| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1240  Responded to: 06 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 regarding foraging or picking of plants. Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2022 and the most recent date for which data is available.

## Please could you provide the following:

## The number of reports made to your force about foraging or picking of plants. Please could you provide the following breakdown:

## A yearly breakdown of the number of reports made about foraging or picking of plants.

## The approximate location (for example: name of the park or road) at which the foraging or picking of plants allegedly took place.

## Whether the report of foraging or picking of plants led to a charge.

## The names of the offences under which these charges were made.

## The number of these charges which proceeded to conviction.

Police Scotland have no incident classification that aligns to the behaviour described in your request.  It could be recorded under a number of more general classifications, therefore all incidents relating to which would have to be individually reviewed for relevance.

As such, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.