| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0766  Responded to: 20 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Under Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations, I would like to request the following information;**

**How many dead /killed Schedule 1 birds of prey have been reported to / investigated by your force between the dates - 1st January 2024 to the 31st December 2024 inclusive?**

**What species of bird of prey was investigated?**

**What was the cause of death?**

Police Scotland has received reports regarding / investigated 10 birds of prey having been killed between the dates 01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024.

The breakdown of species and cause of death are as follows:

* Goshawk - Blunt force trauma
* Buzzard - Shot
* Red Kite - Poison (Carbofuran)
* Osprey - Shot
* Golden Eagle – Found in a plastic bag with parts of body removed. Cause of Death unknown
* Red Kite - Poison (rodenticide)
* Red Kite - Poison (Diazinon)
* Peregrine Falcon - Shot
* White Tailed Sea Eagle - Poison (Pentobarbital)
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Police Scotland has received reports of other dead birds of prey but there has been no further investigation, generally due to the post mortem examination establishing no criminality.

There were also investigations carried out in relation to 4 Satellite Tagged birds of prey who experienced a *sudden stop no malfunction* of the satellite tag, which was considered suspicious. No birds or their tags were recovered;

* 2 x Golden Eagle - missing sat tag - deemed to be suspicious
* 2 x Hen Harrier - missing sat tag - deemed to be suspicious

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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.