2023

# Birdcrime appendices

To accompany Birdcrime 2023

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**Disclaimer:** The data in these appendices were extracted from RSPB databases in June 2024. They were accurate at the time of extraction but are constantly being updated and may be subject to change. Additional incidents or details may be added retrospectively, pending release from statutory agencies or other sources. The RSPB suspects that the true number of persecution incidents is likely to be significantly higher than the data in this report suggests, due to the impact of restrictive procedural methods and limiting factors connected to the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the UK.

# Explanatory notes

The RSPB's Birdcrime report summarises criminal offences against wild birds of prey, collated by the RSPB each year. Published annually since 1990, the Birdcrime report is the only centralised source of incident data for bird of prey persecution.

All data recorded by RSPB Investigations in relation to bird of prey persecution includes information gathered by the RSPB Investigations fieldwork team, police-led investigations, and criminal prosecutions. These incidents are substantiated where possible by post-mortem, toxicology testing, forensic analysis, intelligence reports, and eyewitness statements. Incidents involving the illegal use of poisons also include data recorded by the Health and Safety Executive's Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS).

The RSPB Investigations team is a specialist unit set up to assist the statutory agencies with criminal investigation and prosecution of crimes against wild birds. The team includes specialist officers with investigative (field-based) and intelligence (office-based) capability and plays a vital role in detecting and documenting these crimes. Every bird of prey persecution incident is recorded as confirmed, probable or unconfirmed, based on the level of certainty and evidence gathered.

**Confirmation status**

**Confirmed:** the circumstances confirm that an illegal act has taken place. These incidents are typically substantiated by evidence such as post-mortem or toxicological analysis, or reliable eyewitness evidence. The total number of confirmed incidents represents a proportion of the overall total, as many incidents are not detected or reported because they often take place in remote or private locations.

**Probable:** the circumstances indicate that the most likely explanation is that an illegal act has taken place.

**Unconfirmed:** the circumstances indicate that an illegal act has possibly taken place.

**Other persecution**

Confirmed persecution incidents that are not categorised as shooting, trapping, poisoning or nest destruction. These include:

- the killing or attempted killing of birds of prey using a method unspecified above (e.g. catapult or stamping on chicks in the nest)
- the possession of equipment to target and kill birds of prey (including the illegal possession of banned pesticides)
- persecution incidents where evidence substantiates that a bird of prey was illegally killed but the cause of death cannot be determined (e.g. due to decomposition of the bird's remains).

# Appendix 1

## Data summary

To see the most complete, centralised set of known confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents in the UK, see our interactive Raptor Persecution Map Hub: rspb.org.uk/raptormap

### Data summary 2023

In 2023, the RSPB Investigations team recorded 59 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents. Each is mapped to an Ordnance Survey 10km grid square and can be broken down into the following incident types:

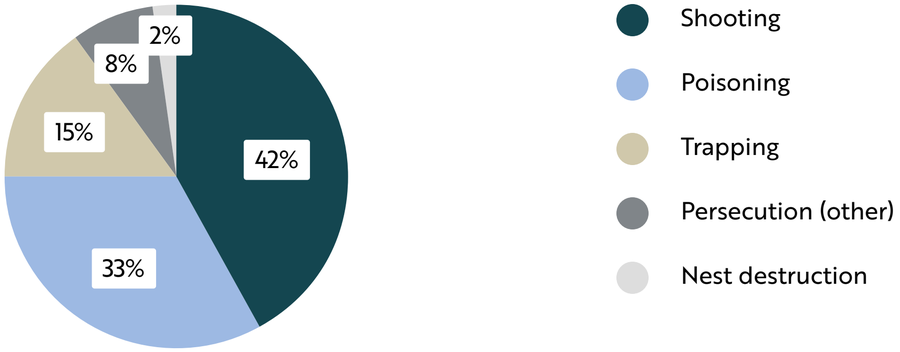
- 39 confirmed shooting or attempted shooting incidents. Victims included 14 Buzzards, 10 Red Kites, five Hen Harriers, three Peregrines, two Goshawks, one Barn Owl, one Golden Eagle, one Osprey, one Short-eared Owl and one Sparrowhawk.
- 10 confirmed poisoning (pesticide abuse) incidents. Victims included seven Red Kites, three Buzzards and two White-tailed Eagles.
- Six confirmed trapping incidents. Victims included two Barn Owls, one Peregrine, one Sparrowhawk and one Tawny Owl.
- Four confirmed 'other' persecution incidents (see Explanatory Notes on page 3). Victims included two Hen Harriers and one Buzzard.
- The total number of confirmed victims is at least 59 individual birds of prey. Species included 18 Buzzards, 17 Red Kites, seven Hen Harriers, four Peregrines, three Barn Owls, two Goshawks, two Sparrowhawks, two White-tailed Eagles, one Golden Eagle, one Osprey, one Short-eared Owl and one Tawny Owl.

