

Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2022

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Note 1	Conservation related crimes are now classed under "Other Conservation Offences". The category "Conservation (protected sites)" was used up to 2019-20.
Note 2	Cases are included where the main charge concerned wildlife crime
Note 3	Data from 2020-21 and 2021-22 are affected by the pandemic and subsequent court closures and should not be considered indicative of long term trends.
Note 4	Cases are included for all charges where this included wildlife crime
Note 5	In 2020-21 data there was 1 Golden Eagle and 1 White Tailed Eagle
Note 6	A single incident may involve more than one bird.
Note 7	Total incidents exclude honeybees and incidents where no analyses were undertaken
Note 8	The "Other birds" category does not include incidents associated with birds of prey.
Note 9	Note that there are 20 incidents concerning trapping and snaring which are not included in Table 17 but are included in Table 18.
Note 10	Note that data in Tables 21 to 38 may differ from those in Tables 1 and 2. All are derived from Police Scotland Recorded Crime data. However Tables 21 to 38 use more detailed "disaggregated data" provided by Police Scotland whereas Figure 1 and Figure 2 are produced from a single data extract taken originally to produce Recorded Crime in Scotland statistics. In addition to slight differences due to the data being extracted at different times, the disaggregated data contains 11 records where the classification of the crime was not one of the wildlife crime classifications used in the Recorded Crime figures, but Police Scotland had identified a wildlife crime element from additional detailed information about the crime. It should also be noted that the categories in Tables 21 to 38 aligned to wildlife crime priorities and differ from the standard categories in Tables 1 and 2. Even for similar categories the numbers may not match if, for example, additional information has been used to allocate crimes from a more general category (e.g. cruelty to wild animals) to one of the specific wildlife crime priorities (e.g. poaching and coursing). Please see the "Data Sources and Methodology" supporting document for more details.
Note 11	Trapping and snaring offences may be duplicated elsewhere, e.g. illegal killing of a badger by snaring would be recorded in 'Badger persecution' and 'Trapping/snaring'
Note 12	From 2020-21 fox hunting offences are included in the "hunting with dogs" category.
Note 13	The 41 charges concerning peregrine falcons in Lothians & Scottish Borders have been made in relation to Operation Tantallon, regarding the theft, illegal handling and trade of Peregrine Falcons.
Note 14	There are two charges concerning the leopard skin handbag: the first recorded in 2020-21 and the second in 2021-22. In 2020-21 the charge concerned its being offered for sale at Scottish arts and antiques centre. It was then found it had previously been sold at auction and a second charge concerning this sale was recorded for 2021-22.
Note 15	A single offence may include more than one species. Therefore the total of the breakdown of bird of prey offences by species presented in Table 32 may be slightly higher than the total of the breakdown of bird of prey offences by type of crime presented in Table 33.
Note 16	One buzzard offence in 2019-20 was linked to an incident involving six buzzards.
Note 17	The single case categorised as "Various Raptors" in 2020-21 concerned a Tawny Owl and Buzzard in same offence.
Note 18	2021-22 includes one raptor offence for 30-40 raptors (killing by means of shooting, trapping, bludgeoning and using an eagle owl as a lure)
Note 19	A single offence is counted as both shooting and trapping. This offence is for 30-40 raptors (killing by means of shooting, trapping, bludgeoning and using an eagle owl as a lure).
Note 20	The 10 cases in the 'Other' offence category in 2021-22 data consist of 9 cases of possession/taking of wild bird and 1 case of killing a wild bird
Note 21	Table 35 does not show offences under Section 18(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act for attempts to commit an offence in relation to killing or taking a wild mammal.
Note 22	One of the fish trap offences concerns an otter which drowned whilst trapped by a Fyke net

Table 1: Wildlife Crime recorded by Police Scotland, by offence type, 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Scottish Government

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Offence type	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badgers	14	15	7	9	10
Birds	45	46	38	29	74
Cruelty to wild animals	32	31	32	45	36
Deer	18	17	25	20	26
Fish poaching	45	24	26	110	49
Hunting with dogs	41	22	40	44	13
Poaching and game laws	3	2	2	0	2
Other wildlife offences	33	11	24	43	73
Other conservation offences [Note 1]	5	3	4	8	3
All Offences	236	171	198	308	286

