

Northern Ireland Environment Agency  
**Wildlife Law and You**



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## INTRODUCTION

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Northern Ireland supports a rich diversity of plants and animals due in large measure to our rich variety of landscapes and habitats, whether terrestrial or marine. Many habitats and the species that they support are under threat, often from the direct or indirect effects of man's activities. Some examples of these habitats enjoy a degree of protection, such as National Nature Reserves (NNR) or Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI)<sup>1</sup>. However, much of our wildlife exists outside such protected areas. If these species are to be conserved then they often require some form of direct protection from activities that can damage their conservation status or lead to their mistreatment.

Accordingly, much of our wildlife is protected to some degree by the law. The most obvious way of giving wildlife such protection is to make it an offence for people to kill, injure, or take birds and other animals, or to destroy or uproot plants, but this is not enough by itself. The law, therefore, sometimes goes further and prohibits the disturbance of some wild creatures, and their nests or resting places, and the collecting of some plants. The purpose of this booklet is to outline those areas addressed by the law, particularly, but not exclusively, those relating to the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order (As amended) 1985. However, this booklet can only give a broad outline of the law and should not be taken as interpreting statute. If in doubt on any matter, contact Northern Ireland Environment Agency's Wildlife Team<sup>2</sup> who will be able to give you advice.

It is the responsibility of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) to investigate cases of suspected wildlife crime, and where appropriate they do this in conjunction with governmental or non-governmental experts who can provide specialist advice. We can all help Northern Ireland's wildlife, not only by managing sympathetically the land we may own or occupy, but also by behaving thoughtfully in the countryside. Our wildlife is there for everyone to enjoy, and there is no danger of falling foul of the law so long as you are sensible: simply observe without causing any disturbance and do not take anything from the wild unless you are sure it is lawful to do so.

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) is an Agency within the **Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**. NIEA has a wide remit that includes the responsibilities for: controlling pollution; regulating waste; conserving nature, biodiversity and protecting species; conserving historic monuments and buildings; and promoting awareness of our environment and heritage.

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<sup>1</sup>Further details on the ASSI's and NNR's is available on the NIEA website <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/northern-ireland-environment-agency>

<sup>2</sup>Wildlife Team: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/biodiversity/wildlife-licensing-and-management>

### Can I pick wild flowers?

Wild flowers should not normally be picked. Flowers are an essential part of plant reproduction, and picking flowers may prevent a plant from setting seed and surviving into the future. It is an offence to uproot any plant without landowner or occupier consent and it is an offence to pick any part of any of the 70 or so specially protected species on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. Technically wild flowers belong to the owner of the land, and taking them will also be theft.



### Can I release species into the wild?

Unless you obtain a licence, it is an offence to release into the wild a bird or animal that is of a kind not normally resident in Northern Ireland. It is also an offence to release any species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. The ban extends to many foreign species that have become established here, such as the grey squirrel and Canada goose. It is also a crime to plant or sow foreign plants in the wild.

### Do I need a licence to photograph wild birds?

In most cases no licence is needed so long as you do not harm the birds in any way. However, if you intend to photograph any birds or their young near their nests during the breeding season, a licence will be necessary. Applications for licences should be made to NIEA.



### Can I collect common frog spawn?

It is not illegal to collect frog spawn, but you should seek landowner's permission first. However, it is an offence to sell or advertise for sale, common frogs or frog spawn. It is not an offence to put frogs back into the wild.

### Are bats protected?

Yes. You must not kill, injure or disturb bats wherever they are found. If you find bats in the loft or shed of your house, they should be left in peace, although some steps can be taken if they are in the parts of the house that you actually live in. If you are planning to do anything that might affect bats, NIEA should be contacted to advise on whether and how you may proceed

### Who issues licences?

All wildlife licences are issued by the **Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs** through NIEA and the Marine Division.

### Can I pick wild fungi?

Fungi (including mushrooms and toadstools) are not strictly plants but are classified as such under law. Mushrooms and toadstools are, in fact, only the fruiting body, and most of the plant (known as the mycelium) is actually buried. Picking mushrooms and toadstools does not constitute uprooting and is not an offence. However, you do need landowner's permission, and it may be an offence to sell on the fungi collected.



## THE LAW - WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

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The law has dealt with wildlife for centuries. At first the objectives were simply to regulate hunting and to rid the country of creatures then seen as pests (such as wolves), but since the last century the law has given protection to a range of wild creatures and plants. Nowadays, much of the law exists to give effect to international agreements on the conservation of nature. We cannot expect India to protect the tiger or Brazil its rainforest if we do not secure proper protection for the wildlife in our own country.

The current legal provisions come from three main international sources.

- The 1979 Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (the 'Bern Convention').
- The 1979 Convention on the conservation of wild birds (the Birds Directive)
- The 1992 European Community Directive on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the 'Habitats Directive').

The terms of the Birds Directive and Bern Convention were largely incorporated in the 1985 Wildlife Order, but the Habitats Directive has added further requirements, as well as amending parts of the Birds Directive. These more recent rules have been given effect by the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (As amended)<sup>3</sup>. In 2011 significant amendments were made to the Wildlife Order under the Wildlife and Natural Environment (NI) Act 2011 (known as the WANE Act), which added further animals and plants to protected species lists and improved enforcement powers. Unfortunately, combined with the various Game Laws that are still in force, this means that there is not a single, integrated set of rules, but different ones that overlap. More than one piece of legislation must be checked to understand the full legal position.

