

Appendix I

Incidents reported to the RSPB 2010-2015

The table shows the number of incidents reported to the RSPB each year, for the categories specified.

In 2009, the RSPB ceased recording certain categories of incidents, such as the shooting and destruction of non-bird of prey species, unless there is an associated prosecution. Therefore, the figures supplied do not give a total figure for wild bird crime in the UK and are not comparable with figures provided for years prior to 2009.

Note that the 2015 figures do not include the full annual data set usually included from RSPCA (data from 2013 onwards has been delayed but may be included retrospectively). As a result, the figures for 2015 will be lower, in particular for categories involving taking, sale and possession of non-bird of prey species.

Report type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Shooting and destruction of birds of prey	243	211	210	178	187	196
Taking, sale and possession of birds of prey	37	35	26	30	16	27
Poisoning and use of poisoned baits	124	102	79	77	73	50
Import and export of live or dead birds	2	0	3	1	1	1
Taking, sale and possession of non-bird of prey species	65	84	65	36	44	26
Taxidermy and possession of dead wild birds	12	13	6	8	5	3
Egg collecting and egg thefts	43	33	26	16	25	17
Sale of eggs	2	5	7	3	11	12
Photography and disturbance	50	18	26	14	17	17
Total	578	501	448	363	379	349

UK breakdown for above incident types in 2015	Count
England	242
Scotland	69
Wales	17
Northern Ireland	17
United Kingdom (country unspecified)	4
Total	349

The data above were extracted on 21 December 2016 and were accurate at the time of extraction. However, the data is constantly being updated, so reported incident totals for previous years may have changed due to a number of belated reports or additional information received after the publishing date for *Birdcrime* of that year.

Appendix II

Regional breakdown of incidents reported in 2015

RSPB Region	County	Total
Eastern England	Bedfordshire	3
	Cambridgeshire	3
	Essex	5
	Hertfordshire	4
	Lincolnshire	7
	Norfolk	12
	Suffolk	7
	Total	41
Central England	Buckinghamshire	1
	Derbyshire	11
	Herefordshire	3
	Leicestershire	2
	Northamptonshire	5
	Nottinghamshire	7
	Shropshire	9
	Staffordshire	3
	Warwickshire	4
	West Midlands	4
	Worcestershire	2
Total	51	
Northern England	Cheshire	2
	County Durham	12
	Cumbria	11
	East Riding of Yorkshire	6
	Greater Manchester	8
	Isle of Man	1
	Lancashire	19
	Merseyside	2
	North Lincolnshire	1
	North Yorkshire	40
	Northumberland	13
	Redcar and Cleveland	2
	South Yorkshire	13
	Tyne and Wear	7
West Yorkshire	7	
Total	144	
South East England	East Sussex	1
	Greater London – Croydon	1
	Greater London – Greenwich	1
	Greater London – Haringey	1
	Greater London – Lambeth	1
	Greater London – Waltham Forest	1
	Hampshire	11
	Kent	11
	Surrey	3
	West Sussex	3
Total	34	

Incidents where the location was only given as "England"; "Northern Ireland"; "Scotland"; "Wales" or "United Kingdom" are not included. The regional breakdown in Appendix II includes all incidents reported to the RSPB. Figures of reported incidents in Appendix I are for the specified categories only, therefore Appendix I and II figures will not correlate.

The data above were extracted on 21 December 2016 and were accurate at the time of extraction.

Region	County	Total
South West England	Bristol City	1
	Cornwall	2
	Devon	6
	Dorset	2
	North Somerset	1
	Somerset	1
	Wiltshire	3
	Total	16
Northern Ireland	Antrim	3
	Armagh	5
	Down	8
	Fermanagh	1
	Londonderry	3
	Tyrone	4
	Total	24
East Scotland	Aberdeenshire	23
	Angus	8
	Fife	2
	Perth and Kinross	19
	Total	52
North Scotland	Highland	39
	Orkney	1
	Shetland	3
	Total	43
South and West Scotland	Argyll and Bute	1
	Clackmannanshire	7
	Dumfries and Galloway	13
	East Ayrshire	1
	East Lothian	11
	Glasgow City	1
	Midlothian	1
	North Lanarkshire	2
	Scottish Borders	20
	South Ayrshire	2
	South Lanarkshire	9
	Stirling	3
	West Dunbartonshire	1
	West Lothian	1
Total	73	
Wales	Caerphilly	1
	Carmarthenshire	3
	Ceredigion	3
	Conwy	3
	Denbighshire	4
	Flintshire	1
	Gwynedd	2
	Isle of Anglesey	4
	Monmouthshire	2
	Powys	9
	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	1
	Swansea City	4
	Vale of Glamorgan	2
	Wrexham	1
	Unspecified	1
	Total	41
UK	Overall total	519

