

# The extent of bird of prey attacks on racing pigeons

1. How many racing pigeons do you currently own?

2. Where is your loft located? Please tick.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> England  | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Ireland    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scotland | <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Ireland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wales    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other               |

3. Is your loft located in an urban (town or city) or rural (village or countryside) location?

- Urban  
 Rural

4. Approximately how many hours per day do you exercise your pigeons at the loft during different times of the year?

April – September   
October - March

5. Approximately how many times per week do you train your pigeons to race during different times of the year?

April – September   
October – March

6. Approximately how many races do you enter per year?

7. Approximately how many racing pigeons do you lose a year?

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20      | <input type="checkbox"/> None  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10       |                                |

8. What do you think is the main cause of pigeon losses? Please tick only one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Collisions with powerlines or other man-made structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrestrial predators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird of prey attacks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mis-navigation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 |
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9. Please identify the bird in the picture



10. Please identify the bird in the picture



11. Please identify the bird in the picture



12. Do you think birds of prey attack racing pigeons? If no, please do not continue.

Yes

No

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13. Which bird of prey species do you think attacks the most racing pigeons?

Peregrine

Peregrines and sparrowhawks equally

Sparrowhawk

Other

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14. How often do the following outcomes occur on your racing pigeons as a result of a bird of prey attack? Please tick.

Outcomes	Five or more times a year	2 – 4 times a year	Once a year	Less than once a year
Fatality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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15. Have you observed a **peregrine** attacking your pigeons during the following situations?

	Yes	No
Whilst at the loft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During a race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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16. Have you observed a **sparrowhawk** attacking your pigeons during the following situations?

	Yes	No
Whilst at the loft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During a race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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17. Do you think the occurrence of bird of prey attacks threatens the future of pigeon racing?

Yes

No

No opinion

18. Do you think the installation of artificial bird of prey boxes encourages attacks on racing pigeons?

- Yes  
 No  
 No opinion
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19. Do you think there should be political measures to control peregrine or sparrowhawk numbers to prevent the killing of racing pigeons?

- |              | Yes                      | No                       | No opinion               |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Peregrines   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sparrowhawks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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20. Do you report any bird of prey attacks on the 'Hawkwatch' feature on the RPRA website?

- Yes  
 No  
 Do not know what it is
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**END OF SURVEY**

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please send your response to the freepost address below:

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