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# Birdcrime appendices

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**Disclaimer:** The data in these appendices were extracted from RSPB databases in June 2024. They were accurate at the time of extraction but are constantly being updated and may be subject to change. Additional incidents or details may be added retrospectively, pending release from statutory agencies or other sources. The RSPB suspects that the true number of persecution incidents is likely to be significantly higher than the data in this report suggests, due to the impact of restrictive procedural methods and limiting factors connected to the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in the UK.



# Explanatory notes

The RSPB’s Birdcrime report summarises criminal offences against wild birds of prey, collated by the RSPB each year. Published annually since 1990, the Birdcrime report is the only centralised source of incident data for bird of prey persecution.

All data recorded by RSPB Investigations in relation to bird of prey persecution includes information gathered by the RSPB Investigations fieldwork team, police-led investigations, and criminal prosecutions. These incidents are substantiated where possible by post-mortem, toxicology testing, forensic analysis, intelligence reports, and eyewitness statements. Incidents involving the illegal use of poisons also include data recorded by the Health and Safety Executive’s [Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme](#) (WIIS).

The RSPB Investigations team is a specialist unit set up to assist the statutory agencies with criminal investigation and prosecution of crimes against wild birds. The team includes specialist officers with investigative (field-based) and intelligence (office-based) capability and plays a vital role in detecting and documenting these crimes. Every bird of prey persecution incident is recorded as confirmed, probable or unconfirmed, based on the level of certainty and evidence gathered.

## Confirmation status

**Confirmed:** the circumstances confirm that 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 total number of confirmed incidents represents a proportion of the overall total, as many incidents are not detected or reported because they often take place in remote or private locations.

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

**Unconfirmed:** the circumstances indicate that an illegal act has possibly taken place.

## Other persecution

Confirmed persecution incidents that are not categorised as shooting, trapping, poisoning or nest destruction. These include:

- the killing or attempted killing of birds of prey using a method unspecified above (e.g. catapult or stamping on chicks in the nest)
- the possession of equipment to target and kill birds of prey (including the illegal possession of banned pesticides)
- persecution incidents where evidence substantiates that a bird of prey was illegally killed but the cause of death cannot be determined (e.g. due to decomposition of the bird's remains).

# Appendix 1

## Data summary

To see the most complete, centralised set of known confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents in the UK, see our interactive Raptor Persecution Map Hub: [rspb.org.uk/raptormap](https://rspb.org.uk/raptormap)

### Data summary 2023

In 2023, the RSPB Investigations team recorded 59 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents. Each is mapped to an Ordnance Survey 10km grid square and can be broken down into the following incident types:

- 39 confirmed shooting or attempted shooting incidents. Victims included 14 Buzzards, 10 Red Kites, five Hen Harriers, three Peregrines, two Goshawks, one Barn Owl, one Golden Eagle, one Osprey, one Short-eared Owl and one Sparrowhawk.
- 10 confirmed poisoning (pesticide abuse) incidents. Victims included seven Red Kites, three Buzzards and two White-tailed Eagles.
- Six confirmed trapping incidents. Victims included two Barn Owls, one Peregrine, one Sparrowhawk and one Tawny Owl.
- Four confirmed 'other' persecution incidents (see Explanatory Notes on page 3). Victims included two Hen Harriers and one Buzzard.
- The total number of confirmed victims is at least 59 individual birds of prey. Species included 18 Buzzards, 17 Red Kites, seven Hen Harriers, four Peregrines, three Barn Owls, two Goshawks, two Sparrowhawks, two White-tailed Eagles, one Golden Eagle, one Osprey, one Short-eared Owl and one Tawny Owl.

### Data summary 2009-2023

Between 2009 and 2023, the RSPB Investigations team recorded 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents. Each is mapped to an Ordnance Survey 10km grid square and can be broken down into the following incident types:

- 641 confirmed shooting or attempted shooting incidents. A total of 646 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 284 Buzzards, 89 Peregrines, 86 Red Kites, 39 Sparrowhawks and 31 Goshawks.
- 506 confirmed poisoning (pesticide abuse) incidents. A total of 488 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 222 Buzzards, 173 Red Kites, 51 Peregrines, 15 Golden Eagles and eight White-tailed Eagle.
- 229 confirmed trapping incidents. A total of 139 victims were recorded, including but not limited to 64 Buzzards, 15 Tawny Owls, 13 Sparrowhawks, 10 Goshawks and six Barn Owls.
- 121 confirmed 'other' persecution incidents (see Explanatory Notes on page 3). Victims included 16 Buzzards, 11 Hen Harriers, six Barn Owls, six Red Kites and five Sparrowhawks.
- 32 confirmed nest destruction incidents. Victims included the nests of Barn Owls, Peregrines, Goshawks, Marsh Harriers, Hen Harriers and White-tailed Eagles.
- The total number of confirmed victims is at least 1,344 individual birds of prey, though the actual number is likely to be much higher.

Figure 1a: The 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by % incident type, 2009-2023

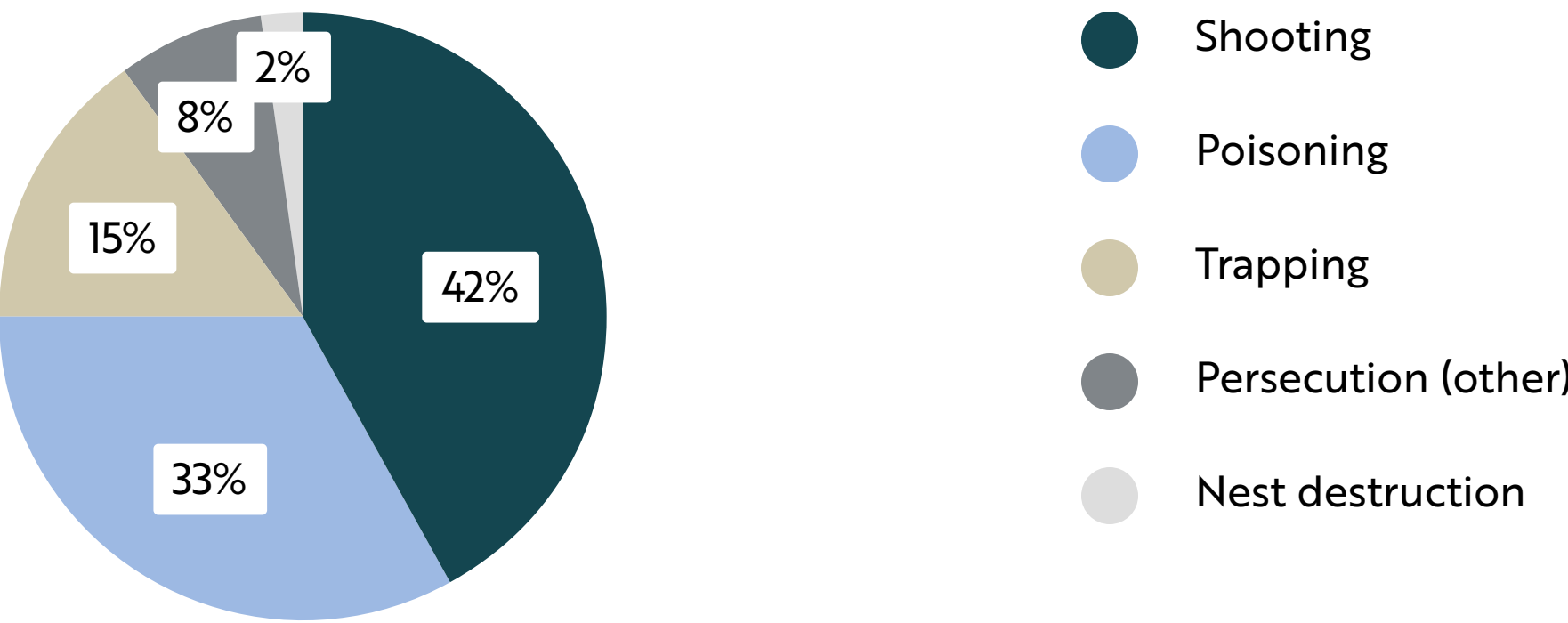


Figure 1b: Proportional representation of the 1,529 confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by type, 2009-2023