Appendix III

Confirmed and probable bird of prey and owl persecution during 2015

Persecution type	Month	Species	Confirmed	Probable	County
Shooting	Jan	Buzzard	1	0	Hampshire
		Kestrel	1	0	East Riding of Yorkshire
		Buzzard	1	0	Lincolnshire
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	Derbyshire
		Barn owl	0	1	Warwickshire
	Feb	Sparrowhawk	0	1	Cornwall
		Short-eared owl	2	0	County Durham
		Buzzard	0	1	Shropshire
		Red kite	1	0	Northamptonshire
		Buzzard	1	0	Warwickshire
	March	Buzzard	1	0	Essex
		Sparrowhawk	0	1	Kent
		Barn owl	1	0	Kent
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	Somerset
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	West Yorkshire
		Long-eared owl	1	0	East Riding of Yorkshire
		Hen harrier	1	0	Dumfries and Galloway
		Buzzard	1	0	Hampshire
	April	Tawny owl	1	0	North Yorkshire
		Buzzard	1	0	Kent
		Buzzard	1	0	Northumberland
		Peregrine falcon	0	1	Armagh
		Buzzard	0	1	Dumfries and Galloway
		Red kite	0	1	Dumfries and Galloway
		Buzzard	0	1	Northumberland
		Buzzard	0	1	North Yorkshire
		Red kite	0	1	Angus
		Buzzard	1	0	North Yorkshire
		Buzzard	1	0	Surrey
		Sparrowhawk	1	0	North Lanarkshire
		May	Short-eared owl	0	1
	Peregrine falcon		2	0	Down
	Red kite		1	0	Down
	Buzzard		1	0	South Yorkshire
	Peregrine falcon		1	0	Staffordshire
	Goshawk		1	0	Derbyshire
	Red kite		0	1	Northamptonshire
	June	Peregrine falcon	1	0	County Durham
		Kestrel	1	0	North Yorkshire
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	Devon
	July	Buzzard	1	0	Suffolk
		Kestrel	1	0	Northumberland
		Buzzard	1	0	Scottish Borders
	Aug	Barn owl	0	1	Kent
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	Kent
		Kestrel	0	1	West Yorkshire
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	County Durham
		Red kite	1	0	Highland
		Peregrine falcon	1	0	Armagh
	Sept	Buzzard	0	1	Ceredigion
Buzzard		1	0	Derbyshire	
Red-footed falcon		1	0	Cambridgeshire	