### Data summary 2009-2023

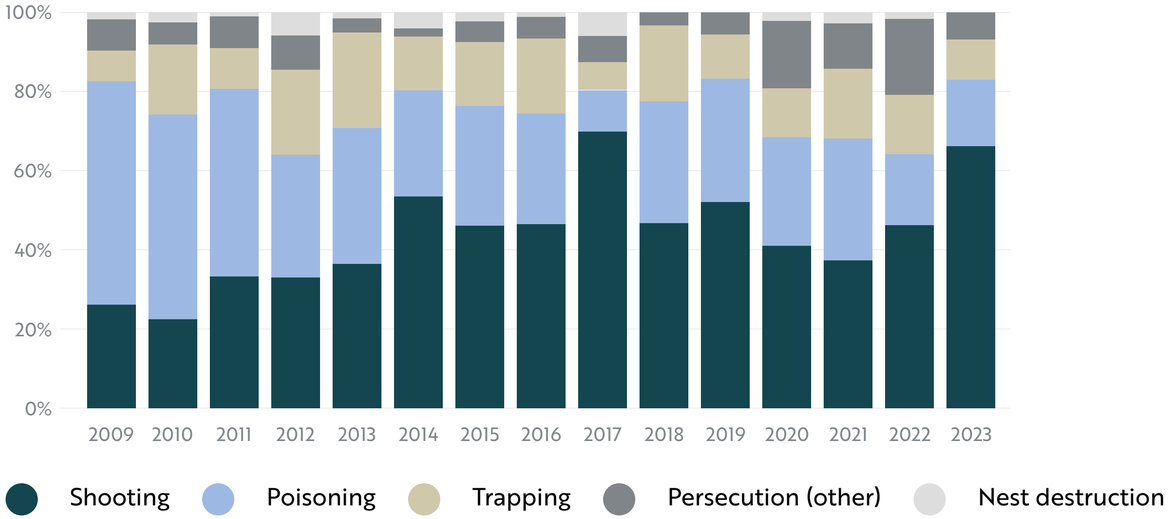
Between 2009 and 2023, the RSPB Investigations team recorded 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents. Each is mapped to an Ordnance Survey 10km grid square and can be broken down into the following incident types:

- 641 confirmed shooting or attempted shooting incidents. A total of 646 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 284 Buzzards, 89 Peregrines, 86 Red Kites, 39 Sparrowhawks and 31 Goshawks.
- 506 confirmed poisoning (pesticide abuse) incidents. A total of 488 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 222 Buzzards, 173 Red Kites, 51 Peregrines, 15 Golden Eagles and eight White-tailed Eagle.
- 229 confirmed trapping incidents. A total of 139 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 64 Buzzards, 15 Tawny Owls, 13 Sparrowhawks, 10 Goshawks and six Barn Owls.
- 121 confirmed 'other' persecution incidents (see Explanatory Notes on page 3). Victims included 16 Buzzards, 11 Hen Harriers, six Barn Owls, six Red Kites and five Sparrowhawks.
- 32 confirmed nest destruction incidents. Victims included the nests of Barn Owls, Peregrines, Goshawks, Marsh Harriers, Hen Harriers and White-tailed Eagles.
- The total number of confirmed victims is at least 1,344 individual birds of prey, though the actual number is likely to be much higher.

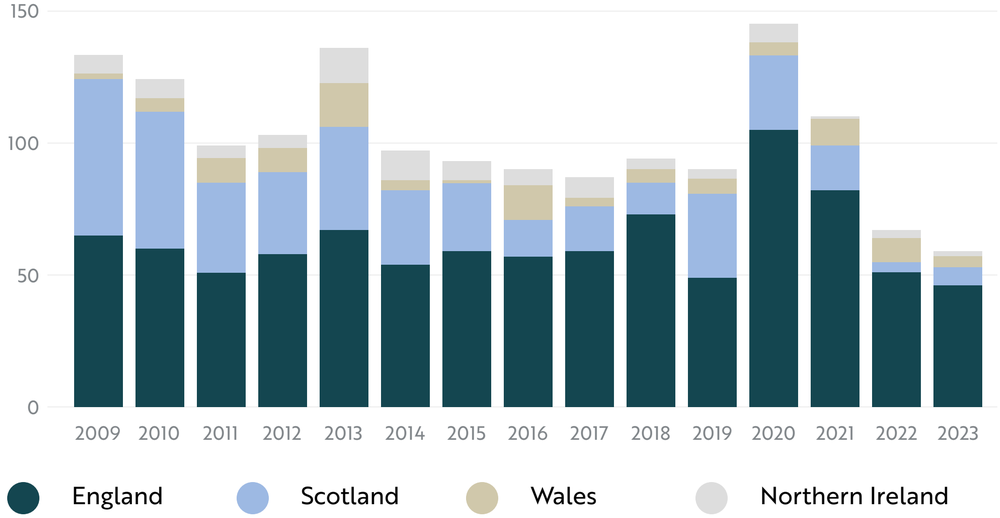
## Figure 1a: The 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by % incident type, 2009-2023