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<sup>3</sup>(National Habitats Regs have been updated several times since its enactment <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr?title=conservation>)



## BIRDS

The law offers different levels of protection to birds but all birds have protection when nesting<sup>4</sup>. If you kill or injure a bird by accident, such as when you hit one when driving, it is not a crime, but if you are cutting a hedge or tree during 'the bird nesting season'<sup>5</sup> and you kill or injure a bird or disrupt its nesting you may have committed an offence.



Simply having a wild bird or egg is against the law unless you can prove that it came to you by lawful means. There is little scope to hold bird's eggs in a private capacity. Dead birds prepared as taxidermy specimens from a registered taxidermist or held as an heirloom that was collected before the modern law was in place are permissible. You may keep injured birds in order to nurse them, provided that they are released again, and mercy killing is permitted where a seriously injured bird has no reasonable chance of recovery. In general it is not a crime if such actions listed above are the incidental result of a lawful operation and could not have been reasonably avoided. Other exemptions apply where action is necessary in the interests of health and safety.

### In general it is an offence

- to intentionally or recklessly kill or injure any wild bird
- to capture or keep (alive or dead) any wild bird
- to destroy, damage or take the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built<sup>6</sup>
  - to destroy or take the egg of any wild bird
  - to disturb any wild bird whilst it is building a nest or is in, or near a nest containing eggs or young
- to sell or advertise for sale any wild bird<sup>7</sup> or its eggs

<sup>4</sup>With the exception of those listed under the terms of the 'General Licence'

<sup>5</sup>There is no legally defined 'bird breeding season' in the Wildlife order but it is normally taken as 01 March to 31 August as the months when most birds nest.

<sup>6</sup>Nests of certain bird species are protected at all times; the nests of golden eagle, white-tailed sea eagle, osprey, barn owl, peregrine falcon and red kite are protected and should never be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup>Wood pigeons that are legally hunted may be sold.

## Specially protected species

Certain species return to their nest sites year after year. In order to help their long-term breeding success, statutory protection is now provided against damage and destruction to their nests all year round.

More than 60 species of bird (see List below) are given additional protection either because they have a history of persecution or because they are particularly rare. These birds are protected in exactly the same way as other species.



Schedule 1 Part 1 Birds which are protected by special penalties at all times		
Bittern	Stock Dove	Goosander
Corn bunting	Turtle Dove	Goshawk
Buzzard	Dunlin	Black-necked Grebe
Chough	Golden Eagle	Greenshank
Corncrake	White-tailed Eagle	Mediterranean Gull
Crossbill	Little Egret	Gyr Falcon
Cuckoo	Pied Flycatcher	Hen Harrier
Curlew	Spotted Flycatcher	Marsh Harrier
Red - throated Diver	Garganey	Sparrowhawk
Dotterel	Black - tailed Godwit	Heron
Hobby	Peregrine	Common Tern
Kestrel	Storm Petrel	Little Tern
Kingfisher	Pipit, Tree	Roseate Tern
Kite Red	Puffin	Sandwich Tern
Lapwing	Quail	Twite
Sand Martin	Redshank	Yellow Wagtail (all races)
Merlin	Redstart	Garden Warbler
Nightjar	Ruff	Reed Warbler
Osprey	Common Scoter	Wood Warbler
Ring Ousel	Manx Shearwater	Whimbrel
Barn owl	Tree Sparrow	Whinchat
Long-eared Owl	Bewick's Swan	Lesser Whitethroat
Short-eared Owl	Whopper Swan	Yellowhammer



## Birds which may be hunted

Although they are protected during what is called “the close season”, a number of birds may be hunted during part of the year. This applies to game birds and to a number of other species, mainly of wildfowl [see below]. There are controls on the types of weapon and other methods that can be used to kill or take these birds (see page 13). There are significant differences in the law in this area between Northern Ireland and the rest of Great Britain, for example birds may not be killed on Sundays or at night in Northern Ireland.

The main shooting seasons in Northern Ireland		
12 August - 30 November	1 September - 31 January	1 October - 31 January
Grouse	Partridge	Pheasant
	Snipe	Woodcock
	Schedule 2 Wild Duck and Geese	

## Problem species

The law regarding wild birds applies to all species, including those which are regarded as causing problems. However, General Licences have been issued which allow owners or occupiers of land, or people with permission from them, to take action against specified species when they are causing a serious threat to commercial activities such as agriculture or fisheries, as well as public health or public safety. This does not mean that these birds can be shot at all times, nor is it a charter for recreational shooting.

Provided that the conditions in the general licences are met, these licences authorise the killing or taking of the certain species and the destruction of their eggs. More specific licences may be sought where other species are creating a problem. As the list of species included on each General Licence is reviewed annually and may be subject to change. Details of the three General Licences can be consulted on the NIEA website – <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/wildlife-licensing>



## ANIMALS

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The law relating to other animals is more fragmented than that in relation to birds. Many species, including Otters, Badgers, Seals, Red Squirrels and some Butterflies are given legal protection. The more general law controlling when, where and how one can hunt, shoot or fish is also relevant.



### Specially protected species

In Northern Ireland 25 species of animals (see schedule 5 page 24) are given special protection by the law which makes it an offence to kill, injure or capture them. These range from Badgers, and Pine Martens, through to Newts, Lizards and Butterflies. Four groups of these species are protected under the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995 (As Amended) and are known as European Protected Species e.g. Bats, Otters, Cetaceans and Marine Turtles.

