

What is PAW NI?

The Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime NI (PAW NI) brings together statutory, non-statutory agencies & interested parties with the common goal of combating wildlife crime through publicity, education and campaigning. PAW NI partners include key government Departments, PSNI and other enforcement agencies, environmental organisations, animal welfare groups and country sports associations.



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Reporting a wildlife crime



Any information about wildlife crime should be passed immediately to the PSNI*. Call 101.

- Describe your call as a wildlife crime report;
- Give details of the (potential) crime;
- Ask for an incident reference number;
- Retain incident number and date.

Illegal fishing activity in the Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough catchments should be reported to the Loughs Agency on Tel: 028 7134 2100.

Illegal fishing activity in any other river-catchment should be reported to DAERA Inland Fisheries on 0300 200 7860 or outside office hours on 0800 807060.



*Information can also be given anonymously via Crimestoppers.

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE CRIME



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PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION AGAINST
wildlife crime
NORTHERN IRELAND



Nesting Birds
Reckless/intentional disturbance.



Wildflowers
Illegal uprooting/selling of wildflowers.



Bats
Illegal disturbance of roosts and killing.



Fish
Illegal taking or poaching.



Traps
Illegal trapping and capture.



Deer
Illegal taking or poaching.

There are many different laws designed to protect NI's diverse wildlife and there is no single definition of a wildlife crime.

However, wildlife crimes are not:

- Legal forms of hunting;
- Legal forms of angling;
- Legal forms of pest control;
- Activities licensed by the NIEA.



Criminal activity can be intentional, reckless or opportunistic. Reporting suspicious activities may not immediately lead to an arrest, but can help build a picture that later leads to successful enforcement action.

Reporting even the smallest pieces of information can be useful in protecting NI's wildlife.

Further information is available in the NIEA's booklet "Wildlife Law and You" (2016) or visit www.wildlifecrimeni.org



International Trafficking
Illegal trade in protected species.



Non-Native Species
Release/allowing to escape into the wild.



Birds of Prey
Disturbance and illegal killing.



Marine Life
Reckless/intentional disturbance of seals and basking sharks.



Badgers
Intentional/reckless disturbance/killing, destruction of setts.

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