongolian	Meriones unguiculatus
Goose, Canada	Branta canadensis
Goose, Egyptian	Alopochen aegyptiacus
Heron, Night	Nycticorax nycticorax
Lizard, Common Wall	Podarcis muralis
Marmot, Prairie (otherwise known as Prairie dog)	Cynomys
Mink, American	Mustela vison
Newt, Alpine	Triturus alpestris
Parakeet, Ring-necked	Psittacula krameri
Partridge, Chukar	Alectoris chukar
Partridge, Rock	Alectoris graeca
Pheasant, Golden	Chrysolophus pictus
Pheasant, Lady Amherst's	Chrysolophus amherstiae
Pheasant, Reeves'	Syrnaticus reevesii
Pheasant, Silver	Lophura nychthemera
Porcupine, Crested	Hystrix cristata
Porcupine, Himalayan	Hystrix hodgsonii

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>	SCH. 9
Pumpkinseed (otherwise known as Sun-fish or Pond-perch)	Lepomis gibbosus	
Quail, Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	
Rat, Black	Rattus rattus	
Squirrel, Grey	Sciurus carolinensis	
Terrapin, European Pond	Emys orbicularis	
Toad, African Clawed	Xenopus laevis	
Toad, Midwife	Alytes obstetricans	
Toad, Yellow-bellied	Bombina variegata	
Wallaby, Red-necked	Macropus rufogriseus	
Wels (otherwise known as European catfish)	Silurus glanis	
Zander	Stizostedion lucioperca	

## PART II

## PLANTS

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
Hogweed, Giant	Heracleum mantegazzianum
Kelp, Giant	Macrocystis pyrifera
Knotweed, Japanese	Polygonum cuspidatum
Seaweed, Japanese	Sargassum muticum

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## SCHEDULE 10

Section 15.

AMENDMENTS OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES  
(IMPORT AND EXPORT) ACT 1976

## PART I

## THE AMENDMENTS

*Licences*

1.—(1) After subsection (3) of section 1 of the 1976 Act (restriction on importation and exportation of certain animals and plants) there shall be inserted the following subsections—

“(3A) Subsection (3) above shall not apply in relation to an application of any description if the scientific authority concerned has advised the Secretary of State as to whether licences should be issued in pursuance of applications of that description and, if so, their terms.

(3B) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied that the issue of a licence authorising the importation or exportation of any item which—

(a) is part of or derives from or is made wholly or partly from an animal of any of the kinds to which Schedule 1 or a plant of any of the kinds to which Schedule 2 to this Act for the time being applies; but