Table 2: Wildlife Crime recorded, by Police Scotland Division and offence type, 2021-22

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Police Scotland Division	Badgers	Birds	Cruelty to wild animals	Deer	Fish poaching	Hunting with dogs	Poaching and game laws	Other wildlife offences	Other Conservation Offences [Note 1]	All Species
Argyll & West Dunbartonshire	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Ayrshire	0	3	0	5	6	1	0	0	1	16
Dumfries & Galloway	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	5	0	11
Edinburgh	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Fife	3	5	1	0	3	2	0	3	0	17
Forth Valley	1	5	3	3	8	1	0	1	0	22
Greater Glasgow	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Highland & Islands	1	14	2	10	14	0	0	2	1	44
Lanarkshire	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Lothians & Scottish Borders	1	20	3	2	1	1	1	41	0	70
North East	1	16	15	2	13	7	0	12	0	66
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tayside	2	6	2	0	0	1	1	9	0	21
All Police Divisions	10	74	36	26	49	13	2	73	3	286

Table 3: Wildlife cases received by Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) in 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 3]

Source: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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Species Offences Relate to	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badgers	[low]	[low]	3	2	4
Birds	13	12	1	10	16
Cruelty to wild animals	0	[low]	0	2	1
Deer	[low]	[low]	3	2	4
Fish poaching	18	15	17	55	23
Hunting with dogs	22	7	13	25	11
Other wildlife offences	10	11	11	5	16
Other conservation offences [Note 1]	0	0	1	4	2
Total	67	54	49	105	77

Table 4: Wildlife cases received by Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) from reports submitted by the River Tweed Commissioners and the Scottish SPCA, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 3]

Source: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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Species Offences Relate to	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badgers	0	0	3	0	1
Birds	0	0	0	0	1
Cruelty to wild animals	0	[low]	0	2	0
Deer	0	0	0	0	0
Fish poaching	0	[low]	0	1	1
Hunting with dogs	0	0	0	0	0
Other wildlife offences	0	0	2	0	1
Other conservation offences [Note 1]	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	[low]	5	3	4

Table 5: Outcomes of all wildlife cases reported to COPFS in 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 3]

Source: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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All reports	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
No action	30	19	23	31	21
Alternative to prosecution	23	18	14	55	33
Prosecuted	14	17	12	19	23
Prosecutions convicted	[low]	11	5	10	14
Prosecutions acquitted	[low]	6	1	2	2
Prosecutions pending trial	0	0	6	7	7
Number of reports received	67	54	49	105	77

Table 6: Outcomes of all wildlife cases reported to COPFS from reports submitted by the River Tweed Commissioners and the Scottish SPCA, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 3]

Source: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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All reports	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
No action	0	[low]	2	1	0
Alternative to prosecution	0	[low]	1	0	2
Prosecuted	0	0	2	2	2
Prosecutions convicted	0	0	0	2	1
Prosecutions acquitted	0	0	0	0	0
Prosecutions pending trial	0	0	2	0	1
Number of reports received	0	[low]	5	3	4

Table 7 - People proceeded against in Scottish courts for wildlife crimes, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Species Offences Relate to	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badgers	2	0	0	0	0
Birds	3	2	4	0	3
Cruelty to wild animals	5	0	3	0	2
Deer	1	0	0	0	0
Hunting with dogs	4	6	0	1	8
Fish poaching	5	3	5	0	1
Other wildlife offences	9	4	0	1	4
Total of people proceeded against	29	15	12	2	18
Number of people found guilty	25	10	11	1	11
Percentage of people found guilty	86%	67%	92%	50%	61%

Table 8 - Offences proceeded against in Scottish courts for wildlife crimes, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3][Note 4]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Offences	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total number of offences proceeded against	55	43	33	8	32
Total number of offences found guilty	26	15	24	3	17
Percentage of all offences found guilty	47%	35%	73%	38%	53%

Table 9 - People proceeded against in Scottish courts for wildlife crimes: total over years 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Species Offences Relate to	Total proceedings	Conviction rate
Badgers	2	50%
Birds	12	100%
Cruelty to wild animals	10	90%
Deer	1	100%
Hunting with dogs	19	53%
Fish poaching	14	93%
Other wildlife offences	18	67%
Total proceeded against	76	76%