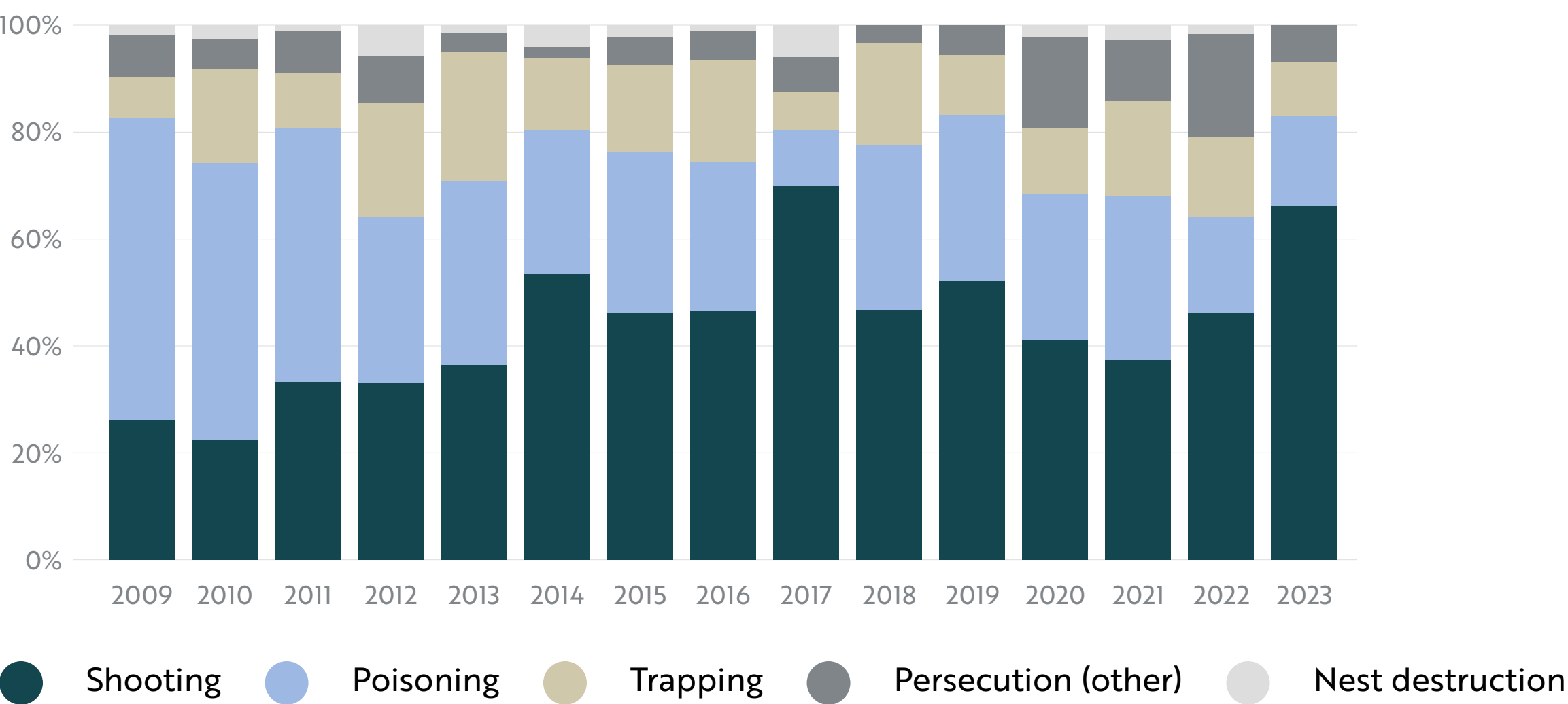
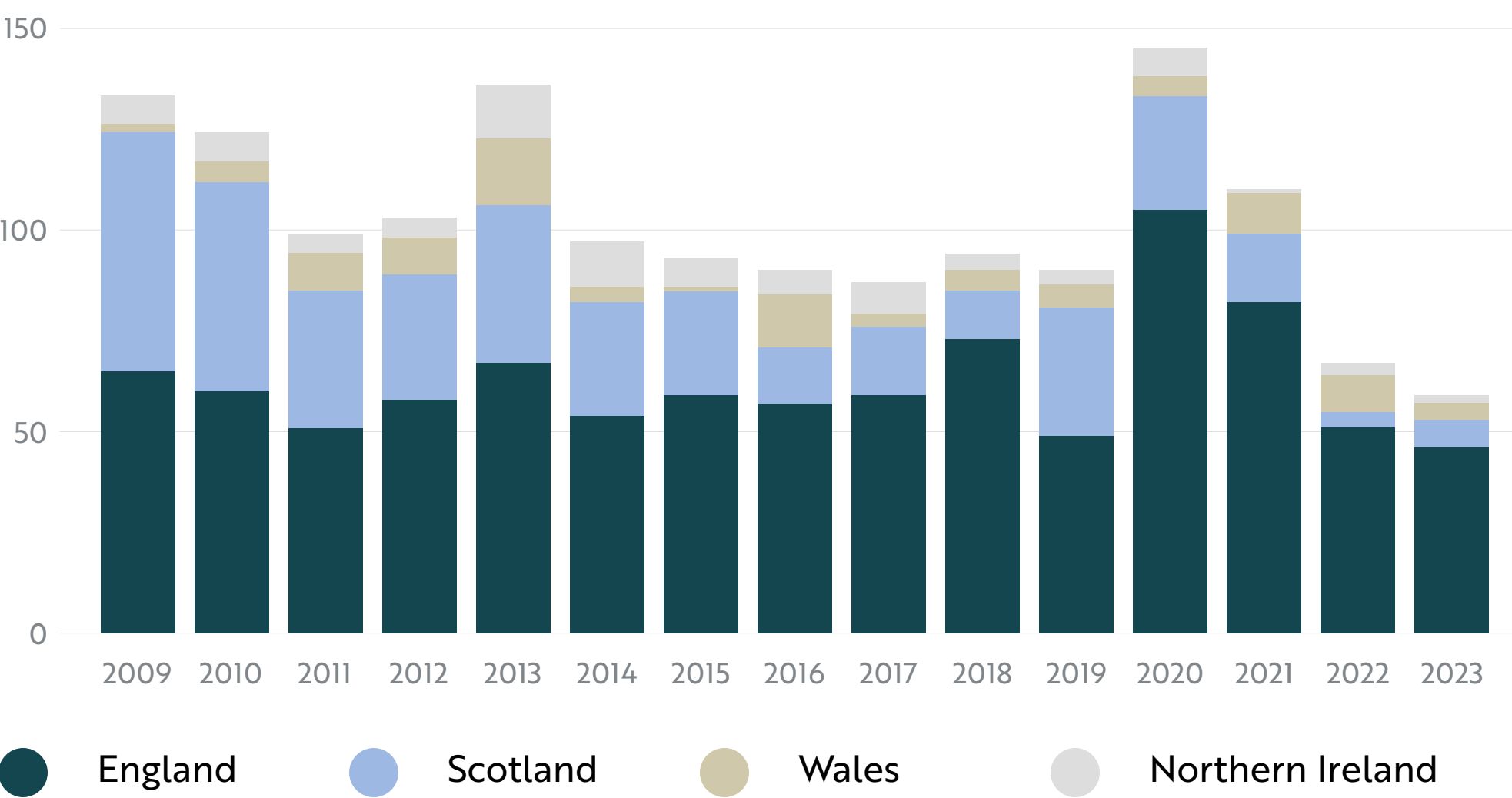


Figure 2: Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents by UK country, 2009-2023



UK breakdown of confirmed bird of prey incidents 2009-2023

- 936 (61%) of confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents occurred in England
- 400 (26%) occurred in Scotland
- 102 (7%) occurred in Wales
- 89 (6%) occurred in Northern Ireland
- Two incidents could not be assigned to a single UK country due to uncertainty of their exact location

**Note:** these incidents represent a fraction of those that occur, as many go undetected. Conclusions that can be drawn from these figures in isolation are limited.

