

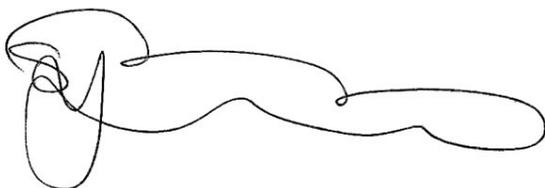
The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her by section 16(1)(j) and (k) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(c.69) ('the Act') and being satisfied that there is no other satisfactory solution, hereby authorises, for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease and for preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber, fisheries or inland waters, any authorised person to kill or take in all counties of England between 8 January and 31 December 2003 any of the following birds:

Common name	Scientific name
Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Dove, Collared	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Gull, Great Black-backed	<i>Larus marinus</i>
Gull, Lesser Black-backed	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Gull, Herring	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Pigeon, Feral	<i>Columba livia</i>
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>

by shooting or by use of cage trap or net or by any other method not prohibited by Section 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; or to take, damage or destroy their nests; or to take or destroy their eggs, subject to the conditions specified overleaf.

Revocation

Licence number WLF 18 issued on 1 January 2003 is hereby revoked.



SARAH JONES

Authorised by the Secretary of State
for the Environment to sign in that
behalf
8 January 2003

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WARNING

- This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended. Any departure from the terms of this licence may be an offence against that Act.
- Except as indicated overleaf, this licence does not permit the use of any method of killing or taking which is prohibited by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation.
- Where the action licensed involves the use of firearms, it is the authorised person's responsibility to ensure that he complies with all the relevant legislation.
- This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by the Secretary of State but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so.

LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. An "authorised person" means:
 - the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;
 - any person authorised in writing by the local authority for the area within which the action authorised is taken; and
 - any person authorised in writing by: English Nature, a water authority or any other statutory water undertakers, or a local fisheries committee constituted under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966.

The authorisation of any person for the purposes of this definition shall not confer any right of entry upon land.

2. Every cage trap used under authority of this licence shall be inspected by an authorised person on a daily basis when the cage trap is in use except where this is not possible because of severe weather conditions e.g. as a result of heavy snowfall. In such cases, every effort must be made to inspect the cage trap as soon as possible. At each inspection any birds caught in the trap shall be removed from it.
3. Where cage traps are left in the open but not in use, they must be rendered incapable of holding or catching birds.
4. Any birds killed under the authority of this licence shall be killed quickly and humanely but no method of killing shall be used which is prohibited by section 5 of the Act.
5. For the purpose of this licence, "to kill" includes accidentally to wound, whilst attempting to kill.
6. For the purpose of this licence, "livestock" includes captive game birds.