As with birds, there are exceptions for accidental harm and to permit the tending of injured animals and the mercy killing of those with no reasonable chance of recovery. It is not a crime if any action is the incidental result of a lawful operation and could not reasonably have been avoided. The place that a protected animal is using for shelter or protection can be disturbed subject to NIEA licence if it is within a dwelling house. The possession of a specially protected animal or its skin or anything else derived from it is an offence unless the owner can prove that it came into his or her possession by lawful means. These protections extend to the eggs, larvae and any other immature stages of the protected species.

The species listed under European Directive enjoy the same protection; however it is a criminal offence to disturb any of these animals deliberately, wherever they are in such a way as to affect their local distribution or abundance, ability to survive, breed, reproduce or care for young or to hibernate or migrate.

### Bats

Bats are European protected species. It is therefore a crime to kill, injure, capture or disturb them. If bats are found in a loft, roof space or within cavity walls, or a shed, you must not disturb them and must not destroy or damage their roosting place. If you plan to do any work that might affect bats, NIEA must be told in advance and given time to advise on whether and how it should be carried out. A licence to carry out such work may sometimes be necessary.



## Whales and Dolphins

All species of whales and dolphins are European protected species and therefore it is an offence to kill, injure, capture or disturb them.

## Seals and Basking Sharks

In addition to having level of protection afforded to all Schedule 5 animals, seals and basking sharks are also protected from intentional or reckless disturbance at any time.



## Invertebrates

Several species of butterfly, the Irish damselfly, white-clawed crayfish, spiny lobster and fan mussels are specially protected species and covered by the general rules that apply to these.

## Reptiles and Amphibians

The Common Lizard and Common or Smooth Newt are specially protected species. Accordingly these must not be killed, injured, captured or disturbed as described above. It is a crime to sell any native reptile or amphibian (including the Common Frog), or to advertise it for sale, except where authorised by a licence.

## Game animals

Deer and hares are protected during the “closed season”, however they may be hunted during part of the year. Hares are classified as game and therefore they may not be hunted on Sundays or at night. Deer (apart from Muntjac and Chinese Water Deer) may only be shot using large-bore rifles and hares may only be hunted using firearms or dogs, although competitive coursing of hares is now illegal in Northern Ireland.



Open season for Game Animals			
1 August - 30 April inclusive	12 August - 31 January inclusive	1 November - 31 March inclusive	Can be taken all year
Fallow Deer (Buck)	Hares	Fallow Deer (Doe)	Muntjac (both sexes)
Red Deer (stags)		Red Deer (Hinds)	
Sika Deer (Stags)		Sika Deer (Hinds)	

## Deer

All species of deer in Northern Ireland are protected under the terms of the Wildlife Order.

It is illegal to kill deer by means other than shooting and there are defined closed seasons during which deer cannot be shot. Only certain weapons and ammunition may be used. In some situations occupiers of land can take action to prevent serious damage to crops, pasture or woodland.



## Prohibited methods of killing or capturing Birds and animals

Even where the law permits you to kill or capture birds and other animals, certain methods are prohibited because they are cruel or indiscriminate.

The details of the law must be checked to deal with any particular circumstance, but in essence it is a crime to use any of the methods in the list to kill or capture wild birds or specially protected animals. Anyone who knowingly permits the use of one of the prohibited methods is guilty of an offence as well as the person actually using it.

All spring traps except those specified in the Spring Traps Approval Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 are illegal. Self-locking snares are illegal so only free-running snares may be used. Cage traps may be used by authorised persons to take pest species of birds or to take game birds for the purpose of breeding. Snares must be checked once every 24 hours. During inspections any live (or dead) animals must be removed.

It is a crime to use any of the following methods to kill or capture wild birds or specially protected animals:

- hocks or nets
- any form of artificial lighting or dazzling device,
- electrical device
- gas or smoke,
- poison,
- bows or cross-bows,
- explosives,
- any sound recording used as a decoy,
- mechanically propelled vehicles
- automatic weapons,
- any missile not discharged from a firearm,

All placing of poison or poisonous baits in the open is illegal even if the intended victim is a pest species. The very few exceptions to this must only be carried out under licence.

## General Rules on Game and Hunting

The law imposes many restrictions on when and where you can hunt. You must obtain permission from the person holding the right to hunt on the land in question, whether your quarry is game, deer or rabbits. In some cases it will be the owner or occupier of the land who has the right to authorise hunting. For any forms of hunting where firearms are involved you must have a valid firearms certificate. Taking any animals or birds without the necessary permission and licences is a crime. Trespassing in search of game is also a crime, as is most hunting at night, and severe penalties can be imposed on offenders, especially those carrying firearms.

It is an offence to discharge any lead based shot on or over wetlands or areas of marsh, fen, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six metres. (The Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) Regulations (NI) 2009)

## PLANTS

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It is a crime to uproot any wild plant, unless this is accidental or permission has been given by the owner or occupier of the land. There is also a list of over 70 specially protected plants (see schedule 8). It is a crime not only if you intentionally or recklessly uproot these plants, but also if you pick, destroy, or attempt to harvest their seeds or spores.

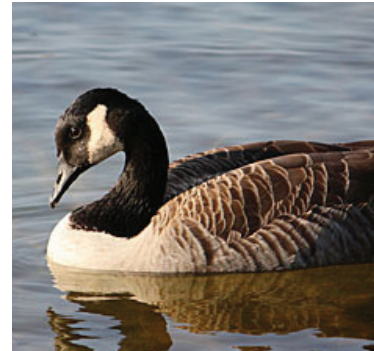
There is an exception if the plants are the victims of incidental and unavoidable damage resulting from other lawful activities. It is also a crime to possess one of these specially protected plants or any part of them or to advertise them for sale. A few plants are also European protected species that means that they are fully protected against any form of picking, cutting, collection or damage.



