

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.