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By **RaptorPersecutionUK** on October 10, 2024

Appeal for information from Police Scotland (10th October 2024)

APPEAL FOLLOWING DEATH OF PEREGRINE FALCON IN ANGUS

Wildlife officers are appealing for information following the death of a peregrine falcon in the Angus area.

On Tuesday, 3 September, 2024, the injured bird was found in distress by a member of the public in the Glen Esk area near to Tarfside. The SSPCA was called, and the bird taken to the wildlife resource centre in Fishcross for treatment. Due to the severity of the injuries, the bird had to be euthanised on Wednesday, 11 September, 2024.

Following further investigations, it was established that it had been shot and police were contacted.

Constable Craig Savage, Wildlife Crime Officer, said: "Peregrine falcons are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and it is illegal to kill any protected species

protected species.

"Since this matter was reported to police, we have been carrying out enquiries and working with our partner agencies to establish the full circumstances.

"We would appeal to anyone with any information that may assist our investigation to please contact us. Your information could be vital in in establishing what has happened. If you were in the Glen Esk area around Tuesday, 3 September and saw anything suspicious or have any information about shooting activity in the area, please come forward.

"Anyone with information is urged to contact Police Scotland on 101 quoting reference CR/0368615/24."

ENDS

Peregrine photo by [Pete Walkden](#)

RSPB has responded with this:

Ian Thomson, RSPB Scotland's Head of Investigations said "The news of this crime comes only a few weeks after an Osprey was shot in an adjacent glen [Ed: see [here](#)] but hearing about ongoing raptor persecution incidents in the Angus Glens will come as no surprise to anyone with an interest in the fortunes of Scotland's birds of prey.


There has been a catalogue of cases of poisoning, shooting and illegal trap use in this area dating back decades. As with many previous cases, there will be very few people in the local area who have the motivation, access, requisite firearms and opportunity to shoot and fatally injure one of our most iconic bird of prey species.

We trust that if this latest crime is found to be linked to local grouse moor management, that NatureScot utilise the powers give to them by the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill to impose the most robust sanctions possible."

ENDS

I'll comment on this case shortly, in relation to Scotland's new grouse moor licensing scheme.

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