## RELEASE OF SPECIES INTO THE WILD

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Our wildlife can also be harmed by the introduction of foreign species that prey on or compete with the local plants and animals, introduce diseases or inter-breed to destroy distinct local varieties. Releases of some species can damage existing (native) populations. It is a crime to release into the wild any animal or bird unless it is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland or visits here regularly on a natural basis, for example migratory birds. It is also a crime to release any of the listed species of birds and animals which are not native to Britain but have become established here to some extent as a result of earlier releases and escapes.



This list includes fairly widespread species such as the grey squirrel, Canada goose and mink, as well as more exotic species that have established small colonies in parts of the country, such as Ruddy Duck and Muntjac deer.

For plants, you commit a criminal offence if you introduce into the wild any of the particular species that are listed such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed and several species of seaweed. Foreign plants and garden varieties should never be planted outside a garden without advice, and great care should be taken even when introducing native plants to a place where they do not naturally grow. For example you should never transfer the contents of garden ponds into other waterways.



## LICENCES

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If you want to do something that may go against any of the restrictions described above, it may be possible to get a licence authorising your action. Some licences are personal and are granted only in response to an individual application, and some more general ones are also issued, for example allowing action to be taken against bird pests.

You can seek a licence from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency Wildlife Team for scientific or educational purposes, for photography, for any marking of birds or animals or where action is being taken for conservation purposes. Licences can also be granted authorising action to protect health and public or air safety and to prevent serious damage to property, crops, livestock, timber or fisheries.

It is an offence in Northern Ireland to keep any indigenous bird in captivity; however, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency does issue licences to allow the keeping of certain captive bred species for aviculture or falconry.

If in doubt, apply to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and we will advise on whether a licence may be granted.

Licences relating to the marine environment will be processed by the **DAERA** Marine Division.

## TRAVELLING

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There are three main points to remember about the law when travelling abroad.

Firstly, each country has its own laws on protecting wildlife and you may discover that activities that are lawful here, such as observing some species at close quarters, are against the law in a in another country or jurisdiction. Always check the local law before you do anything that might in any way disturb or harm wildlife.

Secondly, there are very strict laws on the import and export of endangered species and of products made from them. Many of these are based on internationally agreed rules set out in CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Irrespective of the law in the country in which you begin your journey, it is an offence to try to bring into this country any plant, animal or bird that is on the list of endangered species, or anything made from these.

This will cover not only obvious items, such as tiger skin rugs or rhinoceros horns, but many other things that may be on offer as tourist souvenirs. Items that commonly cause problems are those made from ivory, tortoiseshell, leather from some lizards, snakes and crocodiles, corals and sea-shells. Additionally it is an offence to attempt to import seal products into the EU except from very specific sources and only for personal use.

Further information on this can be obtained from the DEFRA in Bristol

[www.gov.uk/cities-controls-import-and-export-of-protected-species](http://www.gov.uk/cities-controls-import-and-export-of-protected-species)  
[www.cities.org/eng](http://www.cities.org/eng)

### Plant and animal health

Thirdly, there are strict laws on plant and animal health. These lay down detailed rules on when you are permitted to take into the country any live bird or animal or any plant, whether the plant itself or its seeds or bulbs. Again, check the position before you travel into or out of Northern Ireland by contacting the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/introduction-importing-animals-and-animal-products>

The same rules apply to taking wildlife or specimens out of the country. Even though birds have been lawfully shot here or specimens lawfully owned or bought here, there may be rules controlling their entry to other countries. The relevant rules should be checked before you try to take anything into another country.

## ENFORCEMENT

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Since the law makes it an offence to harm or disturb wildlife in the ways described here, enforcement of the law is in the hands of the police. Where there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence has taken place, the police have wide powers to stop and search people, to arrest people, to enter land, to seize evidence, and to gain entry to premises. If you see anything suspicious, for example a protected bird that appears to have been poisoned or shot, you should inform the police as soon as possible. Do not interfere with the carcass unless the animal is injured and needs urgent veterinary care. The police now have a Wildlife Liaison Officer with special responsibility for such matters. Very substantial fines can be imposed on anyone found guilty of these offences, and offenders may also be sent to prison.



Report the suspected crime to the local PSNI station or telephone 101. State that you believe it is a 'wildlife crime' and explain what you have witnessed. Always ask for a reference number so that you can trace the progress of the case.

Alternatively crimes can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers NI on 0800 555 111.

### Land Managers

Any person who knowingly causes or permits crimes against protected wildlife on land owned or managed by them may be guilty of an offence.

### Acts of Cruelty

Under the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, it is a crime to cause unnecessary suffering to any animal including a wild animal. Crimes against wildlife should be reported to the local police, potential acts of cruelty against domestic pets should be reported to the local government animal welfare officers see page 20. Concerns about agricultural stock should be reported to the **Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)**.

### Sale of certain species

The sale or advertising for sale of Common Frogs, Hedgehogs, Freshwater Mussels, Sea Urchins and other species listed under Schedule 7 as well as all the specially protected species is a crime.



