Birds & The Law

Information from the RSPB

SCOTLAND

Protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs
(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, if any person intentionally [F656 or recklessly]—
(a) kills, injures or takes any wild bird;
(b) takes, damages [F657, destroys or otherwise interferes with] the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built; or
[F658 (ba) at any other time takes, damages, destroys or otherwise interferes with any nest habitually used by any wild bird included in Schedule A1;
(bb) obstructs or prevents any wild bird from using its nest;]
(c) takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird,
he shall be guilty of an offence.

ENGLAND & WALES

1 Protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs
(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, if any person intentionally —
(a) kills, injures or takes any wild bird;
[F2 (aa) takes, damages or destroys the nest of a wild bird included in Schedule ZA1:]
(b) takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built; or
(c) takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird,
he shall be guilty of an offence.