## Figure 1b: Proportional representation of the 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by type, 2009-2023




## Figure 2: Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by UK country, 2009-2023

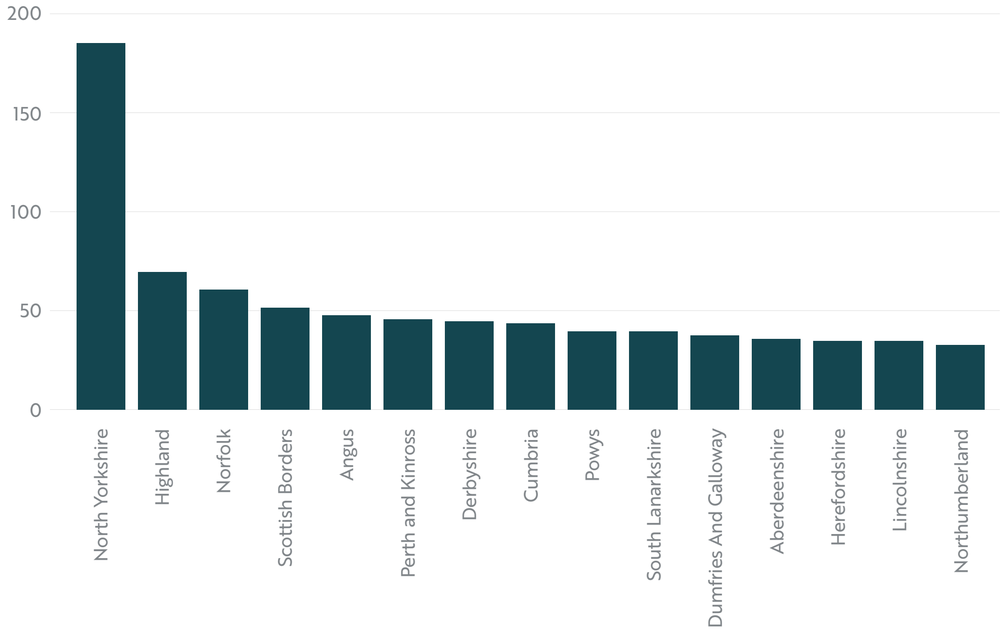



**UK breakdown of confirmed bird of prey incidents 2009-2023**

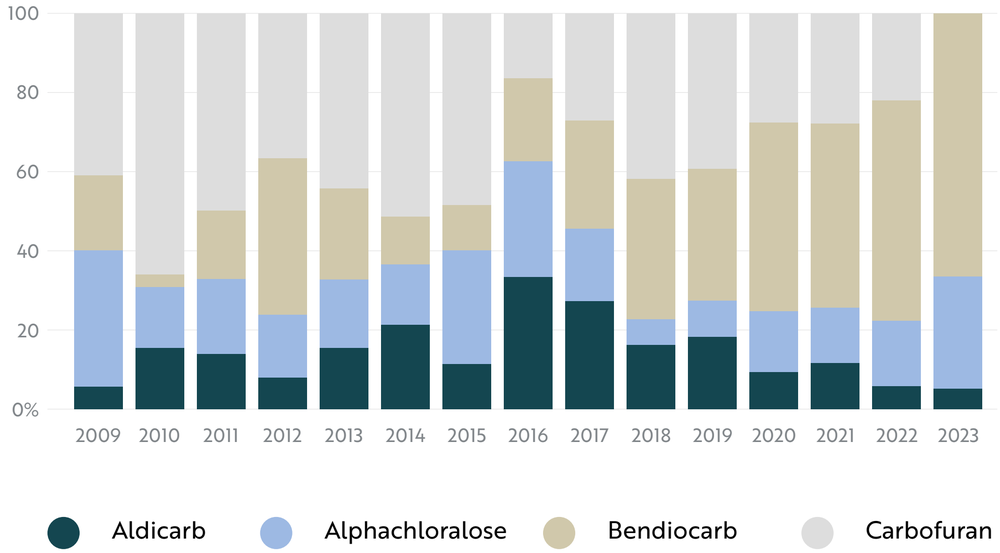
- 936 (61%) of confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents occurred in England
- 400 (26%) occurred in Scotland
- 102 (7%) occurred in Wales
- 89 (6%) occurred in Northern Ireland
- Two incidents could not be assigned to a single UK country due to uncertainty of their exact location

**Note:** these incidents represent a fraction of those that occur, as many go undetected. Conclusions that can be drawn from these figures in isolation are limited.

## Figure 3: Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents, 2009-2023: 15 counties with the highest number of incidents

