

BIRD NESTING SEASON – PRECAUTIONS

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The bird nesting season is generally assumed to start at end of February until end of July. Nearly all nesting birds are **protected by law**.

During this period all reasonable precautions must be taken not to disturb nesting birds, this includes completed nests and nests that are in the process of being built. Old nests from previous years or nests from which the young birds have left this year are not protected.

Before commencing works, carry out a visual check of the area to be cut and note the presence of birds acting in an agitated or disturbed manner.

Birds constantly flying back and forth to the same area and giving 'distress calls' could indicate the presence of a nest.

If during cutting a nest is uncovered, **immediately cease** works in that area and ensure the nest site is not left uncovered.

If very large areas of scrub or bramble requires clearance the best advice is to leave those until after the nesting bird season and clear during the August to January period when nesting bird activity is much lower.

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