

# Raptor Persecution UK

## Parliamentary motion recognises ongoing illegal killing of raptors in Scotland

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A couple of weeks ago, the RSPB published its latest report, *Patterns of Persecution*, detailing the illegal killing of birds of prey in the UK, much of it taking place on land used for gamebird shooting.

In response, Scottish Greens MSP Mark Ruskell has lodged a parliamentary motion to acknowledge the report and express concern about the ongoing persecution of these birds.

### Chamber and committees

## Recognising New RSPB Report, Patterns of Persecution

Submitted by: **Mark Ruskell**, Mid Scotland and Fife, Scottish Green Party  
Date lodged: Thursday, 28 May 2026  
Motion type: Standard Motion  
Motion reference: S7M-00171

That the Parliament acknowledges the recent RSPB report, *Patterns of Persecution*, which outlines evidence of the ongoing illegal killing of birds of prey and nest destruction; expresses alarm at the continued killing of these majestic birds, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, despite recent legislation to strengthen protections for these species; notes the reported figure that 64% of confirmed cases of bird crime occurred on land associated with grouse shooting; further notes with particular concern the recent persecution of golden eagles in the South of Scotland; commends the protection and conservation of these native birds, and expresses the hope that recent reforms and resourcing of Police Scotland and NatureScot will finally bring an end to what it believes is a blight on the national conscience.

Supported by: Heather Anderson, David Barratt, Colin Beattie, Dawn Black, Holly Bruce, Ariane Burgess, Maggie Chapman, Bob Doris, Patricia Gibson, Ross Greer, Patrick Harvie, Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill, Gillian Mackay, Cara McKee, Paul McLennan, Jenni Minto (Registered Interest), Laura Moodie, Kate Nevens, Paul Sweeney, David Torrance





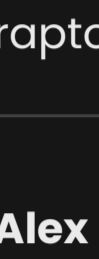
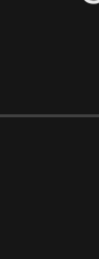
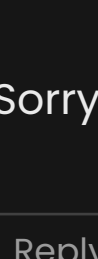
It's always interesting to see which MSPs sign up to support parliamentary motions, but particularly so after the recent May 2026 election. There are 64 new MSPs in the Parliament, many of whose views on this issue are untested.

If you're a Scottish constituent and you don't see your representatives' names supporting this motion (both constituency and regional list MSPs), you might want to give them a nudge and ask them why they haven't signed it.

Of the 20 who have put their name to it so far, nine are from the SNP, 10 from the Scottish Greens and one is from Labour.

If you're not sure who your MSPs are, you can find them [here](#).

Incidentally, congratulations to Mark Ruskell MSP who has been voted to serve as Convenor on the new Rural Affairs Committee. That is very good news. The new line-up looks like this:

Current Members	
 <b>Mark Ruskell</b> Convenor Scottish Green Party	 <b>Andrew Baxter</b> Member Scottish Liberal Democrats
 <b>Dawn Black</b> Member Scottish National Party	 <b>Finlay Carson</b> Member Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
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### Alex Milne

June 15, 2026 at 11:28 am

Sorry Ruth, I can't find the list of MSPs who support the motion.

Reply

**RaptorPersecutionUK** 

June 15, 2026 at 11:30 am

Hi Alex,

They're listed directly underneath the motion, where it says 'Supported by' (see image on blog).

Reply

### SusanH

June 15, 2026 at 11:56 am

Done

Reply

### Keith Dancy

June 15, 2026 at 11:58 am

Greatfull thanks to Mark Ruskell for this intervention. Difficult to imagine a similar motion happening in Westminster--(

I once had great hopes for Labour in Scotland after their support for the Wildlife Management and Muirburn Bill, but I think Starmer scuppered their chances in the last election--( I see their representation declined instead, from 20 MSPs to 17 between the two parliaments... but they can still do better than just the one supporter for this motion--(

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