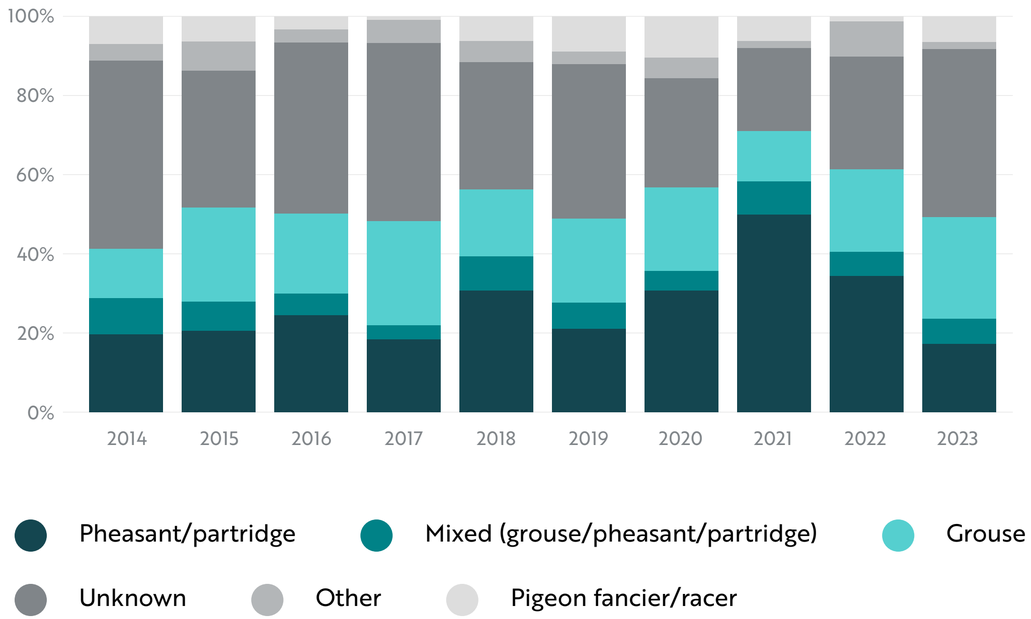



## Figure 4: The four most commonly used pesticides in UK bird of prey persecution incidents by proportion, 2009-2023



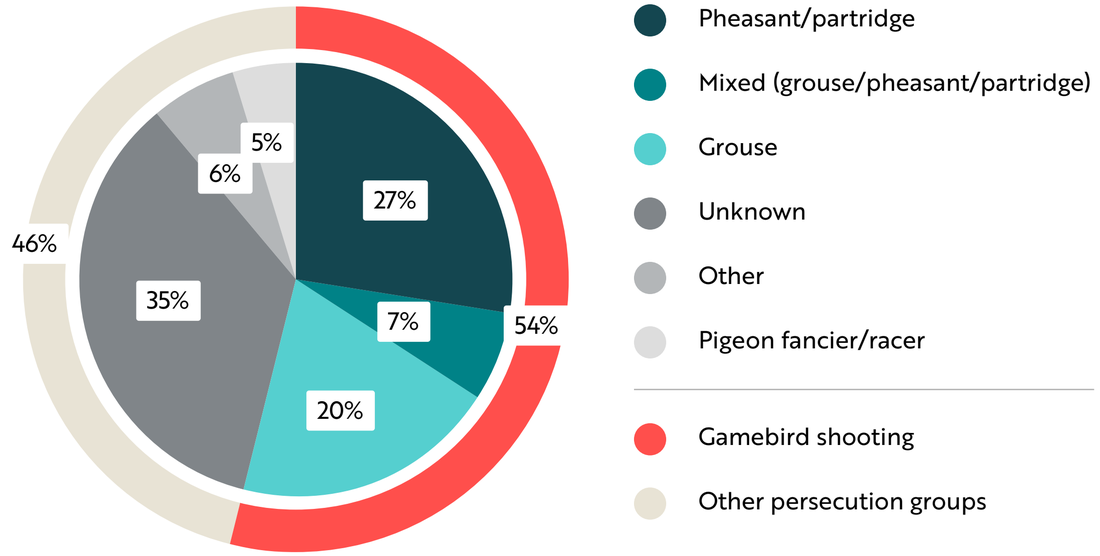

Bendiocarb has become the most commonly detected substance in bird of prey persecution pesticide abuse incidents, replacing carbofuran since 2020. Carbofuran, aldicarb and alphachloralose (at high concentration) are all banned pesticides in the UK. Bendiocarb is banned in Scotland and is soon to be withdrawn across the UK.

## Figure 5: The 933 confirmed UK bird of prey persecution incidents categorised by likely persecution groups, 2014-2023




**Note:** Data pre-dating 2014 was not available for inclusion at the time of publication.

## Figure 6: Proportion of all 933 confirmed UK bird of prey persecution incidents categorised by likely persecution groups, 2014-2023




Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents since 2014 have been categorised in connection to the main persecution groups based on evidence and intelligence:

- Land managed for and/or connected to individuals or groups managing land for gamebird shooting (split into grouse, pheasant/partridge, or mixed pheasant/grouse/partridge)
- Pigeon fanciers/pigeon racing
- Other (includes incidents where the targeting of birds of prey is by an individual whose motive is known but does not fit into the above groups)
- Unknown (insufficient intelligence/evidence to assign an incident to a given group).

# Appendix 2

## Table 1
## Confirmed bird of prey persecution victims, 2009-2023

| Incident type | Species | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Victim totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shooting or attempted shooting | Buzzard | 18 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 29 | 26 | 16 | 15 | 29 | 15 | 25 | 31 | 22 | 7 | 14 | 284 |
| | Peregrine Falcon | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 89 |
| | Red Kite | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 5 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 86 |
| | Sparrowhawk | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 39 |
| | Goshawk | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 31 |
| | Barn Owl | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | 20 |
| | Hen Harrier | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 5 | 19 |
| | Kestrel | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | 19 |
| | Short-eared Owl | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| | Marsh Harrier | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 8 |
| | Tawny Owl | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 7 |
| | Golden Eagle | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | 5 |
| | Little Owl | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 4 |
| | Osprey | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 |
| | Birds of prey | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | Falcons | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 |
| | Long-eared Owl | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| | Hobby | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| | Merlin | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| | Eagle Owl | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Red-footed Falcon | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | **Annual totals** | **35** | **30** | **34** | **34** | **50** | **54** | **43** | **42** | **61** | **44** | **47** | **60** | **41** | **32** | **39** | **646** |
| Poisoning | Buzzard | 31 | 34 | 17 | 9 | 31 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 222 |
| | Red Kite | 9 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 19 | 23 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 173 |
| | Peregrine Falcon | | 9 | 7 | 2 | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 4 | | 51 |
| | Golden Eagle | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 5 | | | 15 |
| | White-tailed Eagle | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 8 |
| | Goshawk | | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 7 |
| | Sparrowhawk | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | Marsh Harrier | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | Kestrel | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | Tawny Owl | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | **Annual totals** | **45** | **72** | **48** | **20** | **57** | **36** | **26** | **20** | **11** | **31** | **29** | **36** | **31** | **14** | **12** | **488** |

# Appendix 2

## Table 1
## Confirmed bird of prey persecution victims, 2009-2023 (continued)

| Incident type | Species | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Victim totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Illegal trapping** | Buzzard | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 2 | | 64 |
| | Tawny Owl | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| | Sparrowhawk | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 13 |
| | Goshawk | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 10 |
| | Barn Owl | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| | Peregrine Falcon | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 5 |
| | Red Kite | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | | | | 5 |
| | Hen Harrier | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| | Kestrel | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| | Little Owl | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 3 |
| | Merlin | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 3 |
| | Golden Eagle | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| | Owls | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| | Falcons | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Hobby | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | Long-eared Owl | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | Osprey | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Short-eared Owl | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | **Annual totals** | **5** | **9** | **9** | **16** | **21** | **5** | **6** | **6** | **2** | **15** | **7** | **13** | **15** | **5** | **5** | **139** |
| **Other persecution** | Buzzard | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 3 | | 1 | 16 |
| | Hen Harrier | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 11 |
| | Barn Owl | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | Red Kite | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | | | 6 |
| | Sparrowhawk | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 5 |
| | Peregrine Falcon | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| | Golden Eagle | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | Goshawk | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| | Owls | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | **Annual totals** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **10** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **17** | **5** | **6** | **3** | **53** |
| **Nest destruction** **Note:** As not all nest destruction incidents involve the killing, taking or injuring of birds, the numbers recorded here include only those incidents where a victim has been recovered. | Barn Owl | | | | 3 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | Peregrine Falcon | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | Goshawk | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| | Marsh Harrier | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| | Hen Harrier | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| | White-tailed Eagle | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Annual totals | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |

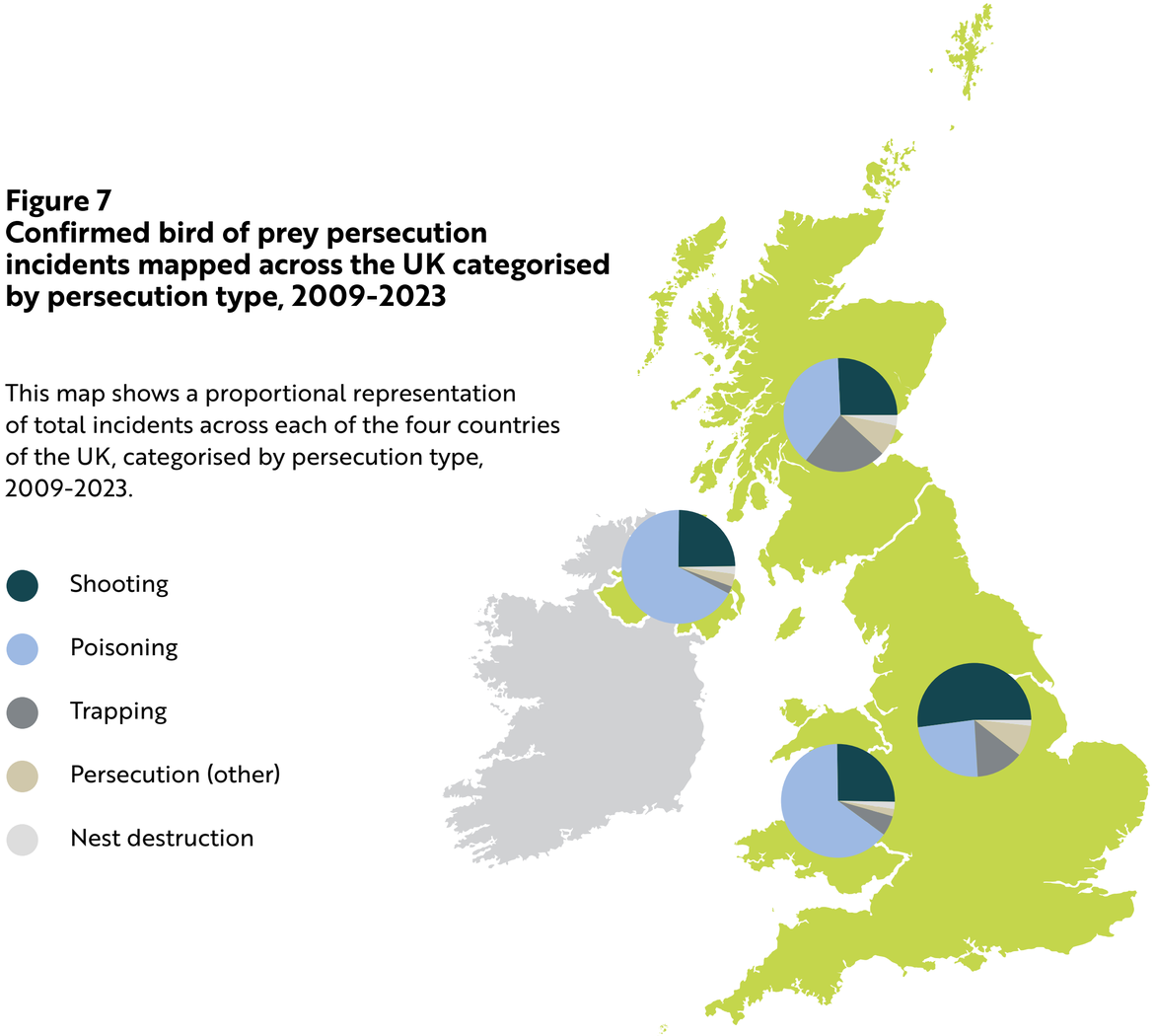
# Appendix 3

## Table 2
## A breakdown of the total number of confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents, by persecution type, for all four countries of the UK, 2009-2023

| Country | Persecution type | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Shooting | Poisoning | Trapping | Other persecution | Nest destruction | Total confirmed incidents |
| England | 488 | 225 | 126 | 81 | 16 | **936** |
| Scotland | 103 | 155 | 95 | 35 | 12 | **400** |
| Wales | 26 | 66 | 6 | 2 | 2 | **102** |
| Northern Ireland | 22 | 60 | 2 | 3 | 2 | **89** |
| UK | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** |
| **Total confirmed incidents** | **641** | **506** | **229** | **121** | **32** | **1529** |

## Figure 7
## Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents mapped across the UK categorised by persecution type, 2009-2023

This map shows a proportional representation of total incidents across each of the four countries of the UK, categorised by persecution type, 2009-2023.



# Appendix 4

## Table 3
## Hen Harrier confirmed persecution incidents and suspicious disappearances in 2023

Data compiled by the RSPB and Natural England's satellite tagging projects, and Hen Harrier nest monitoring work carried out by the RSPB, Natural England and NERF (Northern England Raptor Forum). This table excludes birds which have died of natural causes – confirmed through post-mortems or evidence gathered in the field. Information is accurate to 31 December 2023.