## ADVICE

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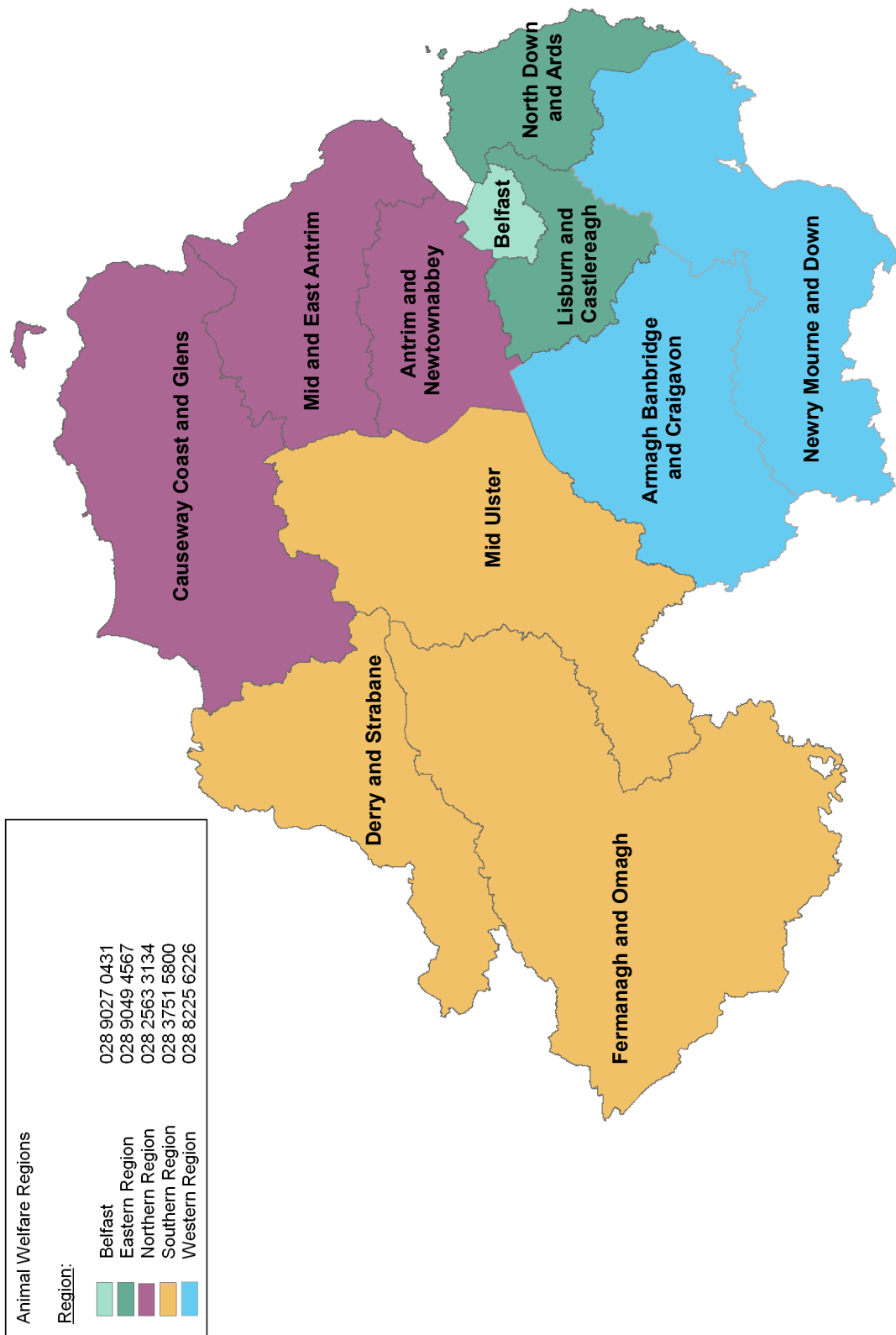
The law relating to wildlife is complicated and it is impossible to cover every detail in this leaflet. Further advice can be obtained from the following:

<b>Contact:</b>	<b>The Wildlife Team Northern Ireland Environment Agency</b> Klondyke Building, Cromac Avenue, Gasworks Business Park, Malone Lower Belfast BT7 2JA	<b>Contact:</b>	<b>DAERA Marine Division</b> Klondyke Building, Cromac Avenue, Gasworks Business Park, Malone Lower Belfast BT7 2JA
<b>Telephone:</b>	028 9056 9602 / 028 9056 9551	<b>Telephone:</b>	028 9082 3549
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/biodiversity/wildlife-licensing-and-management">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/ topics/biodiversity/wildlife- licensing-and-management</a>	<b>Web:</b>	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/marine">https://www.daera- ni.gov.uk/topics/marine</a>