Persecution type	Month	Species	Confirmed	Probable	County
Shooting (continued)	Sept (cont)	Hen harrier	0	1	Highland
		Barn owl	0	1	Powys
		Buzzard	0	1	Londonderry
	Oct	Buzzard	1	0	South Yorkshire
		Buzzard	1	0	East Sussex
		Marsh harrier	1	0	Norfolk
		Buzzard	1	0	Londonderry
	Nov	Long-eared owl	1	0	East Riding of Yorkshire
		Sparrowhawk	1	0	West Yorkshire
	Withheld	Withheld	1	0	Scotland
		Number of birds	46	18	
Nest destruction	April	Golden eagle	?	0	Perth and Kinross
		Peregrine falcon	0	1	Essex
	July	Hen harrier	0	1	Perth and Kinross
		Hen harrier	0	1	Perth and Kinross
		Marsh harrier	0	?	Lincolnshire
		Marsh harrier	0	?	Lincolnshire
			Number of birds	?	3
Illegal spring trapping	Jan	Buzzard	0	1	East Riding of Yorkshire
	March	Buzzard	0	1	Wrexham
		Buzzard	1	0	East Riding of Yorkshire
	April	Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Highland
		Peregrine falcon	?	0	Staffordshire
	May	Red kite	1	0	Stirling
	July	Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Angus
		Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Angus
		Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Angus
		Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Angus
		Birds of prey and owls	?	0	Angus
	Aug	Buzzard	1	0	Northumberland
	Sept	Osprey	1	0	Derbyshire
		Birds of prey and owls	?	0	South Lanarkshire
			Number of birds	4	2
Illegal trapping (other)	Feb	Birds of prey (except owls)	?	0	Cumbria
	March	Birds of prey (except owls)	?	0	East Lothian
	May	Birds of prey (except owls)	?	0	Scottish Borders
	Oct	Tawny owl	1	0	Warwickshire
			Number of birds	1	0
Other	Feb	Sparrowhawk	1	0	Fife
	April	Birds of prey (except owls)	?	0	North Yorkshire
	May	Birds of prey (except owls)	0	?	County Durham
		Birds of prey (except owls)	0	?	South Yorkshire
		Tawny owl	3	0	Cumbria
	June	Peregrine falcon	0	?	Lancashire
		Goshawk	0	?	Dumfries and Galloway
		Short-eared owl	0	5	North Yorkshire
	Oct	Hen harrier	0	?	County Durham
	Dec	Birds of prey (except owls)	0	?	North Yorkshire
		Number of birds	4	5	

Definitions of categories

Confirmed: the circumstances indicate an illegal act has taken place. These incidents are typically substantiated by evidence such as post-mortem or toxicological analysis, or reliable eyewitness evidence.

The details of some confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents cannot be shown, as requested by Police Scotland.

Probable: the circumstances indicate that by far the most likely explanation is that an illegal act has taken place.

?: no bird found, but the most likely/known target is listed

Items grouped by grey shading are to show one incident involving multiple species, nests, etc.

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Appendix IV

Confirmed poison abuse incidents during 2015

Month	Victim	Number	Poison	County	Bait
Jan	Peregrine falcon	1	Carbofuran	Stirling	-
	Cat	1	Aldicarb	Armagh	-
	Red kite	1	Withheld	Perth and Kinross	-
Feb	Peregrine falcon	1	Carbofuran	Cumbria	-
	Buzzard	1	Aldicarb, bendiocarb, carbofuran, isofenphos	North Yorkshire	-
	-	B	Carbofuran, methiocarb	Cumbria	Pigeon bait x 1
	Buzzard	1	Carbofuran, methiocarb	Cumbria	Pigeon bait x 1
March	Buzzard	1	Alphachloralose	Northumberland	-
	Buzzard	2	Alphachloralose	Derbyshire	-
	Buzzard	1	Withheld	Perth and Kinross	-
	Buzzard	1	Withheld	Perth and Kinross	-
	Buzzard	1	Aldicarb	Nottinghamshire	-
April	Red kite	1	Carbofuran	North Yorkshire	-
	Buzzard	1	Aldicarb	Lincolnshire	Bird remains x 1
	Dog	1	Aldicarb	Lincolnshire	
	Buzzard	1	Alphachloralose	Norfolk	-
	Black-headed gull	1	Alphachloralose	Derbyshire	-
	Buzzard	1	Carbofuran	Tyrone	-
	Dog	2	Carbofuran	Tyrone	-
May	Red kite	1	Bendiocarb	Hertfordshire	-
June	Peregrine falcon	1	Diazinon/dimpylate	Shropshire	-
	Buzzard	1	Withheld	Perth and Kinross	Pheasant x 3; pigeon x 3; unknown bird x 1
	Magpie	1	Alphachloralose	Armagh	-
July	Buzzard	1	Bendiocarb, carbofuran	Shropshire	Pheasant bait x 1
	Columbidae (pigeons)	15	Metalddehyde	Derbyshire	Pellets
Sept	-	B	Carbofuran, isofenphos, methomyl, other	Denbighshire	Rabbit bait x 1
	Buzzard	1	Alphachloralose	Down	-
Oct	Red kite	1	Withheld	Highland	-
Nov	Buzzard	1	Carbofuran	Londonderry	-
Withheld	Withheld	1	Withheld	Scotland	-
Withheld	Withheld	1	Withheld	Scotland	-
Withheld	Withheld	1	Withheld	Scotland	-
Withheld	Withheld	1	Withheld	Scotland	-
Number of victims		47			

B indicates that a bait was found, but there was no victim (or there was no toxicological confirmation that possible victims had actually been poisoned).