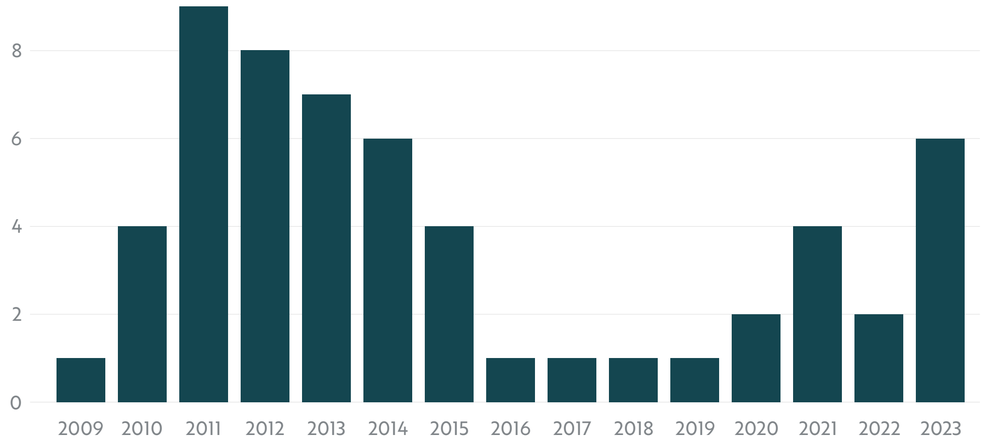
| Name | RSPB or Natural England (NE) fitted satellite tag | Tagging date | Tagging location | Sex | Date of last transmission/sighting | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R1-F3-22 | NE | 14/07/2022 | Yorkshire | F | Mar 23 | North Yorkshire |
| | Tagged | Unknown | Unknown | | Mar 23 | Lancashire |
| R2-M1-22 | NE | 20/07/2022 | Cumbria | M | Apr 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Lagertha | RSPB | 16/06/2022 | South Yorkshire | F | Apr 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Nicola | NE | 22/07/2022 | Cumbria | F | Apr 23 | North Yorkshire |
| | Untagged | | | M | Apr 23 | Cumbria |
| | Untagged | | | M | Apr 23 | Cumbria |
| | Untagged | | | M | Apr 23 | County Durham |
| Rush | RSPB | 01/06/2021 | Lancashire | M | May 23 | Lancashire |
| Dagda | RSPB | 18/06/2022 | Lancashire | M | May 23 | Northumberland |
| Wayland | RSPB | 23/06/2022 | Lancashire | M | May 23 | North Yorkshire |
| R2-M3-22 | NE | 20/07/2022 | Cumbria | M | May 23 | Northumberland |
| | Untagged | | | | May 23 | Northumberland |
| | Untagged | | | | May 23 | Derbyshire |
| R2-M1-21 | NE | 20/07/2021 | Cumbria | M | June 23 | Cumbria |
| R2-F2-20 | NE | 14/07/2020 | Cumbria | F | June 23 | Cumbria |
| R1-M2-20 | NE | 11/07/2020 | North Yorkshire | M | June 23 | County Durham |
| R1-F1-23 | NE | 08/07/2023 | County Durham | F | July 23 | County Durham |
| Rubi | NE | 27/06/2023 | County Durham | F | July 23 | County Durham |
| Martha | RSPB | 13/07/2022 | Aberdeenshire | F | Aug 23 | Northumberland |
| Hepit | RSPB | 05/06/2023 | Lancashire | F | Aug 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Harmonia | RSPB | 14/06/2023 | Lancashire | F | Aug 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Selena | RSPB | 20/06/2023 | Lancashire | F | Aug 23 | North Yorkshire |
| R3-F1-23 | NE | 02/08/2023 | Yorkshire | F | Aug 23 | County Durham |
| R1-F2-23 | NE | 08/07/2023 | County Durham | F | Aug 23 | Northumberland |
| Saranyu | RSPB | 19/06/2023 | Geltsdale | F | Sept 23 | County Durham |
| Inger | RSPB | 06/07/2022 | Perthshire | F | Sept 23 | Angus |
| Rhys | NE | 01/08/2023 | Cumbria | M | Sept 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Hope | NE | 21/07/2023 | Cumbria | F | Sept 23 | North Yorkshire |
| R2-F2-23 | NE | 19/07/2023 | Cumbria | F | Sept 23 | North Yorkshire |
| R1-F4-22 | NE | 14/07/2022 | Yorkshire | F | Sept 23 | North Yorkshire |
| R1-M3-20 | NE | 11/07/2020 | North Yorkshire | M | Oct 23 | County Durham |
| R4-F1-23 | NE | 08/08/2023 | Cumbria | F | Oct 23 | North Yorkshire |
| Aurora | RSPB | 22/06/2022 | Dumfries & Galloway | F | Dec 23 | North Sea |

# Appendix 5

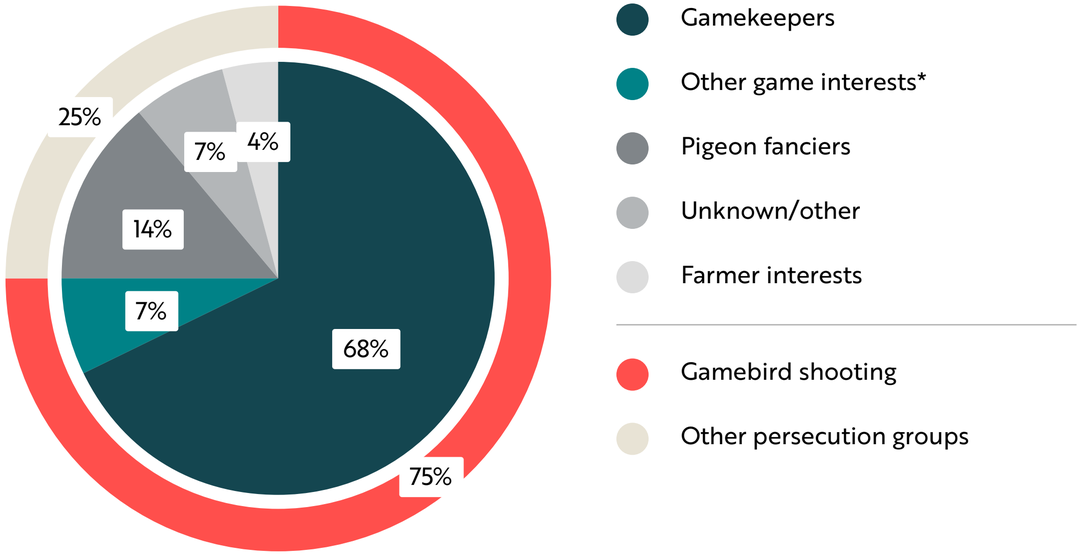
## Bird of prey persecution-related prosecutions and convictions

