

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended in Scotland) Schedules 1, 1A, A1, 2, 3 and 4

Schedule 1 - birds protected by special penalties						
Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Avocet	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn owl	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>	Bearded tit	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Bee-eater	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Bewick's swan	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Bittern	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Black redstart	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Black tern	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Black-necked grebe	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Black-tailed godwit	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Black-throated diver	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Black-winged stilt	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Bluethroat	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Brambling	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	Capercaillie	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Cetti's warbler	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>	Chough	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>	Cirl bunting	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Common scoter	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Crex crex</i>	Corncrake	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	Crested tit	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Loxia spp</i>	Crossbills (all species)	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Some
Bird	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	Dartford warbler	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Dotterel	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	Firecrest	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Garganey	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Golden oriole	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Irregular
Bird	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Goldeneye	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Goldeneye	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part II)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Goshawk	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Great Northern diver	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Green sandpiper	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Greenshank	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anser anser</i>	Greylag goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I in Outer Hebrides, Caithness & Sutherland and Wester Ross only)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anser anser</i>	Greylag goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part II in Outer Hebrides, Caithness & Sutherland and Wester Ross only)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Gyr falcon	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Circus spp</i>	Harriers (all species)	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Some
Bird	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Hen harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Hobby	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Honey buzzard	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes

Bird	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Hoopoe	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Kentish plover	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Kingfisher	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Lapland bunting	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	Leach's petrel	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Little bittern	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Larus minutus</i>	Little gull	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Little ringed plover	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	Little tern	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Long-tailed duck	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Marsh harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Marsh warbler	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Mediterranean gull	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Montagu's harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine falcon	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Pintail	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Pintail	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part II)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Purple heron	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	Purple sandpiper	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Quail	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red kite	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Red-backed shrike	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Red-necked phalarope	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Red-throated diver	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Roseate tern	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Rosefinch	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Ruff	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Savi's warbler	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Scaup	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Serin	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Shore lark	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	Short-toed treecreeper	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Slavonian grebe	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Snow bunting	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	Snowy owl	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Spoonbill	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Spotted crane	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	Stone-curlew	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Temminck's stint	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	Velvet scoter	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Whimbrel	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	White-billed diver	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Whooper swan	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wood sandpiper	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Woodlark	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	No	No
Bird	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Wryneck	WCA 1981	Schedule 1 (Part I)	Yes	Yes

Schedule 1A - birds that may not be intentionally or recklessly harassed at any time

Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 1A	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Hen harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 1A	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red kite	WCA 1981	Schedule 1A	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 1A	Yes	Yes

Schedule A1- birds whose habitually used nests may not be intentionally or recklessly taken, damaged, destroyed or otherwise interfered with when not in use

Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule A1	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule A1	Yes	Yes

Schedule 2 - birds which may be killed or taken outside the closed season

Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Common snipe	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Coot	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Gadwall	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Golden plover	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Goldeneye	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anser anser</i>	Greylag goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Moorhen	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Pink-footed goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Pintail	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Pochard	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Shoveler	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Teal	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Tufted duck	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	White-fronted goose	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	No
Bird	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Wigeon	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes
Bird	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Woodcock	WCA 1981	Schedule 2	Yes	Yes

Schedule 3 - birds that may be sold

Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn owl	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes

Bird	Turdus merula	Blackbird	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Fringilla montifringilla	Brambling	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Bullfinch	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Fringilla coelebs	Chaffinch	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Gallinago gallinago	Common snipe	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Fulica atra	Coot	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Prunella modularis	Dunnoek	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Pluvialis apricaria	Golden plover	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis carduelis	Goldfinch	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis chloris	Greenfinch	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Corvus monedula	Jackdaw	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Garrulus glandarius	Jay	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis cannabina	Linnet	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Pica pica	Magpie	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Anas acuta	Pintail	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Aythya ferina	Pochard	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis flammea	Redpoll	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	No
Bird	Emberiza schoeniclus	Reed bunting	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Anas clypeata	Shoveler	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis spinus	Siskin	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Turdus philomelos	Song thrush	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Sturnus vulgaris	Starling	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Anas crecca	Teal	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Aythya fuligula	Tufted duck	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Carduelis flavirostris	Twite	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Anas penelope	Wigeon	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Scolopax rusticola	Woodcock	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part III)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Columba palumbus	Woodpigeon	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part II)	Yes	Yes
Bird	Emberiza citrinella	Yellowhammer	WCA 1981	Schedule 3 (Part I)	Yes	Yes

Schedule 4 - birds that must be registered and ringed if kept in captivity

Taxon	Current taxon name	Common name	Legislation giving protection	Schedule or Annex listing	Occurs in Scotland	Breeds in Scotland
Bird	Aquila chrysaetos	Golden eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Accipiter gentilis	Goshawk	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Pernis apivorus	Honey buzzard	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Circus aeruginosus	Marsh harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Falco columbarius	Merlin	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Circus pygargus	Montagu's harrier	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine falcon	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes
Bird	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed eagle	WCA 1981	Schedule 4	Yes	Yes

Key

Schedule 1 (Part I)	Birds protected by special penalties
Schedule 1 (Part II)	Birds protected by special penalties during the closed season
Schedule 1A	Birds that may not be intentionally or recklessly harassed at any time
Schedule A1	Birds whose habitually used nests may not be intentionally or recklessly taken, damaged, destroyed or otherwise interfered with when not in use
Schedule 2	Birds which may be killed or taken outside the close season
Schedule 3 (Part I)	Birds which may be sold at all times if ringed and kept in captivity
Schedule 3 (Part II)	Birds that may be sold dead at all times
Schedule 3 (Part III)	Birds that may be sold dead from 1 September to 28 February

Schedule 4

Birds that must be registered and ringed if kept in captivity