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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

WILDLIFE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 (AS AMENDED)

LICENCE

General licence to kill or take certain birds, including the taking, damaging or destruction of their nests or the taking or the destruction of their eggs, or the disturbance of such a bird or the young of such a bird.

This licence hereby authorises for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease and preventing serious damage to livestock, foodstuffs for livestock, crops, vegetables, fruit, growing timber and fisheries **ANY AUTHORISED PERSON** to kill or take any of the following birds: -

Crow
Gull, Great Black-backed
Gull, Herring
Gull, Lesser black-backed
Jackdaw
Magpie
Pigeon, Feral
Pigeon, Wood
Rook
Sparrow, House
Starling

By shooting or by the use of a cage-trap or net by any method not prohibited by Article 6 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended) (the Order); to take, damage or destroy their nests, or to take or destroy their eggs; or to disturb such a bird or the dependant young of such a bird.



This licence does not apply on Sundays or during the period commencing one hour after sunset on any day ending one hour before sunrise on the next day.

This licence is granted under Article 18(1) and (6) of the Order by the Department of the Environment (the Department). It comes into operation on 11 September 2009 and is valid, unless otherwise revoked, in all regions of Northern Ireland until 10 September 2010.

In this licence: -

"authorised person" means: -

- the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;
- any person authorised by the Department

(The authorisation of any person for the purposes of this definition shall not confer any right of entry upon land).

"to kill" includes accidentally to wound, whilst attempting to kill;

"wild bird" means any bird of a kind that is ordinarily resident in or is a visitor to Northern Ireland in a wild state, but does not include poultry.

"livestock" includes any animal which is kept: -

- (a) for the provision of food, wool, skins or fur;
- (b) for the purpose of its use in the carrying on of any agricultural activity; or
- (c) for rearing and release into the wild for the provision or improvement of shooting or fishing, or for the purpose of nature conservation.

Date 1st September 2009

Signed *LA Murray*
Authorised Officer