In 2023, nine individuals were prosecuted for bird of prey persecution-related offences. Six were convicted, of which four were gamekeepers. Of these six convictions, fines totalled £14,807. Two individuals were handed suspended sentences (12 and 15 weeks respectively, both suspended for 12 months), and one individual was given a Community Service Order with 100 hours of unpaid work. The three other convicted individuals received fines. Of the three prosecutions which did not result in a conviction, two were discontinued, and one resulted in a not guilty verdict.

**Figure 8**
**Bird of prey persecution-related convictions per year, 2009-2023**



## Figure 9
## The occupations or interests of the 57 individuals convicted of bird of prey persecution-related offences, 2009-2023




* 'Other game interests' include game shooters, gamebird rearers, and estate managers.

# Appendix 6

## Table 4: All 57 bird of prey persecution-related convictions in the UK, 2009-2023

| Final hearing date | Prosecutor | Court | Surname | Summary of charges | Guilty outcomes | Penalties | Media link |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | **2009** | | | |
| 12/01/2009 | Procurator Fiscal | Dumfries Sheriff | Galbraith | Two charges under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA81) | Guilty of both charges | £1,400 fine | Read more (RPUK) |
| | | | | **2010** | | | |
| 18/01/2010 | Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) | Welshpool Magistrates | Partridge | Seven charges: four under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (FEPA85) and three under the WCA81 | Guilty of three charges | £100 fine | No link |
| 24/03/2010 | Procurator Fiscal | Perth Sheriff | Kerr | Four charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of two charges | £400 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 21/04/2010 | CPS | Hereford Magistrates | Walker | 17 charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | £1,000 fine | Read more (Hereford Times) |
| 17/11/2010 | Procurator Fiscal | Lanark Sheriff | Whitham | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of one charge | £800 fine | Read more (Birdguides) |
| | | | | **2011** | | | |
| 21/04/2011 | CPS | Market Harborough Magistrates | Crane | Four charges: two under the WCA81 and two under the FEPA85 | Guilty of all charges | £3,000 fine | Read more (RSPB blog) |
| 21/04/2011 | CPS | Market Harborough Magistrates | Crane | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of one charge | £500 fine | Read more (RSPB blog) |
| 26/05/2011 | Procurator Fiscal | Inverness Sheriff | Barr | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £3,300 fine | Read more (The Guardian) |
| 26/05/2011 | Procurator Fiscal | Inverness Sheriff | Rolfe | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £1,500 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| 13/06/2011 | CPS | Chesterfield Magistrates | Brown | Seven charges: three under the WCA81 and four under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (AWA06) | Guilty of all charges | 100 hours of unpaid work | Read more (BBC) |
| 12/08/2011 | RSPCA | Leamington Spa Magistrates | Pike | Three charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | £615 fine | Read more (Coventry Live) |
| 28/10/2011 | Procurator Fiscal | Aberdeen Sheriff | Barrie | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of one charge | £520 fine | Read more (SRSG) |
| 01/12/2011 | Procurator Fiscal | Lanark Sheriff | Whitefield | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | 100 hours Community Service Order | Read more (BBC) |
| 05/12/2011 | Procurator Fiscal | Dunfermline Sheriff | Hutchison | Two charges under unknown act(s) | Guilty of all charges | £350 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| | | | | **2012** | | | |
| 12/01/2012 | Procurator Fiscal | Lanark Sheriff | McLachlan | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £635 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| 21/02/2012 | CPS | Norwich Magistrates | Williams | Three charges: two under the WCA81 and one under the Pests Act 1954 (PA54) | Guilty of one charge | £100 fine | No link |
| 04/04/2012 | Procurator Fiscal | Forfar Sheriff | Christie | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | Admonished | Read more (BBC) |
| 24/04/2012 | UK Police Force | Isle of Wight Magistrates | Roberts | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £715 fine | Read more (RPUK) |
| 27/06/2012 | Procurator Fiscal | Perth Sheriff | Graham | Three charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of one charge | £450 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 11/07/2012 | CPS | Caernarfon Magistrates | Titley | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | £250 fine | Read more (NorthWalesLive) |
| 07/09/2012 | Procurator Fiscal | Oban Sheriff | McKellar | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £1,200 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 15/10/2012 | CPS | Lincoln Magistrates | Hebblewhite | Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the FEPA85 | Guilty of all charges | £1,250 fine | Read more (BBC) |

