



FOI Request:
Bird Rescues
2012 - 2017

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1 FOI Request

- 1.1 **Nature of Request:** How many pigeons have you rescued in the last five years, this number may also include other wild birds such as ravens, pigeons and magpies. Where have the birds been rescued from and how much has been spent on the rescue of pigeons or other wild birds.

2 Response

The information below is for the number of special service incidents that have been classified by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) as 'animal assistance' incidents involving a bird. The data covers the period from 01/01/2012 to 04/12/2017.

2.1 Number of Bird Rescues

Between 01/01/2012 and 04/12/2017 TWFRS recorded 192 animal assistance incidents involving birds, broken down by year below:

Year	Number of Incidents
2012	32
2013	35
2014	27
2015	32
2016	33
2017	33
Total	192

2.2 Breakdown of Bird Rescues with Location

The table below shows the number of rescues broken down by calendar year, the type of bird involved and location of rescue.

Type of Bird / Location of Rescue	Year						Total
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Bird (not identified)	8	5	4	5	2	4	28
Dwelling	5	2	1	3	2	4	17
<i>Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>						1	1
<i>House - single occupancy</i>	4	2	1	2	2	2	13
<i>Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>	1			1		1	3
Grassland, woodland and crops	1		1				2
<i>Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)</i>	1						1
<i>Woodland/forest - conifers/softwood</i>			1				1
Non Residential	2	3	1	1			7
<i>Food and Drink</i>		1					1
<i>Industrial Manufacturing</i>			1				1
<i>Offices and call centres</i>		1					1
<i>Retail</i>	2			1			3
<i>Warehouses and bulk storage</i>		1					1
Other Residential				1			1
<i>Hotel/motel</i>				1			1
Outdoor structures			1				1
<i>Other outdoor structures</i>			1				1
Blackbird			1				1
Dwelling			1				1
<i>House – single occupancy</i>			1				1
Budgie	1						1
Grassland, woodland and crops	1						1
<i>Tree scrub (inc single trees not in garden)</i>	1						1
Cormorant		1					1
Other outdoors (including land)		1					1
<i>River/canal</i>		1					1
Crow	1	1	1	1		2	6
Dwelling	1	1	1			1	4
<i>Bungalow - single occupancy</i>						1	1
<i>House - single occupancy</i>	1	1					2
<i>Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>			1				1
Grassland, woodland and crops				1			1
<i>Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)</i>				1			1
Non Residential						1	1
<i>Offices and call centres</i>						1	1

Dove					1		1
Non Residential					1		1
<i>Public admin, security and safety</i>					1		1
Duck	1	2		1	3		7
Dwelling		1					1
<i>Converted Flat/Maisonette</i>		1					1
Other outdoors (including land)	1	1		1	3		6
<i>Highways/road surface/pavement</i>				1	1		2
<i>Lake/pond/reservoir</i>	1				1		2
<i>Other outdoor location</i>		1			1		2
Falcon						1	1
Grassland, woodland and crops						1	1
<i>Private/Domestic garden/allotment</i>						1	1
Goshawk	1						1
Dwelling	1						1
<i>House – single occupancy</i>	1						1
Harris Hawk			1			1	2
Grassland, woodland and crops			1			1	2
<i>Tree scrub (incl single trees not in garden)</i>			1				1
<i>Woodland/forest – broadleaf/hardwood</i>						1	1
Jackdaw	1			1			2
Outdoor structures	1			1			2
<i>Other outdoor items incl roadside furniture</i>	1			1			2
Kittiwake			1	2	1	2	6
Dwelling				1			1
<i>Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>				1			1
Non Residential				1			1
<i>Food and Drink</i>				1			1
Other Residential					1	1	2
<i>Hotel/motel</i>					1	1	2
Outdoor structures			1			1	2
<i>Bridge</i>			1			1	2
Magpie		1		1			2
Dwelling		1		1			2
<i>House – single occupancy</i>		1		1			2
Parrot	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Grassland, woodland and crops						1	1
<i>Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)</i>						1	1
Other outdoors (including land)						1	1
<i>Park</i>						1	1

Pigeon	5	7	3	2	4	5	26
Dwelling	1	3	1	1	3	3	12
<i>Bungalow - single occupancy</i>				1			1
<i>Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>		1					1
<i>House - single occupancy</i>	1	1	1		2	3	8
<i>Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy</i>		1			1		2
Grassland, woodland and crops						1	1
<i>Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)</i>						1	1
Non Residential	4	4	2	1	1	1	13
<i>Food and Drink</i>		1					1
<i>Offices and call centres</i>		1					1
<i>Other private non-residential building</i>	1						1
<i>Public admin, security and safety</i>			1				1
<i>Retail</i>	3	2	1	1	1	1	9
Seagull	14	16	14	18	17	13	92
Dwelling	6	5	6	8	10	4	39
<i>Bungalow – single occupancy</i>					1		1
<i>Converted Flat/Maisonette</i>				3	1		4
<i>House – single occupancy</i>	6	5	5	5	8	4	33
<i>Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette</i>			1				1
Non Residential	6	10	6	9	5	6	42
<i>Education</i>		1					1
<i>Entertainment and culture</i>	1	1					2
<i>Food and Drink</i>	1	1	2			1	5
<i>Offices and call centres</i>	2	1		5	2	3	13
<i>Other buildings/use not known</i>				1			1
<i>Public admin, security and safety</i>	1	2		1	1		5
<i>Religious</i>						2	2
<i>Retail</i>	1	4	3	2	2		12
<i>Vehicle Repair</i>			1				1
Other outdoors (including land)	1		2			1	4
<i>Animal harm outdoors</i>			1				1
<i>Lake/pond/reservoir</i>			1				1
<i>Other outdoor location</i>						1	1
<i>River/canal</i>	1						1
Other Residential		1					1
<i>Student Hall of Residence</i>		1					1
Outdoor structures	1			1	2	2	6
<i>Other outdoor items incl roadside furniture</i>	1			1		1	3
<i>Other outdoor structures</i>					2	1	3

Starling						1	1
Dwelling						1	1
<i>House – single occupancy</i>						1	1
Swan		2	2	1	5	2	12
Grassland, woodland and crops				1			1
<i>Canal/riverbank vegetation</i>				1			1
Other outdoors (including land)		2	2		5	2	11
<i>Animal harm outdoors</i>		1					1
<i>Lake/pond/reservoir</i>		1	2		5	1	9
<i>River/canal</i>						1	1
Total		32	35	27	32	33	192

2.3 Cost of Bird Rescues

All charges are per hour, or part thereof, and exclusive of VAT. For some incidents, more than one resource was required and each incident could have a combination of appliances, e.g. Water Tender, Aerial Ladder or other Special Appliance. The table below shows the number of resources used, number of hours spent and total cost of resources used for animal rescues each year.

Year	Number of Appliances	Number of Hours	Total Cost
2012	44	48	£13,452
2013	55	56	£15,666
2014	40	48	£13,860
2015	48	49	£14,606
2016	47	51	£15,720
2017	42	47	£15,363
Total	290	300	£88,667