

# Raptor Persecution UK

## Buzzard found shot next to grouse moor in Strathbraan, Perthshire

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Press release from *REVIVE*, the coalition for grouse moor reform:

### SHOT BUZZARD SUFFERED 'SIGNIFICANT UNNECESSARY SUFFERING'

Six months on from the introduction of new legislation intended to tackle raptor persecution, wildlife campaigners have expressed concern about the continued shooting of protected birds of prey near Scotland's grouse moors.

The League Against Cruel Sports and Raptor Persecution UK have both commented on the shooting of a protected buzzard found near to the boundary of land belonging to Glenturret Estate in Perthshire in mid-May, just a few weeks after the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Act 2024 received Royal assent.

The comments came after police notified the League Against Cruel Sports that they had concluded investigations into the shooting of the buzzard with no charges being brought.

The dead bird was found on its back with its wings spread out by a Field Officer of the League Against Cruel Sports, who was carrying out field research on grouse moor management in the area.

A post-mortem conducted by the SRCU revealed that the buzzard had been injured by a 'shot gun wound that caused fracture of the lower leg bone', concluding that 'the bird died slowly as a result of the leg wound and secondary infection, experiencing significant unnecessary suffering'.



Robbie Marsland Director of Scotland and Northern Ireland for League Against Cruel Sports said:

*"Why would anyone shoot at a buzzard – unless it was someone who was trying to make sure there would be more grouse to shoot for so-called sport?"*

*"The new laws were supposed to stop this kind of wanton cruelty but this case just goes to show that the killing goes on. Our worry is that this cruelty will continue as long as buzzards, hen harriers and golden eagles are seen as a threat to the shooting industry, rather than the magnificent creatures that they are."*

Dr Ruth Tingay of Raptor Persecution UK added:

*"It was the persistent illegal killing of golden eagles and other raptors that led the Scottish Parliament to introduce a grouse moor licensing scheme earlier this year, a ground-breaking piece of legislation designed to impose sanctions on those who continue to kill our special birds of prey."*

*"The news that yet another raptor has been shot and killed is appalling. This case, along with other ongoing police investigations such as the recent shooting of an osprey and a peregrine, as well as the poisoning of a red kite and the discovery of a dismembered golden eagle found dumped inside a plastic bag, will test the effectiveness of the new legislation."*

*"If the killings continue, it's likely there will be a push to ban gamebird shooting outright. If businesses can't operate without killing protected species then they shouldn't be in business."*

The Wildlife Management and Muirburn Act introduced a range of measures including a new licensing framework for grouse moors, banning the practice of snaring and giving greater powers to Scottish SPCA inspectors to tackle wildlife crime.

In a background briefing note about the new legislation, the Scottish Government stated, 'The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill was introduced primarily to address raptor persecution and ensure that the management of grouse moors and related activities are undertaken in an environmentally sustainable and welfare conscious manner.'

The need for land reform to help tackle wildlife crime will be one of the discussion points at the *REVIVE* Conference in Perth on Sunday 10 November. *REVIVE* is a coalition of the League Against Cruel Sports, Common Weal, OneKind, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Raptor Persecution UK, and both Robbie Marsland and Dr Ruth Tingay will speak at the event.

The conference will launch the Big Land Question campaign, a year-long programme of independent research with the aim of enhancing and informing policy development and to ascertain public perceptions around land reform.

### ENDS

This news was published by the Daily Record this morning ([here](#)).

Strathbraan is a large area dominated by grouse moors and is a notorious raptor persecution hotspot.

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### Not In My Name

November 9, 2024 at 9:08 am

The folk who do this to raptors are despicable bastards.

Reply

### lesleymarian

November 9, 2024 at 9:54 am

True, but the important thing is how can they be stopped? While driven grouse shooting exists, with its financial benefits to land owners, I don't think they can be stopped. There aren't enough police. Even if there were the will to stop thugs from killing defenceless creatures, not just raptors.

Reply

### muller1943

November 9, 2024 at 9:53 am

when will the police and the powers that be grow a set of balls and hit these murderers where it hurts in their pockets.

Pass a law that ANY BIRD IF PREY FOUND INJURED OR DEAD IN ANY DHOOTING ESTATE OR WITHIN 1 MILE FROM ANY SHOOTING FOR SO CALLED SPORT ESTATE BE ASSUMED TO BE THE ONES WITH THE EVIL INTENT OF KILLING ALL AND ANY RAPTERS THEY SEE.

Fine them an eye watering £100,000 and 3 years closure from shooting for profit.

I am sure you will find that the mysterious weather will cease forthwith.

but the boddies responsible and the police must do something as the monied perpetrators know they will get off free.

Reply

### Frances

November 9, 2024 at 10:37 am

These crimes have been carried out over many, many, years with few of the people responsible being brought to justice. My view is that an outright ban on game bird shooting is the only solution. This so called "sport" involves extreme animal cruelty anyway so it is time to make it illegal.

Reply

### Christopher Green

November 9, 2024 at 12:05 pm

The usual suspects illegally slaughtered protected wildlife before the recent legislation, and for them it's just business as usual – business being the operative word. While there's money to be made from shooting 'game' not much will change – detection of these crimes is difficult, conviction even harder, and the establishment judiciary will continue to hand out pitifully weak sentences.

The shooting industry, clinging on to bad practice, will continue to damage its own cause.

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