

Appendix for Wild birds (SMR 2)

Applicable from 01/01/2012

Birds which you must not intentionally or recklessly disturb while nesting

(The table below applies to Great Britain)

At all times	
Common name	Scientific name
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>
Bittern, Little	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
Bunting, Cirl	<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>
Bunting, Lapland	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>
Bunting, Snow	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>
Buzzard, Honey	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>
Capercaillie (Scotland only)	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>
Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>
Crake, Spotted	<i>Porzana porzana</i>
Crossbills (all species)	<i>Loxia</i>
Curlew, Stone	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>
Diver (all species)	<i>Gavia</i>
Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>
Duck, Long-tailed	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Eagle, White-tailed	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
Falcon, Gry	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>

Godwit, Black-tailed	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Grebe, Black-necked	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Grebe, Slavonian	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Gull, Little	<i>Larus minutus</i>
Gull, Mediterranean	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>
Harries (all species)	Circus
Heron, Purple	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Oriole, Golden	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Owl, Barn	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Owl, Snowy	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Petrel, Leach's	Oceanodroma leucorhoa
Phalarope, Red-necked	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Plover, Kentish	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
Plover, Little Ringed	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Quail, Common	Coturnix coturnix
Redstart, Black	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>
Rosefinch, Scarlet	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax
Sandpiper, Green	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Sandpiper, Purple	Calidris maritima
Sandpiper, Wood	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>

Scoter, Common	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>
Scoter, Velvet	Melanitta fusca
Serin	Serinus serinus
Shorelark	Eremophila alpestris
Shrike, Red-backed	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Stilt, Black-winged	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Stint, Temminck's	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
Swan, Bewick's	<i>Cygnus bewickii</i>
Swan, Whooper	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
Tern, Black	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
Tern, Little	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
Tern, Roseate	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
Tit, Bearded	<i>Panurus biarmicus</i>
Tit, Crested	Parus cristatus
Treecreeper, Short-toed	Certhia brachydactyla
Warbler, Cetti's	Cettis cetti
Warbler, Dartford	<i>Sylvia undata</i>
Warbler, Marsh	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>
Warbler, Savi's	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
During the close season	
Common name	Scientific name
Golden eye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Goose, Greylag (in outer Hebrides, Caithness, Sutherland and Wester Ross only)	<i>Anser anser</i>
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
NB. The common name(s) given in the first column are included by way of guidance only; in the event of any dispute or proceedings, the common name(s) shall not be taken into account.	

Huntable birds and their close season

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981		
Common name	Scientific name	Close season (Dates inclusive – cannot be killed or taken on the dates shown)
Capercaillie (Scotland only)	<i>Tetrao urogallus</i>	1 Feb – 30 Sep
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug
Tufted duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Pink-footed goose	Anser brachyrhynchus	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
White-fronted goose	Anser albifrons	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Golden plover	Pluvialis apricaria	1 Feb – 31 Aug
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	1 Feb – 31 Aug*
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	1 Feb – 30 Sep
		The close season for wild duck and geese in any area below high water mark is 21 Feb – 31 Aug dates inclusive
Under section 2(3) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, killing or taking of the birds listed in the table above is not permitted on Sundays in Cornwall, Devon, Isle of Ely, Norfolk, Somerset, York North Riding, York West Riding, Doncaster, Great Yarmouth and Leeds.		

<p>Game may not be killed or taken on a Sunday or Christmas Day. Additionally, close season apply for the following birds.</p>		
Common name	Scientific name	Close season (Dates exclusive – can be killed or taken dates shown)
Grouse/red grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus scoticus</i>	10 Dec – 12 Aug
Black game/black grouse	<i>Tetrao tetrix</i>	10 Dec – 12 Aug (Somerset, Devon and New Forest) 10 Dec – 1 Sep
Pheasant (including common pheasant, golden pheasant, Lady Amherst's pheasant, Reeves' pheasant and silver pheasant)	Including <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> , <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> , <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> , <i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i> , <i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	1 Feb – 1 Oct
Partridge (including grey partridge, red-legged partridge, chukar partridge and rock partridge)	Including <i>Perdix perdix</i> , <i>Alectoris rufa</i> , <i>Alectoris chukar</i> , <i>Alectoris graeca</i>	1 Feb – 1 Sep
<p>While a close season is established for Bustards under the Game Act 1831, this species is protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with the result that it may not be killed or taken at any time.</p>		
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