The details of some confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents cannot be shown as requested by Police Scotland.

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Appendix V

Schedule 1 nest robberies during 2015

Confirmed

Species	Number of nests	Nest contents	County
Marsh harrier	1	Eggs	Norfolk
Peregrine falcon	1	Chicks	North Yorkshire
Peregrine falcon	1	Eggs	Greater Manchester
Peregrine falcon	1	Eggs	Greater Manchester
Peregrine falcon	1	Unknown	Tyne and Wear
Peregrine falcon	1	Eggs	Dumfries and Galloway
Peregrine falcon	1	Chicks	South Yorkshire
Avocet	5	Eggs	South Yorkshire
Total	12		

Probable

Species	Number of nests	Nest contents	County
Goshawk	1	Chicks	Dumfries and Galloway
Peregrine falcon	1	Unknown	Lancashire
Peregrine falcon	1	Chicks	Greater Manchester
Peregrine falcon	1	Chicks	Dumfries and Galloway
Peregrine falcon	1	Eggs	Leicestershire
Stone curlew	1	Eggs	Suffolk
Little tern	6	Eggs	Hampshire
Total	12		

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Appendix VI

Wild bird-related prosecutions in 2015

Date	Act	Section/Reg	Charges	Prosecutor	Court	Surname	Plea	Outcome	Penalty Type	Penalty	Penalty Type 2	Penalty 2	Details
08/01/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(B)	1	CPS	Lincoln Magistrates	Flinn	NG	G	Fine	£600			Defendant was found guilty of destroying the nest of a wild bird whilst in use (swallow). Fined £600 and ordered to pay £600 costs and a £50 victim surcharge.
12/02/15	Animal Welfare Act 2006 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	9 1(1)(A) 5(1)(B)	1 1 1	CPS CPS CPS	Northallerton Magistrates Northallerton Magistrates Northallerton Magistrates	Sleightholme Sleightholme Sleightholme	NG NG NG	D D D					Defendant (gamekeeper) pleaded not guilty to three charges relating to the the unlawful use of a cage trap. Proceedings stayed following defence abuse of process argument.
17/02/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	5(1)(F)	1	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Wood	NG	G	Fine	£4,000			Defendant (landowner) was found guilty of one charge to knowingly cause or permit the use of a pole trap. Fined £4,000 and ordered to pay £750 costs and £120 victim surcharge. Five spring traps were confiscated. The conviction was subsequently overturned on appeal on 27 November 2015 at York Crown Court. Defendant maintained he had not seen the trap and the court accepted it could not be established he had knowingly permitted the use.
26/02/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	1	CPS	Bournemouth Magistrates	Cochrane	G	G	CD	Six months	CBO	Five years	Defendant pleaded guilty to killing a wild bird after he was filmed pulling the head off a wood pigeon, and was sentenced to a six-month conditional discharge. Subsequently in August 2015 he was issued with a five year criminal behaviour order relating to anti-social behaviour and the keeping and control of animals.
23/03/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	15(A)	1	Fiscal	Dumfries Sheriff	Johnston	NG	G	Fine	£400			Defendant was found guilty of one count of possession of a proscribed pesticide (strychnine) and was fined £400.
15/04/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A) 18(1)	6 3	RSPCA RSPCA	Birmingham Magistrates Birmingham Magistrates	Yin Yin	G G	G G	Fine Fine	£960 total £960 total			Defendant pleaded guilty to six charges of killing a wild bird (two woodpigeon, two blackbirds, one starling and one magpie) and three charges of attempting to kill a wild bird. Fined £960, ordered to pay £1,000 costs, a £20 victim surcharge and rifle was confiscated.
