

RISE IN WILDLIFE CRIME

It has been brought to the attention of the PC that wildlife crime has risen dramatically since lockdown. The RSPB have reported a steep rise in persecution of Raptors (collective name for birds of prey) including shooting and poisoning of these beautiful birds.

Last week, a resident of the Dovehouse Estate reported a Sparrow Hawk in his garden behaving out of character and it died shortly after being observed. The bird had no visible signs of harm and it is believed that it may have been poisoned.

If you see birds of prey acting out of character (not flying away when approached), or find a dead bird of prey please take the following action:

- Take photographs of the bird from all possible angles
- Send the photographs and a brief description of the circumstances and location found to crime@rspb.org.uk



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