PIGEON RACING UK & IRELAND

RAPTOR ALLIANCE

PROTECT OUR PIGEONS AGAINST RAPTOR PERSECUTION

Did you witness the attack? YES / NO

If so, please give brief details below:

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Let's work together to get a fair play for our sport.

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How To Reduce Hawk Attacks On Pigeons

There are a few things you can do at your loft to minimise the risk of hawk attacks on your birds.

Fly your pigeons at diferent times of the day. Change the times to let them out. Hawks will figure out a predictable routine and be waiting when you release your birds.

Keep your birds in shape and don't overfeed. If you don't allow your birds to fly regularly, they will be unfit and a fat bird will be sluggish, slow and less likely to escape a hawk.

Train flying birds to return directly to the loft. Birds pecking on the lawn or roosting on a roof are more likely to be caught than when they are in free flight. When allowing young birds to bathe in front of the loft, be out there with them as a human deterrent.

Feed the crows. Attracting crows to your property can help keep hawks at bay. Crows hate hawks and will harrass and chase them away.

Hang hawk balls or unwanted CDs from trees near your pigeon loft. Hawk balls are large, mirrored balls that reflect light which scare hawks away, as do CDs.

A replica owl positioned on or near the loft may help, as will playing a CD of owl calls. Move the model periodically because the hawk will learn that it is no threat.

If you see a hawk near your pigeons use a whistle or simply make a noise.

Remove trees and bushes close to the loft. They provide cover for the hawks.

Remember; it is illegal to shoot, poison or trap a raptor.

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