15/05/15	Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Reg. 1997	8(1)	3	CPS	Norfolk Magistrates	Horne	G	G	Fine	£750			Defendant (bird dealer) pleaded guilty to three COTES offences regarding trading in Annex A species (three tawny owls). Defendant was fined £750 and ordered to pay £250 costs.
20/05/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	5(1)(A) 11(1)(A) 1(1)(A)	1 1 1	Fiscal Fiscal Fiscal	Stirling Sheriff Stirling Sheriff Stirling Sheriff	O'Reilly O'Reilly O'Reilly	G G G	G G G	CO CO CO	240 hours' unpaid work total			Defendant (head gamekeeper) pleaded guilty to injuring a wild bird (a common buzzard found seriously injured in a spring trap), setting an article to injure a bird (spring trap), and setting a snare to injure a wild animal. The buzzard had to be euthanased. Defendant was sentenced to carry out 240 hours of unpaid work as part of a community payback order.
12/06/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A) 1(1)(A)	1 1	CPS CPS	Prestatyn Magistrates Prestatyn Magistrates	Clare Clare	NG NG	D D					Defendant pleaded not guilty to two charges of attempting to kill/injure a wild bird (one common buzzard). Charges were dropped three days before trial due to lack of evidence.
16/06/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A) 18(2) 1(2)(A)	1 1 1	CPS CPS CPS	Sheffield Magistrates Sheffield Magistrates Sheffield Magistrates	Martin Martin Martin	U G G	D G G	CO CO	40 hours' unpaid work total	CO CO	12 months total	Defendant pleaded guilty to one charge of possessing wild birds (two tawny owls) and one of possessing an item capable of being used to commit an offence (a home made trap for live capture of birds). A further charge of taking two owls from a nest was withdrawn. Sentenced to 40 hours of unpaid work, a 12 month community order and charged £215 in court costs. The court also made a forfeiture order for the trap and the owls, which were put into the care of a sanctuary.
20/06/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A) 1(1)(A)	1 1	RSPCA RSPCA	Peterlee Magistrates Peterlee Magistrates	Carr Salmon	G G	G G	CO CO	12 months, 100 hours' unpaid work 12 months, 100 hours' unpaid work	CO CO	25 days of activities 25 days of activities	Both defendants pleaded guilty to a charge of killing a wild bird (one mute swan). Both were given 12-month community orders with 100 hours' unpaid work and 25 days of activities. They were also each ordered to pay £100 towards court costs and £50 towards the vet's fees, along with a £60 victim surcharge.
29/06/15	Firearms Act 1968 Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Reg. 2012 Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Reg. 2012 Animal Welfare Act 2006 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(2) 17(1) 17(5) 9 18(2) 5(1)(B)	1 1 1 1 1 1	CPS CPS CPS CPS CPS CPS	Telford Magistrates Telford Magistrates Telford Magistrates Telford Magistrates Telford Magistrates Telford Magistrates	Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright Wainwright	G G G NG NG NG	G G G NG NG NG	Fine Fine NSP	£300 £200			Defendant (gamekeeper) pleaded guilty on an earlier date to two pesticide offences and insecure storage of firearms ammunition. Fined £500 in total, and ordered to pay a £30 victim surcharge and £85 costs. He pleaded not guilty to two offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and one under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, relating to the use of two domestic quails in a Larsen trap. These charges were dismissed as the District Judge ruled that the surveillance evidence putting the defendant with the unlawful trap was disproportionate.

Appendix VI (continued)