Table 10: People with a charge proved for wildlife crimes in Scottish Courts, by main penalty, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Number of people with charge proved	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
People proceeded against	29	15	12	2	18
People with a charge proved	25	10	11	1	11
Custodial sentence	2	0	0	0	0
Community sentence	3	1	4	1	4
Monetary penalty	17	7	7	0	6
Other penalty	3	2	0	0	1

Table 11: People with a charge proved for wildlife crimes in Scottish Courts, by main penalty and wildlife crime, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Offences relating to:	Custodial sentence	Community sentence	Monetary penalty	Other Penalty	Total with a charge proved
Badgers	0	0	1	0	1
Birds	0	2	8	2	12
Cruelty to wild animals	1	1	7	0	9
Deer	0	0	1	0	1
Hunting with dogs	1	4	5	0	10
Fish poaching	0	4	6	3	13
Other wildlife offences	0	2	9	1	12
All Offences	2	13	37	6	58

Table 12: People with a charge proved for wildlife crimes in Scottish Courts where penalty was monetary or custodial penalty by wildlife crime, 2017-18 to 2021-22 [Note 2][Note 3]

Source: Scottish Criminal Proceedings database

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Offences relating to:	Custodial sentence	Average Custodial sentence length (days)	Monetary penalty	Average Monetary fine (£)
Badgers	0	0	1	300
Birds	0	0	8	420
Cruelty to wild animals	1	126	7	550
Deer	0	0	1	325
Hunting with dogs	1	195	5	1594
Fish poaching	0	0	6	283
Other wildlife offences	0	0	9	883
All Offences	2	161	37	688

Table 13: Scottish wildlife DNA Forensic Unit cases, 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) Wildlife DNA Forensic unit

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Offence Category	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badger persecution	1	5	2	2	1
Bat persecution	0	0	0	0	0
CITES	1	1	0	0	1
Freshwater pearl mussels	0	0	0	0	0
Poaching and coursing	3	2	1	5	5
Raptor persecution	5	8	5	3	5
Other wildlife crime	1	2	0	0	0
Other (e.g. animal cruelty)	0	3	2	5	5
All Offences	11	21	10	15	17

Table 14: Pesticide incidents in Scotland 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) Wildlife DNA Forensic unit

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Category of Incidents	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Number of incidents investigated [Note 7]	184	175	217	204	217
Number of incidents attributed to pesticides	17	14	28	14	14
All Abuse incidents	10	8	20	6	3
Percentage of incidents investigated concerning abuse	5	5	9	3	1
Abuse incidents involving birds of prey	4	5	9	3	1
Abuse incidents involving other birds [Note 8]	0	0	5	1	1
Abuse incidents involving suspicious baits/substances	3	1	3	2	1
Abuse incidents involving companion animals	3	2	3	0	0
Abuse incidents involving wild mammals	0	0	0	0	0

Table 15: Bird of prey poisonings, Scotland: Number of Birds of Prey Poisoned (By Species), 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source :Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) Wildlife DNA Forensic unit

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Year	Buzzard	Red kite	Peregrine falcon	Eagle [Note 5]	All Birds	Number of Incidents [Note 6]
2017-18	3	1	0	0	4	4
2018-19	1	3	1	0	5	5
2019-20	2	9	0	0	11	9
2020-21	0	1	0	2	3	3
2021-22	0	1	0	0	1	1
Total	6	15	1	2	24	22

Table 16: Wildlife cases examined by SRUC Veterinary Services under advisory activity funding, 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) Veterinary Services

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Wildlife Cases	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total wildlife cases examined as possible wildlife crimes	135	195	125	162	155
Total mammal cases	31	53	40	50	44
Total mammal cases identified by post-mortem as crime related	13	21	17	21	17
% of mammal cases identified by post mortem as crime related	42%	40%	43%	42%	39%
Total bird cases	104	142	85	112	111
Total bird cases identified by post mortem as crime related	18	22	27	18	26
% of bird cases identified by post mortem as crime related	17%	15%	32%	16%	23%