# Appendix 6

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| Final hearing date | Prosecutor | Court | Surname | Summary of charges | Guilty outcomes | Penalties | Media link |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | **2013** | | | |
| 17/01/2013 | RSPCA | Wirral Magistrates | Platt | Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06 | Guilty of all charges | Two-year conditional discharge | Read more (Wirral Globe) |
| 21/02/2013 | CPS | Scarborough Magistrates | Allanson | Six charges: five under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06 | Guilty of two charges | 120 hours of unpaid work | Read more (The Northern Echo) |
| 12/04/2013 | CPS | Newcastle upon Tyne Crown | Unsworth | Four charges under the FEPA85 | Guilty of three charges | £200 fine | Read more (RPUK) |
| 18/06/2013 | Procurator Fiscal | Stranraer Sheriff | Bell | Four charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | £4,450 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 08/07/2013 | CPS | Carlisle Magistrates | Burne | Three charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | 70-day custodial sentence suspended for 12 months | Read more (Birdguides) |
| 09/12/2013 | CPS | Hereford Magistrates | Priday | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £375 fine | Read more (Shropshire Star) |
| 10/12/2013 | CPS | Harrogate Magistrates | Waite | Three charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of two charges | £250 fine | Read more (Mail Online) |
| | | | | **2014** | | | |
| 28/05/2014 | CPS | Beverley Magistrates | Sanderson | Five charges: One under the WCA81, three under the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 (PPP12) and one under the Plant Protection Products Regulations 2011 (PPP11) | Guilty of one charge | Six-month conditional discharge | Read more (RSPB blog) |
| 31/07/2014 | CPS | Basingstoke Magistrates | Stevens | Two charges under the PA54 | Guilty of all charges | £700 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 11/09/2014 | CPS | Torquay Magistrates | Ali | Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the Firearms Act 1968 (FA68) | Guilty of all charges | £200 fine | Read more (Devon & Cornwall Wildlife Crimes Group) |
| 01/10/2014 | CPS | Norwich Magistrates | Lambert | Seven charges: Three under the WCA81, one under the FA68, one under the PPP11 and two under the PPP12 | Guilty of all charges | 10-week custodial sentence suspended for 12 months | Read more (BBC) |
| 11/12/2014 | Procurator Fiscal | Aberdeen Sheriff | Mutch | Four charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | Four-month custodial sentence | Read more (BBC) |
| 23/12/2014 | Procurator Fiscal | Stranraer Sheriff | Johnston Stewart | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £675 fine | Read more (RPUK) |
| | | | | **2015** | | | |
| 20/05/2015 | Procurator Fiscal | Stirling Sheriff | O'Reilly | Three charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | 240 hours of unpaid work | Read more (BBC) |
| 29/07/2015 | Procurator Fiscal | Edinburgh Sheriff | Harrison | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £600 fine | Read more (Farmers Weekly) |
| 04/08/2015 | Procurator Fiscal | Dumfries Sheriff | Dick | Two charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of all charges | £2,000 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 01/12/2015 | Procurator Fiscal | Stirling Sheriff | Christie | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £3,200 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| | | | | **2016** | | | |
| 29/04/2016 | CPS | Workington Magistrates | Mingins | One charge under the PPP12 | Guilty of single charge | £300 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| | | | | **2017** | | | |
| 11/12/2017 | Procurator Fiscal | Inverness Sheriff | Riddoch | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £500 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| | | | | **2018** | | | |
| 28/08/2018 | CPS | Lancaster Magistrates | Cowin | Five charges under the WCA81 | Guilty of three charges | £1,000 fine | Read more (NWCU) |

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| | | | | **2019** | | | |
| 22/07/2019 | Procurator Fiscal | Jedburgh Sheriff | Wilson | 12 charges: seven under the WCA81, one under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (PBA92) and four under unknown act(s) | Guilty of nine charges | 225 hours of unpaid work; Restriction of Liberty Order (9pm-6am) | Read more (The Guardian) |
| | | | | **2020** | | | |
| 18/02/2020 | Procurator Fiscal | Stirling Sheriff | Cowan | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £450 fine | Read more (STV) |
| 25/02/2020 | CPS | Portsmouth Magistrates | Cruz | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £653 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| | | | | **2021** | | | |
| 26/08/2021 | CPS | Ipswich Magistrates | Leech | Eight charges: four under the FA68, two under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74) and two under the WCA81 | Guilty of six charges | 12-month community order with 80 hours of unpaid work | Read more (BBC) |
| 30/11/2021 | Procurator Fiscal | Selkirk Sheriff | Givens | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £300 fine | Read more (Independent) |
| 16/12/2021 | CPS | Manchester Magistrates | Prest | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £800 fine | Read more (Chester Standard) |
| 23/12/2021 | CPS | Nottingham Magistrates | Orrey | Nine charges: five under the WCA81 and four under the FA68 | Guilty of all charges | 20-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £1,000 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| | | | | **2022** | | | |
| 01/06/2022 | CPS | Swindon Magistrates | Watson | Six charges: three under the WCA81 and three under the FA68 | Guilty of all charges | 12-month community order with 180 hours of unpaid work | Read more (NWCU) |
| 05/10/2022 | CPS | Norwich Magistrates | Stroud | 19 charges; 15 under the WCA81, one under the HSWA74, one under the Poisons Act 1972 (PA72), one under the FEPA85 and one under the Animal Health Act 1981 (AHA81) | Guilty of 15 charges | 12-month community order with 200 hours of unpaid work; £692 fine | Read more (NWCU) |
| | | | | **2023** | | | |
| 04/01/2023 | CPS | Weymouth Magistrates | Allen | 10 charges: five under the WCA81, two under the FA68, one under the HSWA74, one under the PPP12 and one under the PA72 | Guilty of seven charges | 15-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £2,022 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 31/03/2023 | Procurator Fiscal | Inverness Sheriff | Parker | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £1,575 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 29/06/2023 | CPS | Scarborough Magistrates | Shooter | Three charges: one under the PA54, one under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06 | Guilty of all charges | 100 hours of unpaid work | Read more (York Press) |
| 29/06/2023 | CPS | Norwich Magistrates | Addison | 19 charges: 10 under the FA68, eight under the WCA81 and one under the PA54 | Guilty of all charges | 12-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £1,080 fine | Read more (BBC) |
| 26/09/2023 | CPS | Dumfries Sheriff | Excell | Seven charges: three under the WCA81 and four under the FA68 | Guilty of two charges | £9,650 fine | Read more (The Herald) |
| 01/12/2023 | RSPCA | Barnsley Magistrates | Smith | One charge under the WCA81 | Guilty of single charge | £480 fine | Read more (Barnsley Chronicle) |

**Note:** The above convictions all have at least one charge relating to bird of prey persecution. A conviction is classified as 'bird of prey persecution-related' if any charges relating to bird of prey persecution are brought.

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