Figure 3: Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents, 2009-2023: 15 counties with the highest number of incidents

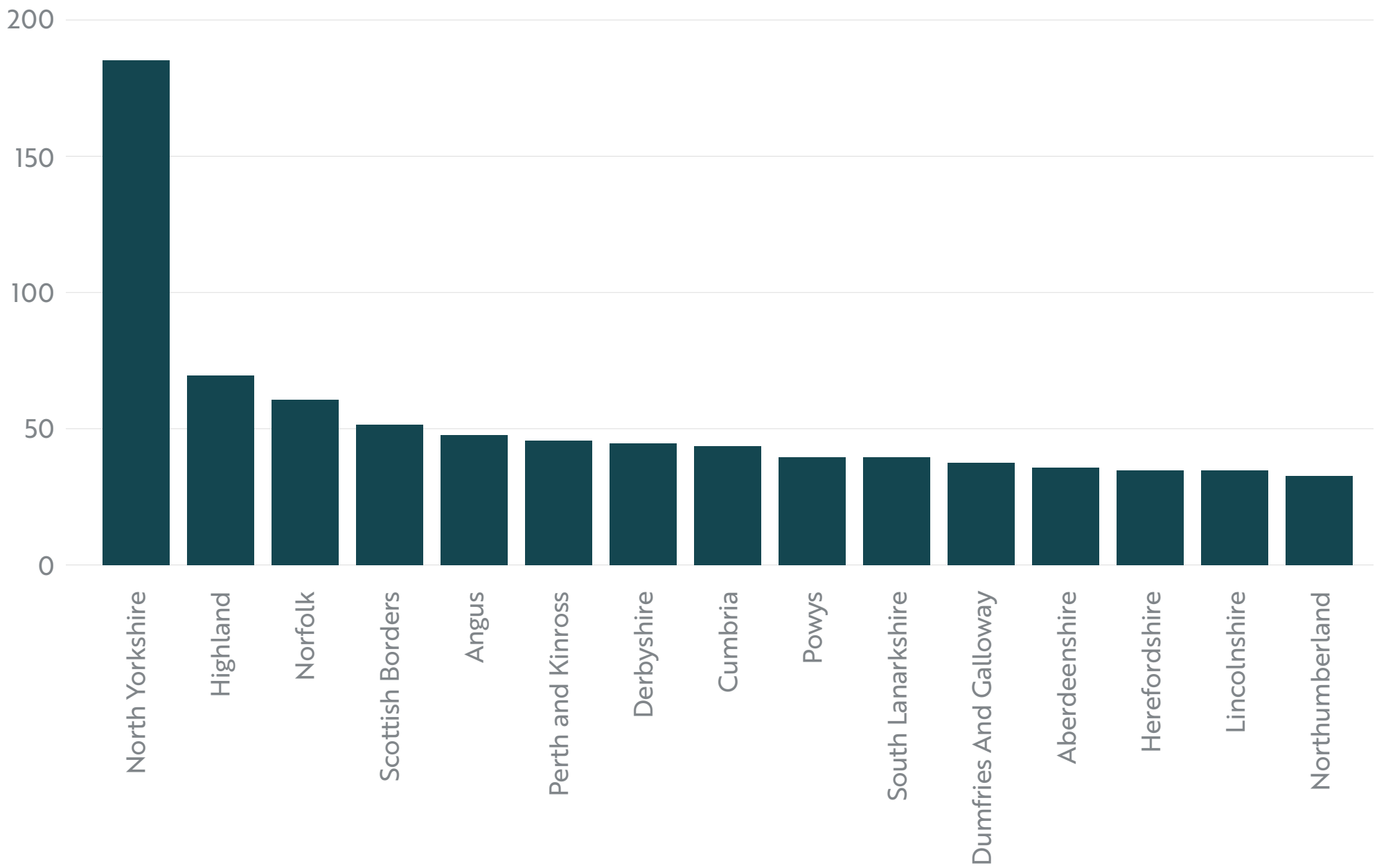
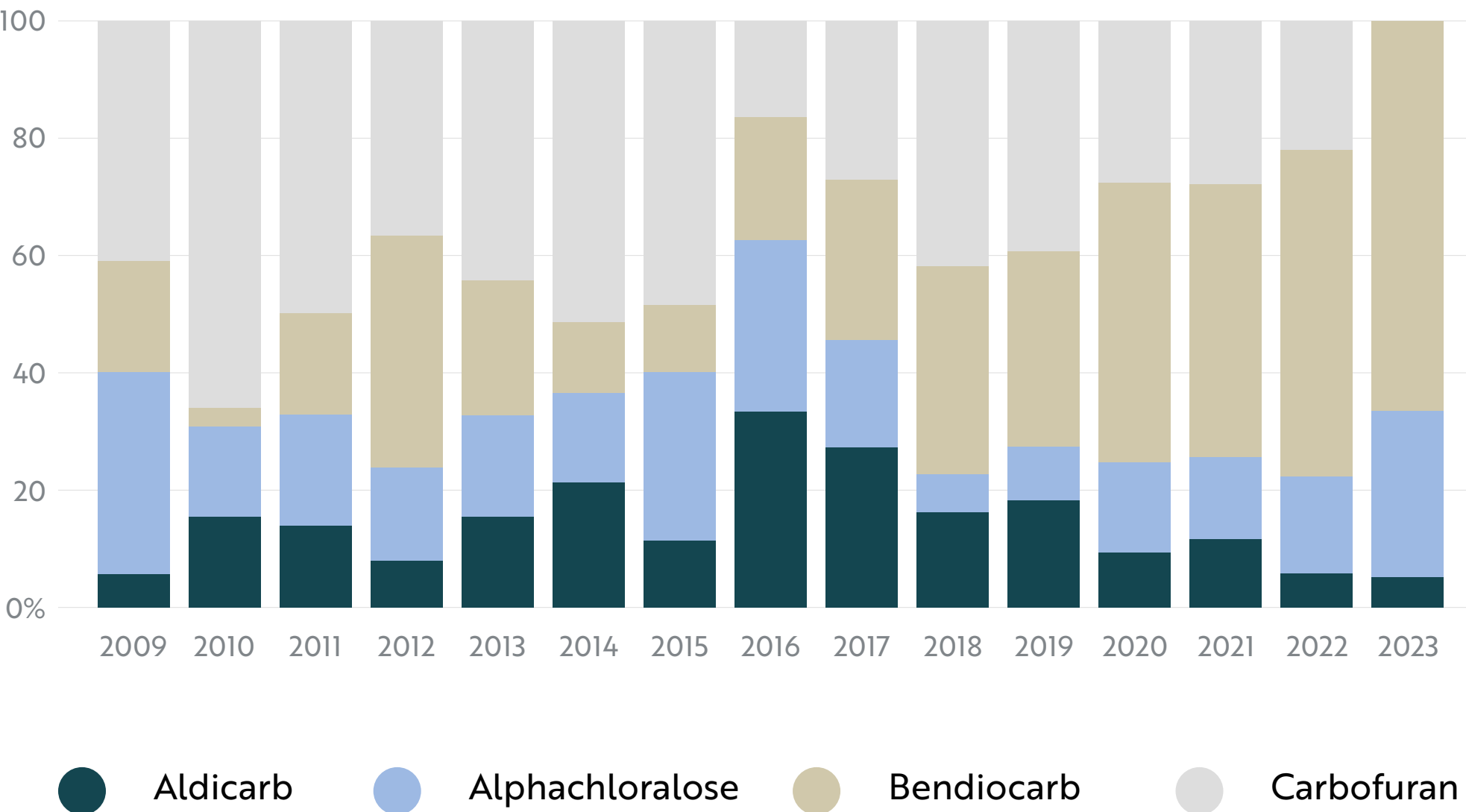
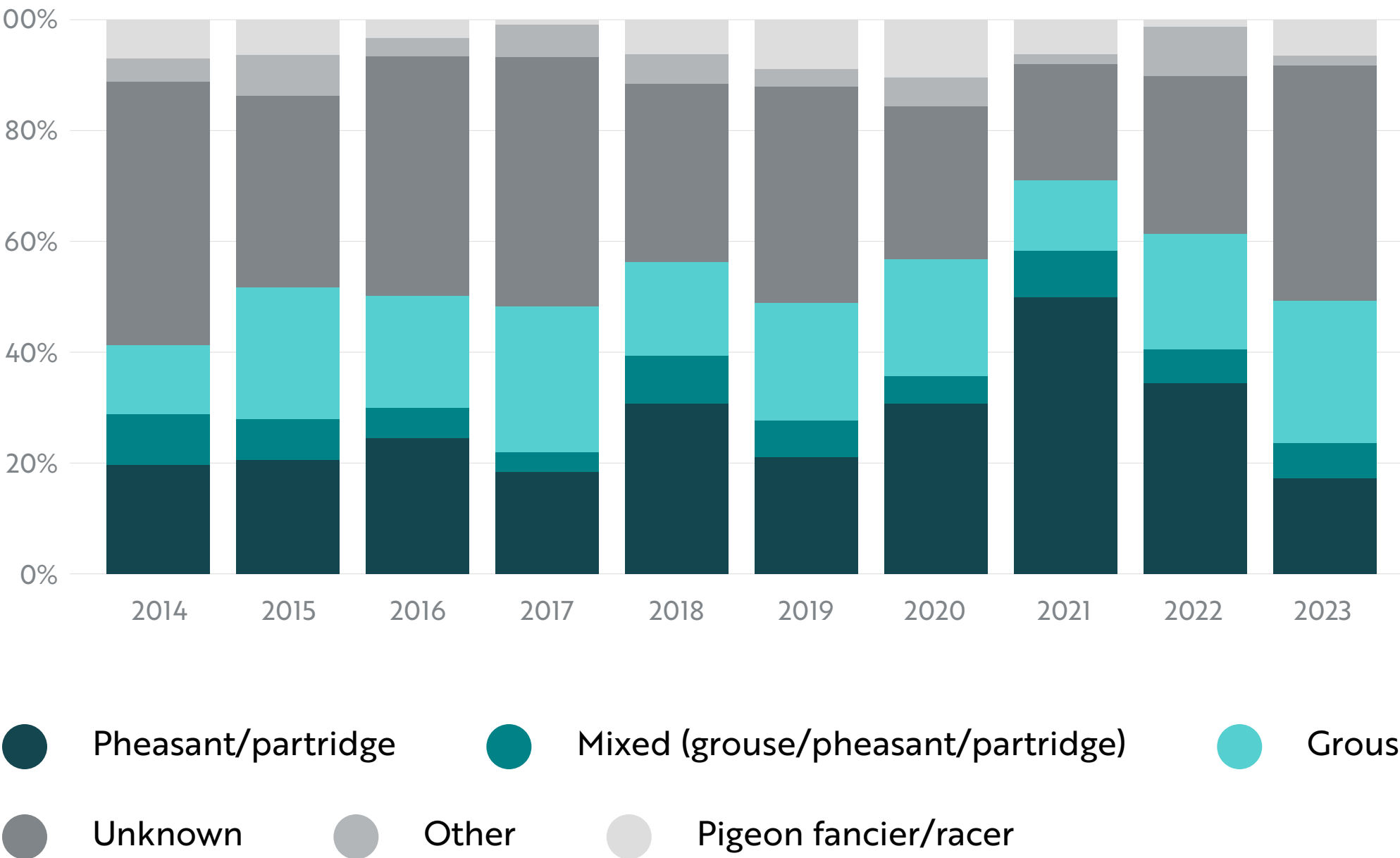