Table 17: Wildlife incidents identified as crimes by Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Special Investigations Unit (SIU), April 2021 - March 2022 [Note 9]

Source: Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Type of wildlife crime	Pieces of information identified as crime	Reported to COPFS
Badger persecution	31	0
Illegal trade (CITES)	0	0
Raptor Persecution	16	0
Bat Persecution	0	0
Poaching and coursing	7	0
Freshwater pearl mussels	0	0
Other	17	0
Total incidents	71	0

Table 18: Wildlife crime investigations dealt with by Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Special Investigations Unit (SIU), 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Number of cases	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Incidents investigated solely by SIU	88	112	103	102	91
Number of cases reported to COPFS	0	9	9	7	0
Percentage of all SIU cases reported to COPFS	0%	8%	9%	7%	0%
Police Scotland-led investigations assisted by SIU	37	42	44	38	52
Total	125	154	147	140	143

Table 19: Scottish wildlife crime intelligence logs 2021-22

Source: Scottish Intelligence Database/National Wildlife Crime Unit (used with permission of Police Scotland)

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Keyword	Intelligence logs	Percentage of total
Hare	76	20.5%
Deer	68	18.3%
Fish	54	14.6%
Raptor	22	5.9%
Badger	20	5.4%
CITES (Trade in Endangered Species)	4	1.1%
Bat	3	0.8%
Freshwater Pearl Mussels	0	0.0%
All 'other' wildlife	124	33.4%
Total	371	

Table 20: Most common species keyword in National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU) intelligence logs 2017-18 to 2021-22

Source: Scottish Intelligence Database/National Wildlife Crime Unit (used with permission of Police Scotland)

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Year	Hare	Deer	Fish
2017-18	29%	15%	13%
2018-19	25%	21%	11%
2019-20	25%	15%	14%
2020-21	23%	13%	20%
2021-22	20%	18%	15%

Table 21: Police Scotland offence data from 2017-18 to 2021-22: Number of offences [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of crime	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Badger persecution	15	16	11	14	13
Bat persecution	1	0	4	8	0
CITES (Trade in endangered species)	2	1	0	1	46
Freshwater pearl mussels	1	1	2	0	2
Poaching and Coursing	127	69	109	212	101
Raptor persecution	24	17	25	11	24
Not related to Priority Area	63	59	45	59	109
No crime recorded	2	0	0	0	0
Total Offences	235	163	196	305	295

Table 22: Police Scotland offence data from 2017-18 to 2021-22: Number of offences, additional breakdown (subset of table 21) [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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[z] indicates that an offence category is not applicable.

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Type of crime	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Trapping/snaring (all species) [Note 11]	15	28	28	22	31
Fox hunting [Note 12]	6	2	2 [z]	[z]	
Hunting with dogs (previously Protection of Wild Mammals Act (Scotland) offences) [1]	41	22	38	85	34
Total Offences	62	52	68	107	65

Table 23: Quarterly Police Scotland data for 2021-2022: Number of Offences [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of crime	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Badger persecution	7	2	1	3
Bat persecution	0	0	0	0
CITES (Trade in endangered species)	6	2	10	28
Freshwater pearl mussels	2	0	0	0
Poaching and Coursing	37	22	10	32
Raptor persecution	4	6	4	10
Not related to Priority Area	14	46	34	15
Total Offences	70	78	59	88

Table 24: Quarterly Police Scotland data for 2021-2022, additional offences (subset of table 23) [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of crime	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Trapping/snaring (all species) [Note 11]	6	13	11	1
Hunting with dogs (all Protection of Wild Mammals Act offences) [Note 12]	13	4	4	13
Total offences	19	17	15	14

Table 25: Badger offences 2021-22 by Police Scotland Division [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Type of offence	Number of offences
Ayrshire	Cruelty/Shooting	1
Ayrshire	Hunting/Killing	1
Fife	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	3
Highlands and Islands	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
Lanarkshire	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
Lanarkshire	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
North East	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	1
Tayside	Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	2
Total Offences		13