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### Other Useful Contacts

<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs</b> Dundonald House Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT2 7EG	<b>Contact:</b>	<b>British Association for Shooting and Conservation BASC</b> Northern Ireland Centre, 33 Castle Street, Lisburn, Co Down, BT27 4SP
<b>Telephone:</b>	0300 2007852	<b>Telephone:</b>	028 9260 5050
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk">daerahelpline@daera-ni.gov.uk</a>	<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.basc.org.uk">www.basc.org.uk</a>
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/</a>	<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Scottish Association for Countryside Sports (SACS)</b> Netherholm Netherburn Larkhall ML9 3DG
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (England, Wales &amp; International)</b> Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6EB	<b>Telephone:</b>	+44(0)1698885206
<b>Telephone:</b>	0117 1371 8000	<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@sacs.org.uk">info@sacs.org.uk</a>
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk">www.defra.gov.uk</a>	<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.sacs.org.uk/">www.sacs.org.uk/</a>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Police Service Northern Ireland (PSNI)</b> 65 Knock Road Belfast BS5 6LE	<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Northern Ireland Bat Group</b> The Ulster Museum Bangor Road, Cultra, Holywood, Belfast BT18 OEU
<b>Telephone:</b>	101	<b>Telephone:</b>	028 9039 5264
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.psni.police.uk">www.psni.police.uk</a>	<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.bats-ni.org.uk/grounded-and-injured-bats/">http://www.bats-ni.org.uk/grounded-and- injured-bats/</a>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Royal Society for the protection of birds</b> Belvoir Park Forest Belfast BT8 7QT
<b>Telephone:</b>	0800 555 111	<b>Telephone:</b>	Tel. 028 9049 1547
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Countryside Alliance Ireland</b> 64a Dows Road, Belfast BT8 8LB	<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.rspb.org.uk">www.rspb.org.uk</a>
<b>Telephone:</b>	+44 (0) 28 9263 9911		
<b>Fax:</b>	+44 (0) 28 9263 9922		
<b>Web:</b>	<a href="http://www.countrysideallianceireland.org/">www.countrysidealliance ireland.org/</a>		



Reporting Animal Welfare issues relating to domestic animals including horses contact your local Animal Welfare Officer

## SCHEDULES OF THE WILDLIFE (NI) ORDER 1985 (AS AMENDED)

### Shedule A1

Birds which re-use their nests

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Owl, Barn	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Eagle, White-tailed	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>

### Shedule 1

Birds which are protected by special penalties

#### Part 1: At all times

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Bunting, Corn	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Grebe, Black-necked	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Chough	<i>Pyrrhonorax pyrrhonorax</i>	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Gull, Mediterranean	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>
Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Harrier, Hen	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Harrier, Marsh	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Diver, Red-throated	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Dove, Stock	<i>Columba oenus</i>	Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Dove, Turtle	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Kite, Red	<i>Milvus milvus</i>
Eagle, Golden	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
Eagle, White-tailed	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Martin, Sand	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Egret, Little	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
Flycatcher, Pied	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
Flycatcher, Spotted	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Ousel, Ring	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>
Godwit, Black-tailed	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Owl, Barn	<i>Tyto alba</i>
		Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>



Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Owl, Long-eared	<i>Asio otus</i>	Tern, Arctic	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
Owl, Short-eared	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Tern, Common	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Owl, Snowy	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	Tern, Little	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
Perigrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Tern, Roseate	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
Petrel, Storm	<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	Tern, Sandwich	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
Pipit, Tree	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>
Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	Wagtail, Yellow (all races)	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Warbler, Garden	<i>Sylvia borin</i>
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Warbler, Reed	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Warbler, Wood	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Scoter, Common	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>
Shearwater, Manx	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Whitethroat, Lesser	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>
Sparrow, Tree	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
Swan, Bewick's	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>		
Swan, Whooper	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>		

## Shedule 2

### Birds which may be killed or taken

#### Part 1 Outside the Close Season

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Duck, Tufted	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Duck, Ruddy	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Plover, Golden	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Goose, Canada	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>
Goose, Grey-lag	<i>Anser anser</i>	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Goose, Pink-footed	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
		Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Plover, Golden	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>

### Shedule 3

Birds which may be sold dead at all times

Common name	Scientific name
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>

### Shedule 4

Birds which may be shown for competitive purposes

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>
Bunting, Reed	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
Crossbill (all species)	<i>Loxia (all species)</i>	Thrush, Mistle	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Thrush, Song	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Tit, Blue	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Tit, Coal	<i>Periparus ater</i>
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Tit, Great	<i>Parus major</i>
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Tit, Long tailed	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Tit, Marsh	<i>Poecile palustris</i>
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>
		Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>
		Wagtail Pied	<i>Motacilla Alba</i>
		Wagtail Yellow	<i>Motacilla Flava</i>

## Shedule 5

### Animals which are protected at all times

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	Marten, Pine	<i>Martes martes</i>
Butterfly, Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Mussel, Freshwater	<i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>
Butterfly, Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	Mussel Fan	<i>Atrina fragilis</i>
Butterfly, Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Newt, Common	<i>Triturus vulgaris</i>
Butterfly, Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha tullia</i>	Seahorse, Short Snouted	<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i>
Butterfly, Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>	Seahorse, Spiny	<i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i>
Butterfly, Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>	Seal, Common	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>
Butterfly, Real's Wood White	<i>Leptidea reali</i>	Sea Grey	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>
Butterfly, Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	Skate Common (in respect of Article 10(1) only and with respect to coastal waters)	<i>Dipturus batis</i>
Crayfish, White-Clawed	<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	Shark Angel (in respect of Article 10 (1) only and with respect to coastal waters)	<i>Squatina squatina</i>
Damselfly, Irish	<i>Coenagrion lunulatum</i>	Shark Basking	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>
Lizard, Common or Viviparous	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>	Squirrel Red	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>
Lobster, Spiny	<i>Palinurus elaphus</i>		