Figure 4: The four most commonly used pesticides in UK bird of prey persecution incidents by proportion, 2009-2023



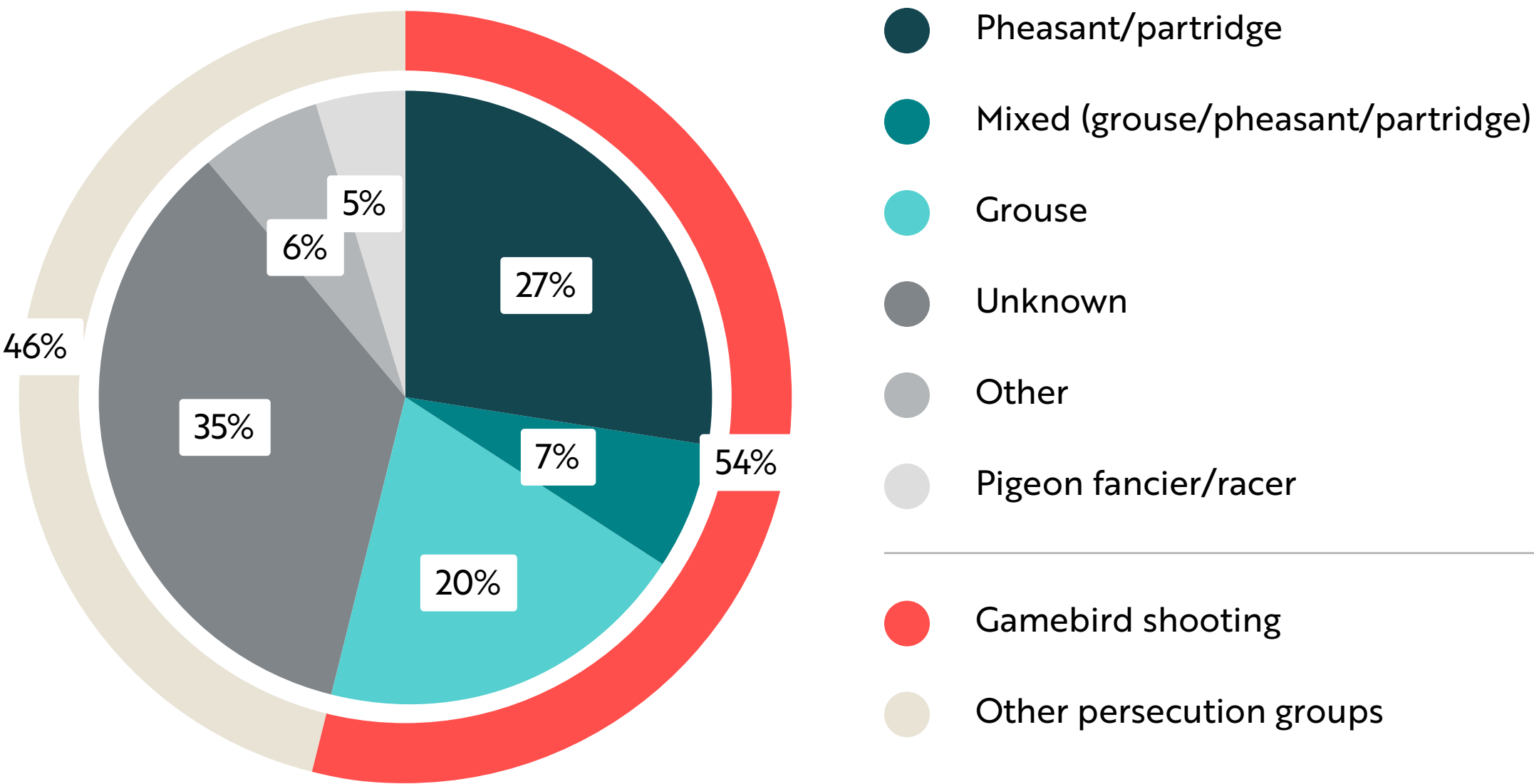
Bendiocarb has become the most commonly detected substance in bird of prey persecution pesticide abuse incidents, replacing carbofuran since 2020. Carbofuran, aldicarb and alphachloralose (at high concentration) are all banned pesticides in the UK. Bendiocarb is banned in Scotland and is soon to be withdrawn across the UK.

