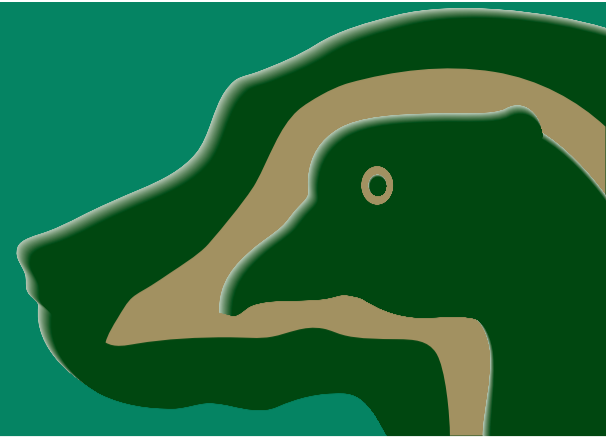


# BASC



The British Association for Shooting & Conservation

## BASC's survey on general licences in Scotland Responses revealed that...

**95%** felt it important to be able to continue controlling pest birds

Just over **1/4** used trapping as a pest bird control method

Pest birds were controlled over **50,000** days in a typical year

**99%** used shooting as a pest bird control method


**69%** believed financial damage would occur if they could no longer control pest birds

Across all species, economic damage estimates totalled


**£6.5 million**

**57%** agreed to the proposed inclusion of ravens

Species reported most likely to cause financial damage:

**87%** Woodpigeon 

**85%** Resident greylag goose 

**93%** Controlled corvids 

**89%** Controlled pigeons and doves 

Views on essential requirements of general licences

**95%** allow control throughout the year

**93%** allow users to react quickly to problems

**92%** allow damage prevention

Magpie and carrion crow were most commonly controlled for conservation purposes

Pigeons, crows and geese were most commonly controlled for the purposes of damage prevention

Most species were most commonly controlled throughout the whole year

