



Birds of Prey – majestic but still persecuted

Peregrine falcon © Rich Bunce, Walking Photographer



Help us put an end to the ongoing persecution and criminal killing of birds of prey.

Your donation will fund our charitable work, including – **Eyes on the Skies** – our lead campaign.

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Join us in the fight against wildlife crime by supporting our Eyes on the Skies campaign. Together, we can speak out against the criminal killing of birds of prey and further raise public awareness of these horrendous crimes to help protect these magnificent species for future generations.

Please sign our **petition** to help put an end to the ongoing persecution and criminal killing of birds of prey.

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The Shocking Facts

- Birds of prey are in catastrophic decline, especially in the Yorkshire Dales – a UK black spot for this type of wildlife crime, with 152 confirmed incidents of raptor persecution, including 41 involving hen harriers, over a recent 15-year period in the Yorkshire Dales.
- Despite more than 70 years of full legal protections for these awe inspiring apex species, birds of prey continue to be persecuted with several now categorised as ‘red’ and ‘amber’ for Birds of Conservation Concern.
- There is overwhelming evidence that birds of prey continue to be trapped, shot and poisoned on our uplands. You can review the RSPB’s Birdcrime Report (2023), a 15 year review of the illegal killing of birds of prey in the UK via the button below:

RSPB Birdcrime Report

- The Wildlife and Countryside Link (WCL) 2024 Wildlife Crime Report also highlights the low number of convictions for wildlife crimes, with only 43 secured out of nearly 2,000 reported incidents in 2024:

WCL Wildlife Crime Report

How can you help

- Because these crimes are often committed in rural areas, under cover of darkness, they usually go undetected or there is insufficient evidence to enable a successful prosecution. More awareness of these crimes will mean more **eyes on the skies** – more people knowledgeable about what should be there and alert to the signs of persecution or potential persecution to look out for and report.

How to RECOGNISE, RECORD & REPORT Birds of Prey CRIME



Some of the birds we want to protect

Hen Harrier	+
Buzzard	+
Red Kite	+
Peregrine Falcon	+

Short-eared Owl



Kestrel



Make your own kestrel kite or decoration

Download the instructions and templates below to make your own kestrel kite or non-flying kestrel mobile decoration.

We are grateful to Alan Poxon, a professional kite maker, who worked with us to create this realistic template of a kestrel to fly as a small kite in light winds, or hang up as a decoration, to support our Eyes on the Skies campaign.

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