**Figure 5: The 933 confirmed UK bird of prey persecution incidents categorised by likely persecution groups, 2014-2023**



**Note:** Data pre-dating 2014 was not available for inclusion at the time of publication.

**Figure 6: Proportion of all 933 confirmed UK bird of prey persecution incidents categorised by likely persecution groups, 2014-2023**



Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents since 2014 have been categorised in connection to the main persecution groups based on evidence and intelligence:

- Land managed for and/or connected to individuals or groups managing land for gamebird shooting (split into grouse, pheasant/partridge, or mixed pheasant/grouse/partridge)
- Pigeon fanciers/pigeon racing
- Other (includes incidents where the targeting of birds of prey is by an individual whose motive is known but does not fit into the above groups)
- Unknown (insufficient intelligence/evidence to assign an incident to a given group).



# Appendix 2

Table 1  
Confirmed bird of prey  
persecution victims, 2009-2023

Incident type	Species	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Victim totals
Shooting or attempted shooting	Buzzard	18	10	12	15	29	26	16	15	29	15	25	31	22	7	14	284
	Peregrine Falcon	2	8	4	4	5	11	11	7	9	3	4	10	5	3	3	89
	Red Kite	5	2	2		5	6	2	11	8	12	3	6	6	8	10	86
	Sparrowhawk	1	2	1	5	3	5	2	3	4	2	4	3	1	2	1	39
	Goshawk	1	1	3				1	2	2	3	3	1	3	9	2	31
	Barn Owl	2	2	4	2		2	1			2	3		1		1	20
	Hen Harrier				2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		2	5	19
	Kestrel	2		2	1	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	2				19
	Short-eared Owl		1	2	1			2		3	2		2	1	1	1	16
	Marsh Harrier			1	1				1	3	1	1					8
	Tawny Owl	1		1	1		1	1			1			1			7
	Golden Eagle				2								2			1	5
	Little Owl	1	1				1			1							4
	Osprey		3													1	4
	Birds of prey	1		1		1											3
	Falcons											1	1	1			3
	Long-eared Owl							2			1						3
	Hobby	1											1				2
	Merlin					1						1					2
	Eagle Owl			1													1
	Red-footed Falcon							1									1
	Annual totals	35	30	34	34	50	54	43	42	61	44	47	60	41	32	39	646
Poisoning	Buzzard	31	34	17	9	31	9	19	14	4	12	6	14	12	7	3	222
	Red Kite	9	20	17	7	19	23	4	4	3	15	21	11	10	3	7	173
	Peregrine Falcon		9	7	2		4	3	2	4	4	2	8	2	4		51
	Golden Eagle	2	5	1	1	1								5			15
	White-tailed Eagle	1	1			1							1	2		2	8
	Goshawk		2	4									1				7
	Sparrowhawk	1	1	2		2											6
	Marsh Harrier				1	3											4
	Kestrel											1					1
	Tawny Owl	1															1
	Annual totals	45	72	48	20	57	36	26	20	11	31	29	36	31	14	12	488



# Appendix 2

Table 1  
Confirmed bird of prey  
persecution victims, 2009-2023  
(continued)

Incident type	Species	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Victim totals
Illegal trapping	Buzzard	2	2	5	9	14	2	3	2	1	5	2	2	13	2		64
	Tawny Owl		1	1	1	2	1	1		1	4	1			1	1	15
	Sparrowhawk	1	1	1	2	2	1				1	1	1	1		1	13
	Goshawk		2		2		1					1	3		1		10
	Barn Owl										1		1	1	1	2	6
	Peregrine Falcon	1		1	1				1							1	5
	Red Kite		1					1			1		2				5
	Hen Harrier		1								1	1					3
	Kestrel			1					2								3
	Little Owl	1				1							1				3
	Merlin					1					1		1				3
	Golden Eagle				1							1					2
	Owls		1										1				2
	Falcons								1								1
	Hobby										1						1
	Long-eared Owl												1				1
	Osprey							1									1
	Short-eared Owl					1											1
	Annual totals	5	9	9	16	21	5	6	6	2	15	7	13	15	5	5	139
Other persecution	Buzzard												12	3		1	16
	Hen Harrier										2			1	6	2	11
	Barn Owl				6												6
	Red Kite		1										4	1			6
	Sparrowhawk	1	1					1				1	1				5
	Peregrine Falcon				3							1					4
	Golden Eagle				1				1								2
	Goshawk									2							2
	Owls			1													1
	Annual totals	1	2	1	10	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	17	5	6	3	53
Nest destruction Note: As not all nest destruction incidents involve the killing, taking or injuring of birds, the numbers recorded here include only those incidents where a victim has been recovered.	Barn Owl				3		2										5
	Peregrine Falcon		5														5
	Goshawk				4												4
	Marsh Harrier									2							2
	Hen Harrier									1							1
	White-tailed Eagle	1															1
	Annual totals	1	5	0	7	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	18

# Appendix 3

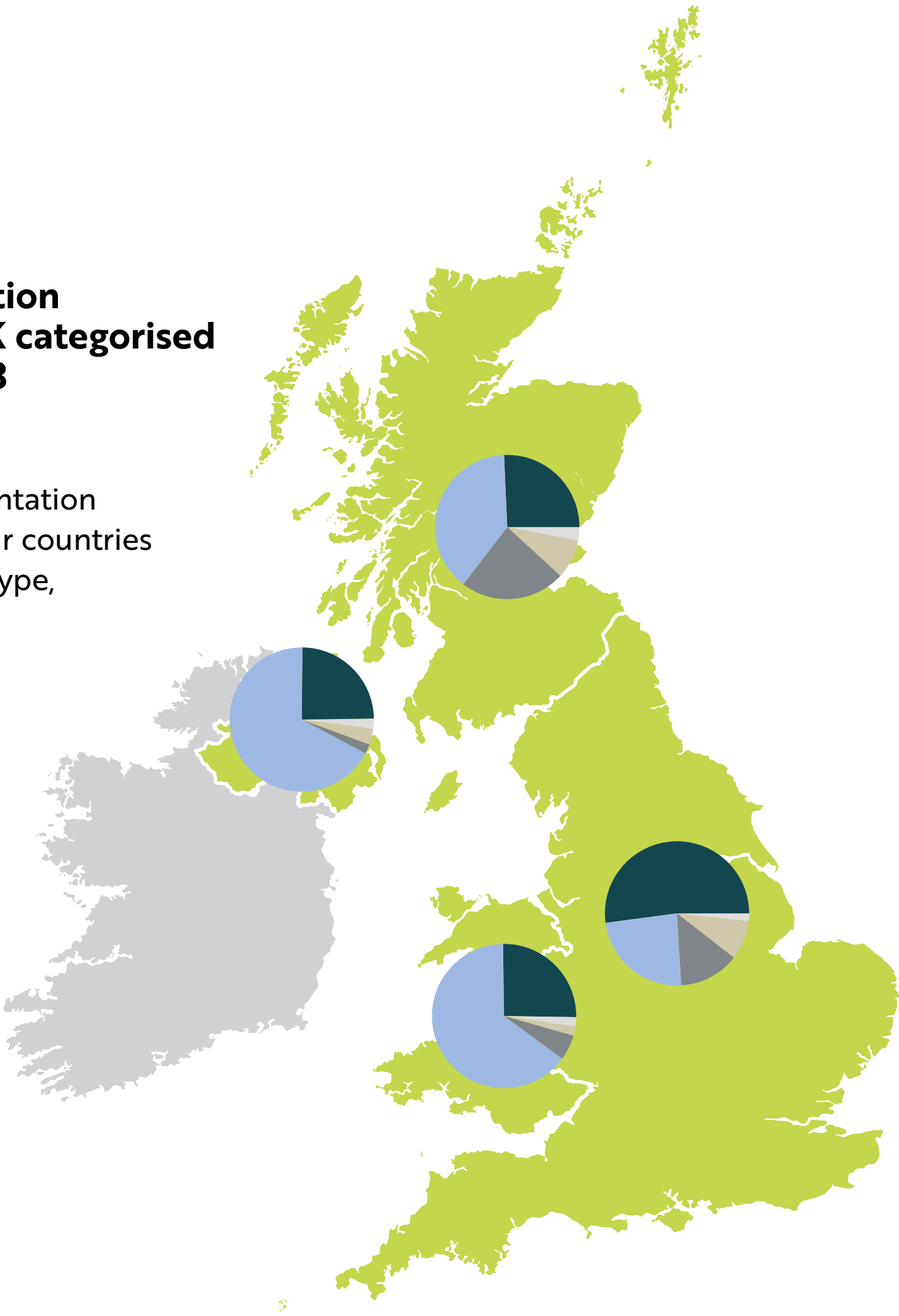
**Table 2**  
**A breakdown of the total number of confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents, by persecution type, for all four countries of the UK, 2009-2023**

