



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

CHAPTER 69

This is an extract from a scanned copy of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as at the time when it received Royal Assent. The Act remains one of the most important pieces of wildlife legislation in Great Britain, but it is important to be aware that this document does not represent the Act as it currently stands.

Please Note:

- Since the passing of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 there have been various amendments to the text of the Act, most significantly through the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 (in England and Wales) and the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (in Scotland), but also through other legislation including the Local Government Act 1985, the Water Act 1989, and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (**PLEASE NOTE:** This is not a complete list of amending legislation).
- There have also been changes to the species listed in the schedules, through Variations to the Schedules Orders. There is a statutory five-yearly review of Schedules 5 and 8 (protected wild animals and plant respectively), undertaken by the statutory conservation agencies and coordinated through JNCC, but changes to the Schedules can be made by the Secretary of State at any time, if it is considered necessary because of a threat of extinction or in response to international obligations. JNCC maintain a central spreadsheet of conservation designations for all taxa which includes any changes to the Schedules of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act.
- When citing any legislation, it is important to check whether any parts of it have been amended (or repealed) by later Acts or Statutory Instruments. Most UK legislation introduced since 1988 is available online from the website of the Office of Public Sector Information <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation>. If necessary, a qualified legal adviser should be consulted for definitive guidance over what legislation may be applicable, and its interpretation.

The remaining parts of this original text of the act can be found at www.jncc.gov.uk/page-3614

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Sections 1, 2, 4,
6, 19 and 22.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

BIRDS WHICH ARE PROTECTED BY SPECIAL PENALTIES

PART I

AT ALL TIMES

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
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>
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 oedienemus</i>
Divers (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, Gyr	<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>
Harriers (all species)	<i>Circus</i>
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>

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Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
Petrel, Leach's	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>	
Phalarope, Red-necked	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	
Plover, Kentish	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	
Plover, Little Ringed	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
Quail, Common	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	
Redstart, Black	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	
Rosefinch, Scarlet	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	
Sandpiper, Green	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	
Sandpiper, Purple	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	
Sandpiper, Wood	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	
Scoter, Common	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	
Scoter, Velvet	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	
Serín	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	
Shorelark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	
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	<i>Parus cristatus</i>	
Treecreeper, Short-toed	<i>Certhia brachydactyla</i>	
Warbler, Cetti's	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	
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>	

PART II

DURING THE CLOSE SEASON

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Goose, Greylag (in Outer Hebrides, Caithness, Sutherland and Wester Ross only)	<i>Anser anser</i>
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>

NOTE. The common name or names given in the first column of this Schedule are included by way of guidance only; in the event of any dispute or proceedings, the common name or names shall not be taken into account.