## Shedule 6

### Animals which may not be killed or taken by certain methods

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	Marten, Pine	<i>Martes martes</i>
Bats (all species)	<i>Chiroptera (all species)</i>	Mussel, Fan	<i>Atrina fragilis</i>
Crayfish White-Clawed	<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	Newt, Common	<i>Triturus vulgaris</i>
Deer, Fallow	<i>Dama dama</i>	Otter, Common	<i>Lutra lutra</i>
Deer Red	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Seahorse, Short Snouted	<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i>
Deer Sika	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	Seahorse, Spiny	<i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i>
Hare Brown	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Seal, Common	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>
Hare, Irish	<i>Lepus timidus</i>	Seal, Grey	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>
Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	Shark Basking	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>
Lizard, Common or Viviparous	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>	Shrew, Pygmy	<i>Sorex minutus</i>
Lobster, Spiny	<i>Palinurus elaphus</i>	Squirrel Red	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>

## Shedule 7

### Animals which may not be sold alive or dead at any time

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Badger	<i>Meles meles</i>	Hedgehog	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>
Butterfly, Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	Lobster, Spiny	<i>Palinurus elaphus</i>
Butterfly, Dingy Skipper	<i>Erynnis tages</i>	Lizard, Common or Viviparous	<i>Lacerta vivipara</i>
Butterfly, Holly Blue	<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>	Marten, Pine	<i>Martes martes</i>
Butterfly, Large Heath	<i>Coenonympha tullia</i>	Mussel, Freshwater	<i>Margaretifera margaretifera</i>
Butterfly, Marsh Fritillary	<i>Euphydryas aurinia</i>	Mussel, Fan	<i>Atrina fragilis</i>
Butterfly, Purple Hairstreak	<i>Quercusia quercus</i>	Newt, Common	<i>Triturus vulgaris</i>
Butterfly, Real's Wood White	<i>Leptidea reali</i>	Seahorse, Short Snouted	<i>Hippocampus hippocampus</i>
Butterfly, Small Blue	<i>Cupido minimus</i>	Seahorse, Spiny	<i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i>
Crayfish, White-Clawed	<i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i>	Seal, Common	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>
Damselfly, Irish	<i>Coenagrion lunulatum</i>	Seal, Grey	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>
Frog, Common	<i>Rana temporaria</i>	Sea-urchin, Common	<i>Echinus esculentus</i>
		Shark, Basking	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>
		Squirrel, Red	<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>

## Shedule 8

### Plants which are protected

#### Part 1 Plants which are protected under Article 14(1)(a) and (2)

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Avens, Mountain	<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Fern, Parsley	<i>Cryptogramma crispa</i>
Beak-sedge, Brown	<i>Rhynchospora fusca</i>	Fern Killarney	<i>Trichomanes speciosum</i>
Birds-foot	<i>Ornithopus perpusillus</i>	Figwort, Green	<i>Scrophularia umbrosa</i>
Bristle-moss, Spruce's	<i>Orthotrichum sprucei</i>	Fleabane, Blue	<i>Erigeron acer</i>
Broomrape, Ivy	<i>Orobanche hederæ</i>	Gentian, Autumn	<i>Gentianella amarella</i>
Buckthorn, Alder	<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Globe-flower	<i>Trollius europæus</i>
Bugle, Pyramidal	<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i>	Grass, Blue-eyed	<i>Sisyrinchium bermudiana</i>
Burnet, Great	<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	Grass, Holy	<i>Hierochloe odorata</i>
Campion, Moss	<i>Silene acaulis</i>	Heath, Cornish	<i>Erica vagans</i>
Cat's-ear, Smooth	<i>Hypochoeris glabra</i>	Helleborine, Green-flowered	<i>Epipactis phyllanthes</i>
Centaury, Seaside	<i>Centaurium littorale</i>	Helleborine, Marsh	<i>Epipactis palustris</i>
Cloudberry	<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>	Henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
Clubmoss, Alpine	<i>Diphasiastrum alpinum</i>	Hornwort, Soft	<i>Ceratophyllum submersum</i>
Clubmoss, Stag's Horn	<i>Lycopodium clavatum</i>	Jelly-lichen, River	<i>Collema dichotomum</i>
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>
Cow-wheat, Wood	<i>Melampyrum sylvaticum</i>	Lichen	<i>Enterographa elaborata</i>
Cranesbill, Meadow	<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Lichen	<i>Lobaria virens</i>
Cranesbill, Wood	<i>Geranium sylvaticum</i>	Meadow-rue, Alpine	<i>Thalictrum alpinum</i>
Cress, Shepherd's	<i>Teesdalia nudicaulis</i>	Moschatel, or Town Hall Clock	<i>Adoxa moschatellina</i>
Crowfoot, Water	<i>Ranunculus fluitans</i>	Mudwort	<i>Limosella aquatica</i>
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Notchwort, Ragged	<i>Leiocolea heterocolpos</i>
Feather-moss, Elegant	<i>Eurhynchiastrum pulchellum</i>	Orchid, Bee	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>
Fern, Holly	<i>Polystichum lonchitis</i>	Orchid, Bog	<i>Hammarbya paludosa</i>
Fern, Oak	<i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i>	Orchid, Dense-flowered	<i>Neotinea maculata</i>
		Orchid, Green-winged	<i>Orchis morio</i>