Country	Persecution type					Total confirmed incidents
	Shooting	Poisoning	Trapping	Other persecution	Nest destruction	
England	488	225	126	81	16	936
Scotland	103	155	95	35	12	400
Wales	26	66	6	2	2	102
Northern Ireland	22	60	2	3	2	89
UK	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total confirmed incidents	641	506	229	121	32	1529

**Figure 7**  
**Confirmed bird of prey persecution incidents mapped across the UK categorised by persecution type, 2009-2023**

This map shows a proportional representation of total incidents across each of the four countries of the UK, categorised by persecution type, 2009-2023.

- Shooting
- Poisoning
- Trapping
- Persecution (other)
- Nest destruction



# Appendix 4

**Table 3**  
**Hen Harrier confirmed persecution incidents and suspicious disappearances in 2023**

Data compiled by the RSPB and [Natural England](#)’s satellite tagging projects, and Hen Harrier nest monitoring work carried out by the RSPB, Natural England and NERF (Northern England Raptor Forum). This table excludes birds which have died of natural causes – confirmed through post-mortems or evidence gathered in the field. Information is accurate to 31 December 2023.

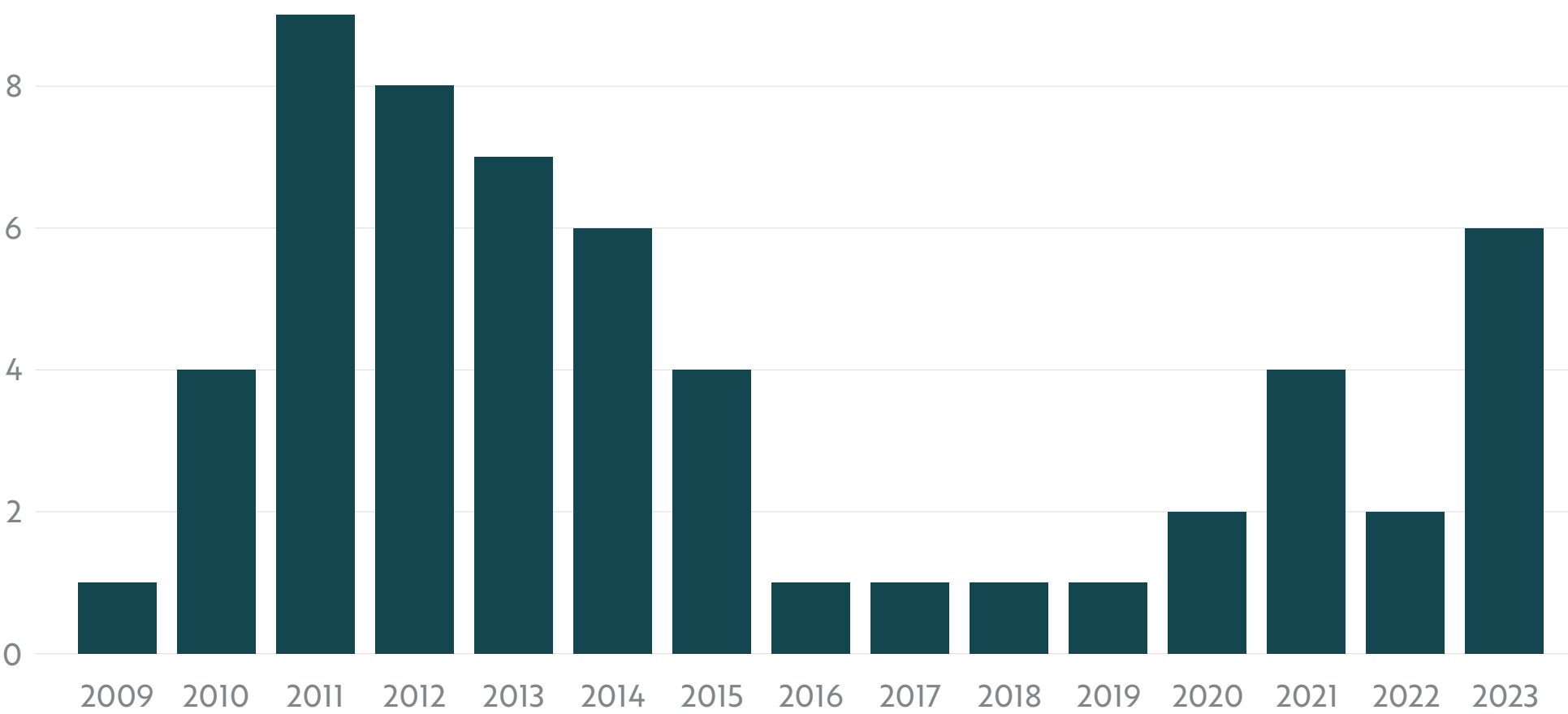
Name	RSPB or Natural England (NE) fitted satellite tag	Tagging date	Tagging location	Sex	Date of last transmission/sighting	Location
R1-F3-22	NE	14/07/2022	Yorkshire	F	Mar 23	North Yorkshire
	Tagged	Unknown	Unknown		Mar 23	Lancashire
R2-M1-22	NE	20/07/2022	Cumbria	M	Apr 23	North Yorkshire
Lagertha	RSPB	16/06/2022	South Yorkshire	F	Apr 23	North Yorkshire
Nicola	NE	22/07/2022	Cumbria	F	Apr 23	North Yorkshire
	Untagged			M	Apr 23	Cumbria
	Untagged			M	Apr 23	Cumbria
	Untagged			M	Apr 23	County Durham
Rush	RSPB	01/06/2021	Lancashire	M	May 23	Lancashire
Dagda	RSPB	18/06/2022	Lancashire	M	May 23	Northumberland
Wayland	RSPB	23/06/2022	Lancashire	M	May 23	North Yorkshire
R2-M3-22	NE	20/07/2022	Cumbria	M	May 23	Northumberland
	Untagged				May 23	Northumberland
	Untagged				May 23	Derbyshire
R2-M1-21	NE	20/07/2021	Cumbria	M	June 23	Cumbria
R2-F2-20	NE	14/07/2020	Cumbria	F	June 23	Cumbria
R1-M2-20	NE	11/07/2020	North Yorkshire	M	June 23	County Durham
R1-F1-23	NE	08/07/2023	County Durham	F	July 23	County Durham
Rubi	NE	27/06/2023	County Durham	F	July 23	County Durham
Martha	RSPB	13/07/2022	Aberdeenshire	F	Aug 23	Northumberland
Hepit	RSPB	05/06/2023	Lancashire	F	Aug 23	North Yorkshire
Harmonia	RSPB	14/06/2023	Lancashire	F	Aug 23	North Yorkshire
Selena	RSPB	20/06/2023	Lancashire	F	Aug 23	North Yorkshire
R3-F1-23	NE	02/08/2023	Yorkshire	F	Aug 23	County Durham
R1-F2-23	NE	08/07/2023	County Durham	F	Aug 23	Northumberland
Saranyu	RSPB	19/06/2023	Geltsdale	F	Sept 23	County Durham
Inger	RSPB	06/07/2022	Perthshire	F	Sept 23	Angus
Rhys	NE	01/08/2023	Cumbria	M	Sept 23	North Yorkshire
Hope	NE	21/07/2023	Cumbria	F	Sept 23	North Yorkshire
R2-F2-23	NE	19/07/2023	Cumbria	F	Sept 23	North Yorkshire
R1-F4-22	NE	14/07/2022	Yorkshire	F	Sept 23	North Yorkshire
R1-M3-20	NE	11/07/2020	North Yorkshire	M	Oct 23	County Durham
R4-F1-23	NE	08/08/2023	Cumbria	F	Oct 23	North Yorkshire
Aurora	RSPB	22/06/2022	Dumfries & Galloway	F	Dec 23	North Sea