Table 26: Badger offences 2021-22 by species and quarterly breakdown [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of Crime	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Total
Digging, damage and obstruction to sett	6	1	1	3	11
Killing	0	1	0	0	1
Cruelty/Shooting	1	0	0	0	1
Total offences	7	2	1	3	13

Table 27: Summary of 2021-22 bat persecution offences [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Type of Offence	Date
No bat-related offences for 2021-22		

Table 28: Summary of 2021-22 CITES (Trade in Endangered Species) offences [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Type of Offence [Note 13]	Count	Date
Ayrshire	Possession of dead badger for taxidermy purposes	1	Mar-22
Highland & Islands	Selling of birds parts (raptors)	1	Aug-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Acquisition and possession of cash in relation of sale of peregrine falcon	1	May-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Transfer of cash relating to sale of peregrine falcon	1	May-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	False statement in relation to peregrine falcons	2	May-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Advertising peregrine falcon for sale	2	Oct-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Selling peregrine falcon without necessary documentation	2	Oct-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Making a false statement in terms of parentage line to obtain an article 10 certificate (species Peregrine Falcon)	6	Oct-21
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Selling peregrine falcon without necessary documentation	2	Jan-22
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Making false declaration or providing false information in order to obtain a permit or certificate (in relation to Peregrine Falcons)	5	Jan-22
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Selling wild Peregrine Falcon	5	Feb-22
Lothians & Scottish Borders	False Declaration under Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Regulations 1997	13	Feb-22
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Making false declaration or providing false information in order to obtain a permit or certificate (in relation to Peregrine Falcons)	1	Feb-22
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Acquiring peregrine falcon for sale	1	Feb-22
North East	Selling dead squirrel on Facebook	1	Aug-21
Tayside	Selling leopard skin handbag [Note 14]	1	Apr-21
Tayside	Offering for sale marine turtle shell without appropriate documentation.	1	Apr-21
Total offences		46	

Table 29: Summary of 2021-22 Freshwater Pearl Mussels offences (FWPM) [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Type of Offence	Number of offences
Highland & Islands	Taking of Freshwater Pearl Mussels. Pile found by river bank. No suspect. Filed.	2

Table 30: Poaching and coursing offences 2021-22 by Police Scotland Division [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Target Species	Number of Offences
Argyll & West Dunbartonshire	Deer	1
Ayrshire	Hare	1
Ayrshire	Deer	4
Ayrshire	Fish	6
Dumfries & Galloway	Hare	1
Edinburgh	Fish	1
Fife	Fish	3
Fife	Rabbit	2
Fife	Hare	2
Fife	Roe Deer/Brown Hares	1
Forth Valley	Fish	7
Forth Valley	Hare	4
Forth Valley	Deer	2
Greater Glasgow	Fish	2
Highland & Islands	Deer	10
Highland & Islands	Fish	14
Lanarkshire	Fish	1
Lanarkshire	Hare	2
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Deer	2
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Rabbit	1
North East	Deer	3
North East	Fish	13
North East	Hare	13
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	Deer	2
Tayside	Hare	3
Total Offences		101

Table 31: Poaching and coursing offences 2021-22 by species and quarterly breakdown [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Target Species	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Total
Fish	19	16	1	11	47
Deer	4	4	6	10	24
Hare	13	1	3	9	26
Rabbit	1	0	0	2	3
Roe Deer/Brown Hares	0	1	0	0	1
Total Offences	37	22	10	32	101

Table 32: Recorded bird of prey cases in Scotland, 2017-18 to 2021-22 by species involved [Note 10] [Note 15]

Source: Police Scotland

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Category of Species	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Buzzard [Note 16]	1	9	8	2	3	23
Hen Harrier	2	0	3	1	0	6
Peregrine	1	1	0	2	16	20
Red Kite	1	2	10	1	1	15
Eagle	1	0	1	2	0	4
Sea Eagle	1	0	0	0	0	1
Golden Eagle	1	1	0	0	1	3
Goshawk	0	1	0	0	1	2
Merlin	1	0	0	0	0	1
Osprey	1	1	0	0	0	2
Red Kite & Buzzard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barn Owl	1	0	0	0	0	1
Short Eared Owl	1	0	0	1	0	2
Tawny Owl	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	12	1	6	0	0	19
Sparrowhawk	0	1	2	1	1	5
Various Raptors [Note 17] [Note 18]	0	0	0	1	1	2

