

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds:

**SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA) CITATION  
FOR PUBLIC ISSUE**

**GREENLAW MOOR, BORDERS (428A)**

The Greenlaw Moor Special Protection Area is located in the southern Lammermuir Hills. The site includes two pools surrounded by an area of moorland. It is an important roosting area for geese in winter.

The Special Protection Area lies within the Greenlaw Moor SSSI.

Greenlaw Moor qualifies under **Article 4.2** by regularly supporting, in winter, an internationally important population of **pink-footed goose** *Anser brachyrhynchus*, with in the five-year period 1987/88 to 1991/92 an average peak count of 14,200 individuals (7% of the British wintering population and total Icelandic/Greenlandic breeding population).

As well as its importance for pink-footed goose, the site is also of interest for its overall assemblage of wintering waterfowl including the Annex 1 species whooper swan *Cygnus cygnus* and barnacle goose *Branta leucopsis* as well as greylag goose *Anser anser*, wigeon *Anas strepera*, teal *Anas crecca*, mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*, shoveler *Anas clypeata*, pochard *Aythya ferina*, tufted duck *Aythya fuligula*, goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* and goosander *Mergus merganser*.

The site is also of interest, in summer, for its diverse assemblage of breeding waterfowl, including the Annex 1 species golden plover *Pluvialis apricaria* as well as teal *Anas crecca*, mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*, shoveler *Anas clypeata*, tufted duck *Aythya fuligula*, ruddy duck *Oxyura jamaicensis*, redshank *Tringa totanus*, curlew *Numenius arquata* and snipe *Gallinago gallinago*.

The Annex 1 species merlin *Falco columbarius* and short-eared owl *Asio flammeus* breed on the site and the Annex 1 species peregrine *Falco peregrinus* regularly occurs in winter.

Area: 247.6 Ha.

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