

DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, HERITAGE AND THE GAELTACHT

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3(1) (A) OF THE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (WILDLIFE ACT 1976) (AMENDMENT)

REGULATIONS 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986)

The Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, being of the opinion that the species referred to in the Schedule to this declaration represent a threat to public health or are likely to cause serious damage to crops or to livestock or are likely to cause damage to fauna and being satisfied that no other satisfactory solution exists, hereby declares pursuant to regulation 3(1)(a) of the European Communities (Wildlife Act 1976) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 (S.I. No. 254 of 1986), as adapted, that for the purpose of preventing the disease, injury or damage specified in column (2) of the Schedule by the species mentioned in column (1) of the Schedule, the said species may be captured or killed on any property throughout **the State** by any of the means, arrangements or methods specified in column (4) of the Schedule during the period specified for each species in column (3) of the Schedule to this declaration, by the owner or occupier of any such property or the servant or agent of the owner or occupier of any such property on which the said threat to public health is represented by such species or in order to prevent serious damage to crops or to livestock or damage to fauna on such property, as specified in column (2) of the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

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SPECIES TYPE	REASON FOR CONTROL	PERIOD COVERED BY DECLARATION	METHOD OF CONTROL
Hooded (Grey) Crow (<i>Corvus corone</i>)	<p>Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases</p> <p>Prevent serious damage to livestock</p> <p>Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds</p>	<p>1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 31 May 2016 and 1 December 2016 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 30 September 2016 and 1 February 2017 to 30 April 2017</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾</p>
Magpie (<i>Pica pica</i>)	<p>Threat to public health and vector in the spread of animal diseases</p> <p>Prevent serious damage to livestock</p> <p>Protection of fauna, notably the nests and young of game birds</p>	<p>1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 31 May 2016 and 1 December 2016 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 30 September 2016 and 1 February 2017 to 30 April 2017</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Cage traps with or without live decoys subject to conditions in Note below. ⁽¹⁾</p>
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	<p>Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet</p> <p>Prevent damage to livestock feedlots</p>	<p>1 May 2016 to 31 December 2016 and 1 February 2017 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 31 May 2016 and 1 November 2016 to 30 April 2017</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p>
Jackdaw (<i>Corvus monedula</i>)	<p>Prevent serious damage to cereal crops, brassicas and root crops such as potatoes and beet</p> <p>Prevent damage to livestock feedlots</p>	<p>1 May 2016 to 31 December 2016 and 1 February 2017 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 31 May 2016 and 1 November 2016 to 30 April 2017</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p>

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SPECIES TYPE	REASON FOR CONTROL	PERIOD COVERED BY DECLARATION	METHOD OF CONTROL
<p>Wood Pigeon (<i>Columba palumbus</i>)</p> <p>Feral Pigeon (<i>Columba livia</i>), Collared Dove (<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>)</p> <p>The following specified members of the Pigeon family are not included:</p> <p>Stock Dove (<i>Columba oenas</i>), Turtle Dove (<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>), Wild Rock Dove (<i>Columba livia</i>), carrier pigeon, homing pigeon or any other domestic types of Rock Dove.</p>	<p>Prevent serious damage to arable crops, including cereals, legumes and brassicas</p> <p>Threat to public health notably contamination of food storage</p>	<p>1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017</p> <p>1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017</p>	<p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun.</p> <p>Shooting with rifle or shotgun. Non meat based poisoned or anaesthetic bait may be used as a method of control but only under permit with prescribed conditions as issued by the National Parks and Wildlife Service prior to control action taking place.</p>



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

this 26th day of April 2016


Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

NOTE:

⁽¹⁾ Where a live wild bird is used as a decoy it is necessary to ensure that the live decoy bird may only be used to hunt birds of the same species and that the live decoy bird must be regularly provided with ample food and water and that when caged must only be kept in a cage which is of sufficient dimensions to enable the bird to move and exercise freely.