

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 <u>Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000</u> (in
 England and Wales) and the <u>Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004</u> (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- When citing any legislation, it is important to check whether any parts of it have been amended (or repealed) by later Acts or Statutory Instruments.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

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

BIRDS WHICH ARE PROTECTED BY SPECIAL PENALTIES

PART I

AT ALL TIMES

Common name

Avocet
Bee-eater
Bittern
Bittern, Little
Bluethroat
Brambling
Bunting, Cirl
Bunting, Lapland
Bunting, Snow
Buzzard, Honey
Chough

Chough Corncrake Crake, Spotted Crossbills (all species)

Curlew, Stone Divers (all species)

Dotterel

Duck, Long-tailed Eagle, Golden Eagle, White-tailed Falcon, Gyr

Fieldfare Firecrest Garganey

Godwit, Black-tailed

Goshawk

Grebe, Black-necked Grebe, Slavonian Greenshank Gull, Little

Gull, Mediterranean Harriers (all species)

Heron, Purple Hobby Hoopoe Kingfisher Kite, Red Merlin

Oriole, Golden

Osprey Owl, Barn Owl, Snowy

Scientific name

Recurvirostra avosetta
Merops apiaster
Botaurus stellaris
Ixobrychus minutus
Luscinia svecica
Fringilla montifringilla
Emberiza cirlus
Calcarius lapponicus
Plectrophenax nivalis
Perris apivorus

Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax

Crex crex Porzana porzana

Loxia

Burhinus oedicnemus

Gavia

Charadrius morinellus
Clangula hyemalis
Aquila chrysaetos
Haliaetus albicilla
Falco rusticolus
Turdus pilaris
Regulus ignicapillus
Anas querquedula
Limosa limosa
Accipiter gentilis
Podiceps nigricollis
Podiceps auritus
Tringa nebularia
Larus minutus

Larus melanocephalus

Circus

Ardea purpurea
Falco subbuteo
Upupa epops
Alcedo atthis
Milvus milvus
Falco columbarius
Oriolus oriolus
Pandion haliaetus

Tyto alba

Nyctea scandiaca

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Common name

Peregrine Petrel, Leach's Phalarope, Red-necked

Plover, Kentish Plover, Little Ringed Quail, Common Redstart, Black

Redwing

Rosefinch, Scarlet

Ruff

Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, Wood

Scaup

Scoter, Common Scoter, Velvet

Serin Shorelark

Shrike, Red-backed

Spoonbill

Stilt, Black-winged Stint, Temminck's Swan, Bewick's Swan, Whooper Tern, Black Tern, Little Tern, Roseate Tit, Bearded

Tit. Crested Treecreeper, Short-toed

Warbler, Cetti's Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Savi's Whimbrel

Woodlark Wryneck

Scientific name

Falco peregrinus Oceanodroma leucorhoa Phalaropus lobatus

Charadrius alexandrinus

Charadrius dubius Coturnix coturnix Phoenicurus ochruros

Turdus iliacus

Carpodacus erythrinus Philomachus pugnax Tringa ochropus

Calidris maritima Tringa glareola

Aythya marila Melanitta nigra Melanitta fusca

Serinus serinus Eremophila alpestris

Lanius collurio Platalea leucorodia

Himantopus himantopus Calidris temminckii

Cygnus bewickii Cygnus cygnus Chlidonias niger Sterna albifrons Sterna dougallii Panurus biarmicus Parus cristatus

Certhia brachydactyla

Cettia cetti Sylvia undata

Acrocephalus palustris Locustella luscinioides Numenius phaeopus Lullula arborea

Jynx torquilla

PART II

DURING THE CLOSE SEASON

Common name

Scientific name

Goldeneye Goose, Greylag (in Outer

Caithness. Hebrides,

Sutherland and Wester

Bucephala clangula

Anser anser

Ross only)

Pintail

Anas acuta

Note. The common name or names given in the first column of this Schedule are included by way of guidance only; in the event of any dispute or proceedings, the common name or names shall not be taken into account.