| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2743  Responded to: 20 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## (1) Since 2022 how many wildlife crimes have been recorded by Police Scotland? (if possible, can you break this data down by year 2022-23, 2023-24 and any for 2024-25).

## (2) In response to (1) can you provide a breakdown of recorded wildlife crimes by Police division? (please also can you break this down by year).

In response to your request, the table below gives figures for wildlife crimes for the period April 2022 to October 2024, broken down by Division.

| Division | 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 | 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024 | 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024 |
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| Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire & Moray | 29 | 28 | 18 |
| Forth Valley | 19 | 8 | 8 |
| Tayside | 20 | 20 | 16 |
| Edinburgh | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| Greater Glasgow | 4 | 10 | 5 |
| Lothian & Scottish Borders | 32 | 44 | 18 |
| Renfrewshire & Inverclyde | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| Argyle & West Dunbartonshire | 10 | 22 | 4 |
| Northern | 34 | 29 | 17 |
| Fife | 26 | 59 | 7 |
| Lanarkshire | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| Ayrshire | 5 | 3 | 15 |
| Dumfries & Galloway | 14 | 14 | 6 |
| **Total** | **217** | **250** | **123** |

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 20/11/2024

The above totals include the following:

Birds, offences involving

Hunting with dogs

Cruelty to wild animals

Offences involving badgers

Other wildlife offences

Salmon and freshwater fisheries offences

Possession of salmon or trout unlawfully obtained

Poaching and game laws

Deer - S - offences

Other conservation offences

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.