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QUARRY BIRDS OF PREY

Believe it or not, many of the UK's amazing birds of prey are using our nation's quarries. Peregrine falcons, for example, are nesting on rock ledges. Buzzards and kestrels are also frequent visitors. Quarries are important for birds of prey. They are usually large, offering a lot of space and a good range of habitat that resembles the birds' natural habitat. Keep a lookout for these 16 awe-inspiring birds in your local quarry.



Kestrel



Osprey



Buzzard



Marsh harrier



Peregrine



Little owl



Barn owl



Hen harrier



Hobby



Long-eared owl



Merlin



Red kite



Short-eared owl



Sparrowhawk



Tawny owl



White-tailed eagle

All British wild birds are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. In addition, 'specially protected' birds are placed on Schedule 1 of the act. It is a criminal offence to intentionally kill, injure or take wild birds or in the case of Schedule 1 species to intentionally or recklessly disturb them during the breeding season, near their nest sites.

Although most people simply enjoy the sheer spectacle of birds, sadly others are more criminally minded. In recent years peregrines particularly have been targeted, their nests destroyed and eggs and chicks stolen. Please be on the lookout for any suspicious activity and if you see anything contact the RSPB immediately on 01767 680551 or 07803241452.