

NEW APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT/LICENSE TO DISTURB SCHEDULE 1 SPECIES



(See Instructions for more details on completing this form)

Name: Ringing Permit No: Nest Record Code:.....

My BTO username:.....

If you don't have a My BTO username, please go to <https://www.bto.org/user/register> to sign up.

Have you been convicted of any wildlife related crimes? Yes No

What do you require the permit/licence to cover? Ringing Nest Recording

If you are not a BTO ringer, have two written references been included? Yes No

DETAILS

Please specify **ALL** the species/county/10 km areas required on the permit/licence (use additional sheets if necessary)

Species	County & Country (for Wales, please use counties specified in Instructions section)	10 km Square	Place name within 10 km square	Experience/Project	Accredited Agent (include 'My BTO' user name)

Declaration

- I agree to comply with any conditions of a permit/licence which may be granted in respect of this application (from either BTO or the Country Agency), and understand that any failure to do so may constitute an offence;
- I understand that BTO may pass this application and/or a copy of my permit/licence and contact details to the relevant Country Agency and that BTO and Country Agency staff may discuss this application with other organisations or individuals in order to ensure that disturbance to rare birds is minimised;
- I agree to my email address being passed onto other parties to allow liaison between fieldworkers and avoid duplication of sites;
- I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge all of the above is correct.

Scanned/written signatureDate:

If you are C-permit holder, please ask your Trainer to countersign this application:

Trainer's signature:.....Permit No: Date:

WARNING: The Country Agency or BTO can modify or revoke at any time any permit/licence that may be issued but this will not be done without good reason. Any permit/licence that is issued is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false or incorrect information had been provided on this form. Applicants should note that it is an offence under Section 17 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a permit/licence.

Please return the completed application form by email to ringing.licensing@bto.org

INSTRUCTIONS ON APPLYING FOR A NEW PERMIT/LICENCE TO DISTURB SCHEDULE 1 SPECIES

Schedule 1 birds are specially protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Wildlife (NI) order of 1985. This means that it is an offence to intentionally disturb these birds whilst they are building a nest, or in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young; or to disturb dependent young even if not in the nest.

As a ringing permit holder of the BTO's Ringing Scheme, or participant in the Nest Record Scheme, you will need to apply to BTO if:

- You wish to disturb a Schedule 1 species during the breeding season to monitor breeding performance and **ring adults or young** listed here: <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/ringing/taking-part/protected-birds/s1-list>
- You visit the nest of a Schedule 1 species during the breeding season to **record the contents only** of any species listed here: <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/ringing/taking-part/protected-birds/s1-list>

You **DO NOT** need to apply for a Schedule 1 permit/licence if you are acting as an 'assistant' to a licence holder or you are an ACCREDITED agent. Note: Each permit/licence holder (and accredited agent) may be accompanied at nests by **two assistants**; however, the work undertaken by the assistant(s) must be under the direct personal supervision of the licensee, i.e. assistants may only visit nests (as described above) in the company of the licensee.

If you are an accredited agent and are applying for a permit/licence in your own name, we'd strongly recommend discussing your application with the lead on whose permit/licence you are an agent before making your application, as they may be happy to extend the coverage of their own permit/licence to include the areas that you are applying for.

REFERENCES

If you are not a ringer please ask two referees (BTO rep, ringer, county bird recorder, police officer etc) to also send a written reference to ringing.licensing@bto.org

EXPERIENCE/ PROJECT

Applicants should indicate the approximate number of years they have had experience for each species and give some indication of the number of nests visited for ringing/nest recording purposes with other permit/licence holders and specify the project that you are involved with.

COUNTY

List all the counties that you wish to operate in. Note: If applying for a permit in Wales, you **MUST** use the current county names (Anglesey, Gwynedd, Powys, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Monmouthshire, Conwy, Ceredigion, Carmarthen, Pembrokeshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham, Conwy, Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Blaenau Gwent).

10 km SQUARE & SUB-LOCATION

In order to avoid duplication of sites please provide the 10 km grid reference (with prefix) which incorporates the area(s) that you wish the permit/licence to cover. If this is a large area, list all the squares you wish it to cover eg NH40, NH50, NH60 or a range of squares NH40-NH90. To calculate the 10 km square from a four-figure grid reference, select the first and third digit – NH1234 is therefore located within the 10 km square NH13. The location name should be a prominent place/town/village within each 10 km square in which you are applying for a permit/licence. The name must appear on an OS map as this allows us to verify that the grid reference given to us is correct and therefore prevents you unwittingly breaking the conditions of your S1 permit/licence.

ACCREDITED AGENTS

A permit/licence holder can name accredited agents on their permit/licence who are able to carry out work under the permit/licence without the direct personal supervision of the licensee. Please note that accredited agents **DO NOT** need to apply for a permit/licence in their name for this species, and that only one report will be required at the end of the year. An accredited agent **MUST** have a copy of the Schedule 1 permit/licence (signed by the licensee). **The licensee remains responsible for any work carried out under the permit/licence.** Note that each permit/licence holder and each accredited agent can be accompanied by **two assistants**, who do not need to be named on the permit/licence or to apply for their own permit/licence. These assistants may only undertake the activities if the permit/licence holder or an accredited agent is present and providing direct personal supervision. Please note an agent must be signed up to My BTO. If they do not have a My BTO username, please instruct them to go to <https://www.bto.org/my-bto> to sign-up.

It is a requirement of any permit/licence issued that a full report is submitted after the breeding season, preferably as a nest record return. Failure to do so may result in future applications being refused. Information from these returns is used to compile summary statistics on the breeding success of rare birds and on persecution. Applicants should note that a permit/licence does not grant access or power of entry onto any land. If you require further help in applying for a Schedule 1 permit/licence or advice on completing the returns, or have any queries regarding your Schedule 1 permit/licence (including progress) then please contact us at ringing.licensing@bto.org

If you are providing name, address and other personal details, BTO will store and use these in line with our published [Privacy Policy](#).
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