

Scottish Government General Licence No.7/2009

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**LICENCE TO TAKE BIRDS EGGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
REMOVING UNSUCCESSFUL EGGS FROM NEST BOXES**

This licence is granted by Scottish Ministers under Section 16(1)(c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, after consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage and being satisfied that there is no other satisfactory solution. It authorises the taking and destroying of the eggs of wild birds, or any part of such an egg, for the sole purpose of allowing the removal and prompt destruction of abandoned and unsuccessful eggs from nest boxes before the commencement of the next breeding season.

CONDITIONS

1. This licence only applies to the taking by hand and destroying of eggs of wild birds, or any part of such eggs, from nest boxes in Scotland not currently in use by birds, **during the period 01 August to 31 January**, and is issued solely in order to permit the removal of abandoned or unsuccessful eggs from nest boxes before the next breeding season.
2. No unauthorised person shall remove eggs from another person's nest box, that is a person not authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action is taken.
3. Eggs removed from nest boxes shall either be destroyed immediately or sent to an authorised authority (e.g. Royal Museum of Scotland). If a person intends to give the eggs to an authorised authority, they must do so within three days of taking the eggs from the nest box.
4. Nothing in this licence permits the sale, hire, barter or exchange of any egg of a wild bird or any part of such an egg.
5. This licence is valid in Scotland, unless previously revoked, for the period **01 January 2009 to 31 December 2009**.



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