Wild bird related prosecutions in 2015

Date	Act	Section/Reg	Charges	Prosecutor	Court	Surname	Plea	Outcome	Penalty Type	Penalty	Penalty Type 2	Penalty 2	Details
20/07/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	5(1)(D)	2	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Smith	G	G	Fine	£100 total	CO	6 months with 10 days rehabilitation activity requirement	Defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of using a decoy to take a wild bird (goldfinches), two counts of possession of an item capable of committing an offence, two counts of taking a wild bird (goldfinch) and two counts of possessing a live wild bird. Fined £100 total and given a six month community order with a 10-day rehabilitation activity requirement, ordered to pay £85 costs, £60 victim surcharge and £150 criminal court charge.
	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	18(2)	2	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Smith	G	G	Fine	£100 total	CO		
	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	2	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Smith	G	G	Fine	£100 total	CO		
	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(2)(A)	2	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Smith	G	G	Fine	£100 total	CO		
01/08/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(2)(A)	1	Fiscal	Dumfries Sheriff	Dick	NG	G	Fine	£1,500			Defendant (gamekeeper) was found guilty of two offences contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. He was fined £1,500 for killing a common buzzard and a further £500 for possession of its body. An appeal against conviction was rejected on 15 July 2016.
	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	1	Fiscal	Dumfries Sheriff	Dick	NG	G	Fine	£500			
26/08/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	1	RSPCA	Wirral Magistrates	Cresswell	G	G	CD	12 months			Defendant pleaded guilty to one count of injuring a wild bird (herring gull) and was given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £911.30 costs. His firearm was also confiscated and destroyed.
28/08/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(2)(A)	1	CPS	Bury Magistrates	A. Baker	G	G	Jail	Eight weeks suspended for one year	CU	8 weeks 7pm-7am	Both defendants pleaded guilty to possession of live wild birds in contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, and to offering for sale Annex A species in contravention of COTES (two peregrine falcons in both charges). Both were given 8 week custodial sentences suspended for one year. A Baker was given an 8 week curfew (7pm-7am) and ordered to pay £345 cost. L. Baker was ordered to attend a rehabilitation of offenders course and ordered to pay £345 costs.
28/08/15	Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Reg. 1997	8(1)	1	CPS	Bury Magistrates	A. Baker	G	G	Jail	Eight weeks suspended for one year			
	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(2)(A)	1	CPS	Bury Magistrates	L. Baker	G	G	Jail	Eight weeks suspended for one year			
	Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Reg. 1997	8(1)	1	CPS	Bury Magistrates	L. Baker	G	G	Jail	Eight weeks suspended for one year			
07/09/15	Animal Welfare Act 2006	4(1)	1	CPS	Leeds Magistrates	Cowan	G	G	CO	6 months	CU	12 weeks 7pm-6am	Defendant pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a common buzzard. Sentenced to a six month community order and a 12-week curfew between 7pm to 6am (electronically monitored) and disqualified from owning animals of any kind for two years. Ordered to pay £100 costs and a £60 CPS surcharge.
28/10/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(B)	1	RSPCA	Colchester Magistrates	Spencer	G	G	CD				Defendant pleaded guilty to destroying a nest whilst in use (one swallow nest containing three chicks). Given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £515 court costs.
02/11/15*	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	1	CPS	West Cumbria Magistrates	Juvenile defendant	NG	D					Defendant pleaded not guilty to killing wild birds (three tawny owls). The case was discontinued because the witnesses were reluctant to give evidence.
06/11/15	Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Reg. 1997	8(1)	4	CPS	Burnley Magistrates	Halstead	G	G	Jail	4 x 6 weeks (consecutive)			Defendant (taxidermist) pleaded guilty to offering for sale an Annex A specimen (snowy owl) and three charges of purchasing Annex A specimens (mammal parts). Sentenced to four six week custodial sentences to run consecutively.
27/11/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	1(1)(A)	1	Fiscal	Edinburgh Sheriff	Harrison	G	G	Fine	£600			Defendant (farmer) pleaded guilty to killing a wild bird (common buzzard). Fined £600.
01/12/15	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	18(A)	1	Fiscal	Stirling Sheriff	Christie	G	G	Fine	£3,200			Defendant (shoot manager) pleaded guilty to being vicariously liable for three offences committed by the head gamekeeper they employed (see O'Reilly prosecution above) including the injuring of a wild bird (one common buzzard), setting an article to injure a bird (spring trap) and setting a snare to injure a wild animal. Fined £3,200.

* Details may be incomplete or subject to correction.