# Appendix 5

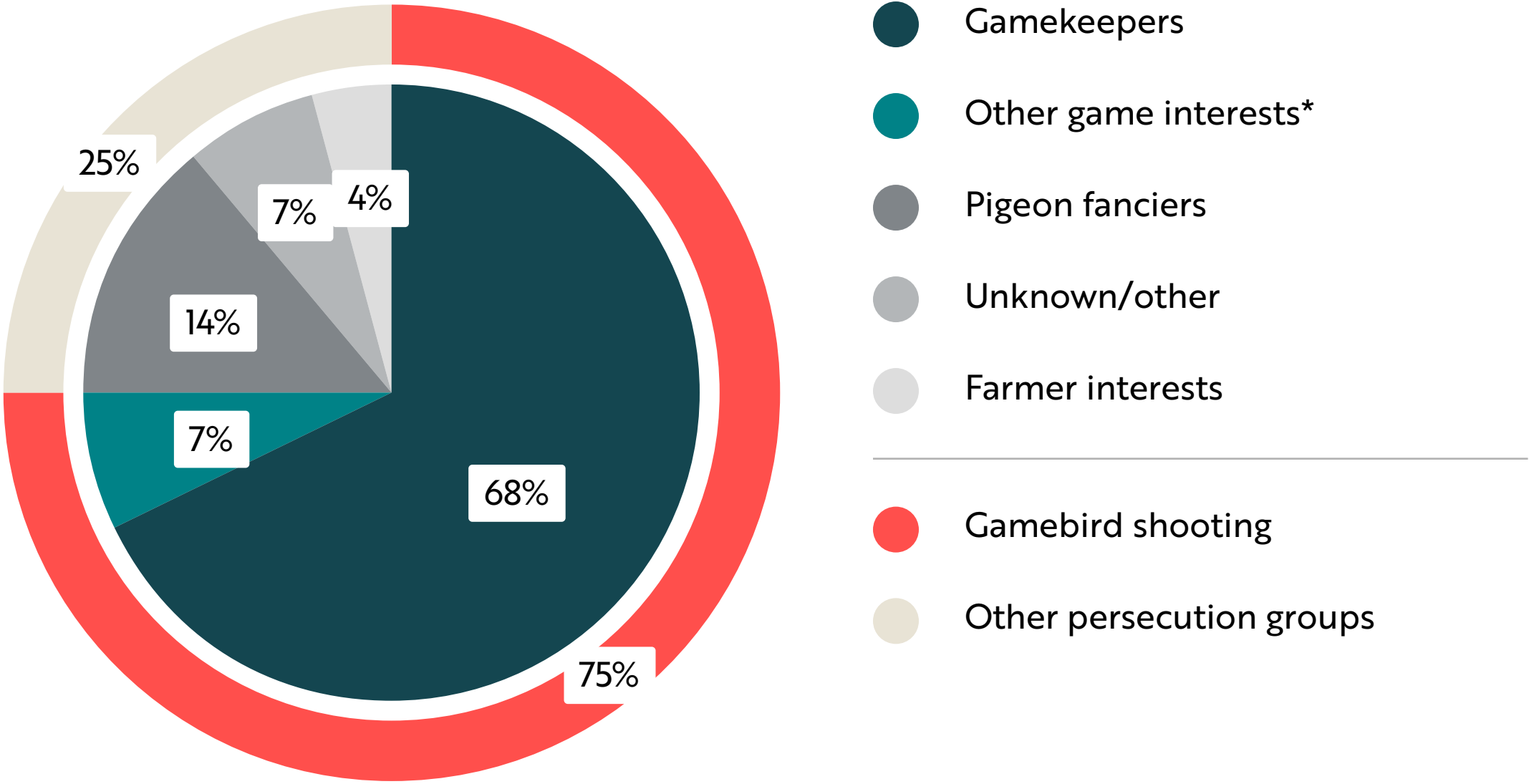
## Bird of prey persecution-related prosecutions and convictions

In 2023, nine individuals were prosecuted for bird of prey persecution-related offences. Six were convicted, of which four were gamekeepers. Of these six convictions, fines totalled £14,807. Two individuals were handed suspended sentences (12 and 15 weeks respectively, both suspended for 12 months), and one individual was given a Community Service Order with 100 hours of unpaid work. The three other convicted individuals received fines. Of the three prosecutions which did not result in a conviction, two were discontinued, and one resulted in a not guilty verdict.

**Figure 8**  
**Bird of prey persecution-related convictions per year, 2009-2023**



**Figure 9**  
**The occupations or interests of the 57 individuals convicted**  
**of bird of prey persecution-related offences, 2009-2023**



\* 'Other game interests' include game shooters, gamebird rearers, and estate managers.



Appendix 6

Table 4: All 57 bird of prey persecution-related convictions in the UK, 2009-2023