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Orchid, Irish Lady's Tresses	<i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i>	Sedge, Few-flowered	<i>Carex pauciflora</i>
Orchid, Lapland Marsh	<i>Dactylorhiza lapponica</i>	Sedge, Stiff	<i>Carex bigelowii</i>
Orchid, Small white	<i>Pseudorchis albida</i>	Small-reed, Northern	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
Oyster-plant	<i>Mertensia maritima</i>	Small-reed, Wood	<i>Calamagrostis epigejos</i>
Pennyroyal	<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Spike-rush	<i>Eleocharis parvula</i>
Petalwort	<i>Petalophyllum ralfsii</i>	St John's Wort, Hairy	<i>Hypericum hirsutum</i>
Rosemary, Bog	<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	Thread-moss, Slender	<i>Orthodontium gracile</i>
Saw-wort, Mountain	<i>Saussurea alpina</i>	Vetch, Wood Bitter	<i>Vicia orobus</i>
Saxifrage, Purple	<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	Violet, Fen	<i>Viola persicifolia</i>
Saxifrage, Yellow Mountain	<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	Violet, Water	<i>Hottonia palustris</i>
Sea-kale	<i>Crambe maritima</i>	Wintergreen, Serrated	<i>Ramischia secunda</i>
Sea-lavender, Rock	<i>Limonium binervosum</i>	Wormwood, Sea	<i>Seriphidium maritimum</i>
Sedge, Broad-leaved Mud	<i>Carex magellanica</i>	Yellow Bird's-nest	<i>Monotropa hypopitys</i>

#### Part 2 Plants which are protected under Article 14(1)(b) and (2)

Common name	Scientific name
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>
Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>



## Shedule 9

### Animals and plants to which Article 15 applies

#### Part 1 Animals which are established in the wild

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Amphipod, Freshwater	<i>Crangonyx pseudogracilis</i>	Hedgehog (with respect to islands in territorial waters only)	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>
Crayfish, Signal	<i>Pacifastacus leniusculus</i>		
Crayfish, Narrow-clawed	<i>Astacus leptodactylus</i>	Limpet, Slipper	<i>Crepidula fornicate</i>
Crayfish, Noble	<i>Astacus astacus</i>	Mink, American	<i>Mustela vison</i>
Crayfish, Spiny-cheek	<i>Orconectes limosus</i>	Mussel, Zebra	<i>Dreissena polymorpha</i>
Crayfish, Marbled	<i>Procambarus sp.</i>	Rat, Common Brown (with respect to islands in territorial waters only)	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>
Deer, Chinese water	<i>Hydropotes inermis</i>	Rat, Black	
Deer, Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	Sea squirt	<i>Didemnum vexillum</i>
Deer, Roe	<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>	Sea squirt, Club	<i>Styela clava</i>
Duck, Mandarin	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Shrimp, Freshwater	<i>Gammarus pulex</i>
Duck, Ruddy	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Shrimp, Freshwater	<i>Gammarus tigrinus</i>
Fox (with respect to islands in territorial waters only)	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Shrimp, Japanese skeleton	<i>Caprella mutica</i>
Goose, Barnacle	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Squirrel, Grey	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
Goose, Canada	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Stoat, Irish (with respect to islands in territorial waters only)	<i>Mustela erminea hibernicus</i>
Hare, Brown	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>		

## Part 2 Plants

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Balsam, Himalayan	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Pirri–pirri Bur	<i>Acaena (all species)</i>
Bluebell, Spanish	<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Reed, Giant	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Cabbage, Skunk	<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	Rhubarb, Giant	<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>
Eelgrass, Dwarf	<i>Zostera japonica</i>	Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>
Fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Salvinia, Giant	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
Fig, Hottentot	<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	Seaweed, Japanese	<i>Sargassum muticum</i>
Hogweed, Giant	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Sea-buckthorn	<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>
Honeysuckle, Japanese	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Spartina or Cord–grass	<i>Spartina (all species)</i>
Kelp, Giant	<i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i>	Stonecrop, Australian swamp	<i>Crassula helmsii</i>
Kelp, Japanese	<i>Undaria pinnatifida</i>	Water Chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i>
Knotweed, Giant	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	Water Fern	<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>
Knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Polygonum wallichii</i>	Water Lettuce	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>
Knotweed, Japanese	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Water Primrose	<i>Ludwigia</i>
Leek, Few-flowered	<i>Allium paradoxum</i>	Water Soldier	<i>Stratiotes aloides</i>
Mile-A-Minute Weed	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i>	Waterlily, Fringed	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>
Parrot’s Feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Waterweeds (all species)	<i>Elodea (all species)</i>
Pennywort, Floating	<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Waterweed, Curly	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>
		Waterweed, Large flowered	<i>Egeria densa</i>

## Schedule 2

### European Protected Species of Animals

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Bats, Typical (all species)	<i>Vespertilionidae</i>	Marine Turtles	<i>Caretta caretta</i>
Dolphins, porpoises and whales (all species)	<i>Cetacea</i>		<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
			<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>
			<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>
Otter, Common	<i>Lutra lutra</i>		<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>

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## Schedule 3

### Animals which may not be taken or killed in certain ways

Common name	Scientific name	Common name	Scientific name
Hare, Mountain	<i>Lepus timidus</i>	Seal, Common	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>
Lamprey, River	<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>	Seal, Grey	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>
Marten, Pine	<i>Martes martes</i>	Shad, Allis	<i>Alosa alosa</i>
		Shad, Twaite	<i>Alosa fallax</i>
Salmon, Atlantic	<i>Salmo salar</i> (only in fresh water)		

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## Schedule 4

### European Protected Species of Plants

Common name	Scientific name
Fern, Killarney	<i>Trichomanes speciosum</i>
Saxifrage, Yellow Marsh	<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>

## RELEVANT LEGISLATION

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The Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (As amended)

The Wildlife and Natural Environment (NI) Act 2011

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (As amended)

The Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Spring Traps Approval Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

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**This booklet is intended as a guide to the laws regarding wildlife in case of doubt ,  
reference should be made to the relevant legislation listed above**

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