Table 33: Recorded bird of prey cases in Scotland, 2017-18 to 2021-22 by type of crime [Note 10] [Note 15]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of Crime	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Disturbance	3	0	1	0	3	7
Egg Theft	1	1	0	0	3	5
Poisoning	2	6	13	3	2	26
Shooting	5	2	7	5	5	24
Trapping	2	5	4	1	0	12
Shooting and Trapping [Note 19]	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other [Note 20]	11	3	0	2	10	26
Total cases	24	17	25	11	24	101

Table 34: Details of recorded bird of prey incidents in Scotland 2021-22 [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Species targeted	Police Division	Type of offence	Month and year
Buzzard	North East	Poisoning	Mar-22
Buzzard	Tayside	Shooting	Jul-21
Various Raptors [Note 18]	Tayside	Shooting and Trapping	Mar-22
Buzzard	Edinburgh	Shooting	Feb-22
Goshawk	Highland & Islands	Shooting	Jul-21
Eagle	Highland & Islands	Poisoning	Aug-21
Sparrowhawk	Highland & Islands	Shooting	Sep-21
Peregrine Falcon	Fife	Shooting	Jul-21
Red Kite	Dumfries & Galloway	Other	Sep-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	May-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Disturbance	May-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Disturbance	May-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Egg Theft	May-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Oct-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Egg Theft	Oct-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Egg Theft	Oct-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Oct-21
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Disturbance	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22
Peregrine Falcon	Lothians & Scottish Borders	Other	Feb-22

Table 35: Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 'hunting with dogs' offences 2021-22 by Police Scotland Division [Note 10] [Note 21]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Target species	Number of offences
Ayrshire	Fox	1
Ayrshire	Roe Deer	1
Ayrshire	Hare	1
Dumfries & Galloway	Hare	1
Fife	Brown Hare	2
Fife	Roe Deer / Brown Hares	1
Forth Valley	Deer	2
Forth Valley	Hare	4
Lanarkshire	Hare	2
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Fox	1
North East	Deer	1
North East	Hare	13
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	Deer	2
Tayside	Hare	2
Grand Total		34

Table 36: Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 'hunting with dogs' offences 2021-22 by species and quarterly breakdown [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Target species	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Total
Rabbit	0	0	0	0	0
Hare	12	1	3	9	25
Roe Deer/Hare	0	1	0	0	1
Roe Deer	0	1	0	0	1
Deer	1	0	1	3	5
Fox	0	1	0	1	2
Total	13	4	4	13	34

Table 37: Trapping and snaring offences 2021-22 by Police Scotland Division [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Police Division	Type of offence	Target Species	Number of offences
Argyll & West Dunbartonshire	Snare	Unknown	2
Dumfries & Galloway	Snare	Unknown	2
Dumfries & Galloway	Fish Trap	Otter	1
Dumfries & Galloway	Fish Trap	Crayfish	1
Forth Valley	Larsen Trap	Magpies/Crows	2
Highlands and Islands	Snare	Unknown	1
Lanarkshire	Snare	Otter	1
Lothians & Scottish Borders	Snare	Unknown	1
North East	Snare	Fox	3
North East	Spring Trap	Jackdaw	1
North East	Larson trap	Pigeon	1
North East	Snare	Unknown	9
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	Snare	Deer	1
Tayside	Larson Trap	Crows	1
Tayside	Dog cage	Wild Birds	1
Tayside	Fenn Trap/Dog Cage	Wild Birds	1
Tayside	Spring Trap	Wild Birds	1
Tayside	Snares	Fox/Rabbit	1
Total			31

Table 38: Trapping and snaring offences 2021-22 by quarterly breakdown [Note 10]

Source: Police Scotland

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Type of crime	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Total Offences
Fish Trap [Note 22]	0	0	2	0	2
Fenn Trap	0	1	0	0	1
Fenn Trap/Dog Cage	0	1	0	0	1
Larsen Trap	1	3	0	0	4
Snare	5	6	9	1	21
Spring Trap	0	2	0	0	2
Total Offences	6	13	11	1	31