Key to Appendix VI

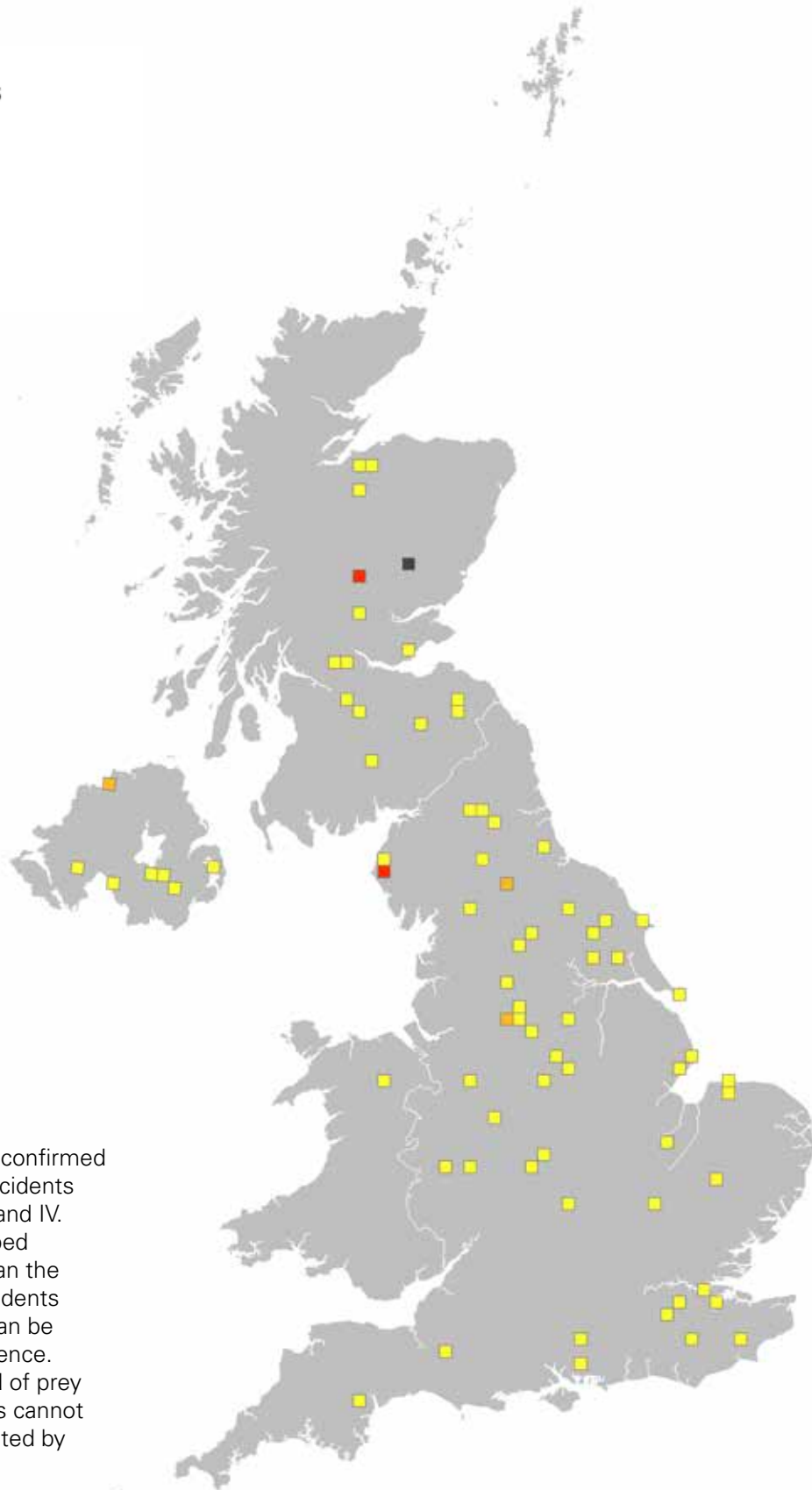
CD	Conditional discharge	NG	Not guilty
CBO	Criminal Behaviour Order	NP	Not proven
CO	Community Order	NSP	No separate penalty
CU	Curfew order	U	Unknown
D	Discontinued		
G	Guilty		
NCA	No case to answer		

Note that the 2015 prosecution figures will be lower than the true figure, in particular for categories involving the taking, sale and possession of non bird of prey species. This is due to the absence of a full list of RSPCA wild bird related prosecutions.

Appendix VII

Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents in 2015

Number of incidents
per 10km



This map shows the confirmed raptor persecution incidents from Appendices III and IV. The number of mapped incidents is fewer than the actual number of incidents reported, as not all can be allocated a grid reference. Some confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents cannot be shown, as requested by Police Scotland.