Final hearing date	Prosecutor	Court	Surname	Summary of charges	Guilty outcomes	Penalties	Media link
2009							
12/01/2009	Procurator Fiscal	Dumfries Sheriff	Galbraith	Two charges under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA81)	Guilty of both charges	£1,400 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RPUK)
2010							
18/01/2010	Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)	Welshpool Magistrates	Partridge	Seven charges: four under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (FEPA85) and three under the WCA81	Guilty of three charges	£100 fine	No link
24/03/2010	Procurator Fiscal	Perth Sheriff	Kerr	Four charges under the WCA81	Guilty of two charges	£400 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
21/04/2010	CPS	Hereford Magistrates	Walker	17 charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	£1,000 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Hereford Times)
17/11/2010	Procurator Fiscal	Lanark Sheriff	Whitham	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of one charge	£800 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Birdguides)
2011							
21/04/2011	CPS	Market Harborough Magistrates	Crane	Four charges: two under the WCA81 and two under the FEPA85	Guilty of all charges	£3,000 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RSPB blog)
21/04/2011	CPS	Market Harborough Magistrates	Crane	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of one charge	£500 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RSPB blog)
26/05/2011	Procurator Fiscal	Inverness Sheriff	Barr	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£3,300 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (The Guardian)
26/05/2011	Procurator Fiscal	Inverness Sheriff	Rolfe	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£1,500 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
13/06/2011	CPS	Chesterfield Magistrates	Brown	Seven charges: three under the WCA81 and four under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (AWA06)	Guilty of all charges	100 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
12/08/2011	RSPCA	Leamington Spa Magistrates	Pike	Three charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	£615 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Coventry Live)
28/10/2011	Procurator Fiscal	Aberdeen Sheriff	Barrie	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of one charge	£520 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (SRSG)
01/12/2011	Procurator Fiscal	Lanark Sheriff	Whitefield	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	100 hours Community Service Order	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
05/12/2011	Procurator Fiscal	Dunfermline Sheriff	Hutchison	Two charges under unknown act(s)	Guilty of all charges	£350 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
2012							
12/01/2012	Procurator Fiscal	Lanark Sheriff	McLachlan	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£635 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
21/02/2012	CPS	Norwich Magistrates	Williams	Three charges: two under the WCA81 and one under the Pests Act 1954 (PA54)	Guilty of one charge	£100 fine	No link
04/04/2012	Procurator Fiscal	Forfar Sheriff	Christie	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	Admonished	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
24/04/2012	UK Police Force	Isle of Wight Magistrates	Roberts	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£715 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RPUK)
27/06/2012	Procurator Fiscal	Perth Sheriff	Graham	Three charges under the WCA81	Guilty of one charge	£450 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
11/07/2012	CPS	Caernarfon Magistrates	Titley	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	£250 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NorthWalesLive)
07/09/2012	Procurator Fiscal	Oban Sheriff	McKellar	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£1,200 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
15/10/2012	CPS	Lincoln Magistrates	Hebblewhite	Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the FEPA85	Guilty of all charges	£1,250 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)

Appendix 6

Table 4: All 57 bird of prey persecution-related convictions in the UK, 2009-2023 (continued)

Final hearing date	Prosecutor	Court	Surname	Summary of charges	Guilty outcomes	Penalties	Media link
2013							
17/01/2013	RSPCA	Wirral Magistrates	Platt	Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06	Guilty of all charges	Two-year conditional discharge	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Wirral Globe)
21/02/2013	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Allanson	Six charges: five under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06	Guilty of two charges	120 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (The Northern Echo)
12/04/2013	CPS	Newcastle upon Tyne Crown	Unsworth	Four charges under the FEPA85	Guilty of three charges	£200 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RPUK)
18/06/2013	Procurator Fiscal	Stranraer Sheriff	Bell	Four charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	£4,450 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
08/07/2013	CPS	Carlisle Magistrates	Burne	Three charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	70-day custodial sentence suspended for 12 months	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Birdguides)
09/12/2013	CPS	Hereford Magistrates	Priday	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£375 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Shropshire Star)
10/12/2013	CPS	Harrogate Magistrates	Waite	Three charges under the WCA81	Guilty of two charges	£250 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Mail Online)
2014							
28/05/2014	CPS	Beverley Magistrates	Sanderson	Five charges: One under the WCA81, three under the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 (PPPI2) and one under the Plant Protection Products Regulations 2011 (PPPI1)	Guilty of one charge	Six-month conditional discharge	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RSPB blog)
31/07/2014	CPS	Basingstoke Magistrates	Stevens	Two charges under the PA54	Guilty of all charges	£700 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
11/09/2014	CPS	Torquay Magistrates	Ali	Two charges: one under the WCA81 and one under the Firearms Act 1968 (FA68)	Guilty of all charges	£200 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Devon & Cornwall Wildlife Crimes Group)
01/10/2014	CPS	Norwich Magistrates	Lambert	Seven charges: Three under the WCA81, one under the FA68, one under the PPPI1 and two under the PPPI2	Guilty of all charges	10-week custodial sentence suspended for 12 months	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
11/12/2014	Procurator Fiscal	Aberdeen Sheriff	Mutch	Four charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	Four-month custodial sentence	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
23/12/2014	Procurator Fiscal	Stranraer Sheriff	Johnston Stewart	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£675 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (RPUK)
2015							
20/05/2015	Procurator Fiscal	Stirling Sheriff	O'Reilly	Three charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	240 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
29/07/2015	Procurator Fiscal	Edinburgh Sheriff	Harrison	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£600 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Farmers Weekly)
04/08/2015	Procurator Fiscal	Dumfries Sheriff	Dick	Two charges under the WCA81	Guilty of all charges	£2,000 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
01/12/2015	Procurator Fiscal	Stirling Sheriff	Christie	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£3,200 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
2016							
29/04/2016	CPS	Workington Magistrates	Mingins	One charge under the PPPI2	Guilty of single charge	£300 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
2017							
11/12/2017	Procurator Fiscal	Inverness Sheriff	Riddoch	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£500 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
2018							
28/08/2018	CPS	Lancaster Magistrates	Cowin	Five charges under the WCA81	Guilty of three charges	£1,000 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)



Appendix 6

Table 4: All 57 bird of prey persecution-related convictions in the UK, 2009-2023 (continued)

Final hearing date	Prosecutor	Court	Surname	Summary of charges	Guilty outcomes	Penalties	Media link
2019							
22/07/2019	Procurator Fiscal	Jedburgh Sheriff	Wilson	12 charges: seven under the WCA81, one under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (PBA92) and four under unknown act(s)	Guilty of nine charges	225 hours of unpaid work; Restriction of Liberty Order (9pm-6am)	<a href="#">Read more</a> (The Guardian)
2020							
18/02/2020	Procurator Fiscal	Stirling Sheriff	Cowan	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£450 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (STV)
25/02/2020	CPS	Portsmouth Magistrates	Cruz	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£653 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
2021							
26/08/2021	CPS	Ipswich Magistrates	Leech	Eight charges: four under the FA68, two under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74) and two under the WCA81	Guilty of six charges	12-month community order with 80 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
30/11/2021	Procurator Fiscal	Selkirk Sheriff	Givens	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£300 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Independent)
16/12/2021	CPS	Manchester Magistrates	Prest	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£800 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Chester Standard)
23/12/2021	CPS	Nottingham Magistrates	Orrey	Nine charges: five under the WCA81 and four under the FA68	Guilty of all charges	20-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £1,000 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
2022							
01/06/2022	CPS	Swindon Magistrates	Watson	Six charges: three under the WCA81 and three under the FA68	Guilty of all charges	12-month community order with 180 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
05/10/2022	CPS	Norwich Magistrates	Stroud	19 charges; 15 under the WCA81, one under the HSWA74, one under the Poisons Act 1972 (PA72), one under the FEPA85 and one under the Animal Health Act 1981 (AHA81)	Guilty of 15 charges	12-month community order with 200 hours of unpaid work; £692 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (NWCU)
2023							
04/01/2023	CPS	Weymouth Magistrates	Allen	10 charges: five under the WCA81, two under the FA68, one under the HSWA74, one under the PPP12 and one under the PA72	Guilty of seven charges	15-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £2,022 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
31/03/2023	Procurator Fiscal	Inverness Sheriff	Parker	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£1,575 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
29/06/2023	CPS	Scarborough Magistrates	Shooter	Three charges: one under the PA54, one under the WCA81 and one under the AWA06	Guilty of all charges	100 hours of unpaid work	<a href="#">Read more</a> (York Press)
29/06/2023	CPS	Norwich Magistrates	Addison	19 charges: 10 under the FA68, eight under the WCA81 and one under the PA54	Guilty of all charges	12-week custodial sentence, suspended for one year; £1,080 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (BBC)
26/09/2023	CPS	Dumfries Sheriff	Excell	Seven charges: three under the WCA81 and four under the FA68	Guilty of two charges	£9,650 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (The Herald)
01/12/2023	RSPCA	Barnsley Magistrates	Smith	One charge under the WCA81	Guilty of single charge	£480 fine	<a href="#">Read more</a> (Barnsley Chronicle)

**Note:** The above convictions all have at least one charge relating to bird of prey persecution. A conviction is classified as ‘bird of prey persecution-related’ if any charges relating to bird of prey persecution are brought.

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