| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 23-2517Responded to: xx November 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please can you provide me with the crime details (noted below) of all wildlife raptor persecution crime incidents occurring in Highland between 2016 and 2021 that have occurred on or close to land that is intensively managed for Grouse or game birds. I’m looking for;

## Date of incident,

## Incident type – trapping, poison or shooting,

## Species

## Location – Within 10 km Square or council area or post code (first half of post code)

Where recorded, the requested information is provided in the table below:

| **Date** | **Incident details** | **Locus details in relation to land managed for grouse or game birds** |
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| **Within managed land** | **Within 500m (near) managed land** |
| 2016 | 01/06/2016 | Buzzard nest destruction. Tree climbed and chicks found dead within.  | - | Y |
| 23/11/2016 | Buzzard shooting. Shot by shooting guest | Y | - |
| 2017 | 28/04/2017 | Firearms trespass. Males seen on CCTV near active Goshawk nest with firearms.  | - | Y(IV13) |
| 23/05/2017 | Egg destruction. Golden Eagle nest egg destruction. (IV28) | Y(IV28) | - |
| 07/06/2017 | Trapping offence. Fenn trap set unrestricted and catching a Buzzard | Y(IV13) | - |
| 2018 | 27/08/2018 | Trapping offence. Buzzard caught in Clam trap. | Y(IV13) | - |
| 2020 | 18/08/2020 | Buzzard Shooting. Buzzard found shot dead.  | Y(PH26) | - |
| 09/10/2020 | Poisoned Red Kite. Red Kite found dead (poisoned).  | Y(IV13) | - |
| 2021 | 20/05/2021 | Poisoned Red Kite. Red kite found next to poisoned bait | Y(PH26) | - |
| 03/06/2021 | Trap offence. Trap found in circumstances of unlawful use likely to take Raptors.  | Y(PH26) | - |
| 10/07/2021 | Goshawk shot. Goshawk found Shot hanging in a tree.  | - | Y(IV2)  |
| 16/09/2021 | Sparrow hawk shot.  | Y(IV13) |  |

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 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 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.