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**1977 No. 496**

**WILD BIRDS**

**The Wild Birds (Various Species) Order 1977**

*Made - - - - - 14th March 1977*

*Coming into Operation 15th April 1977*

In exercise of the power conferred on me by sections 9(1) and 13(1) of the Protection of Birds Act 1954(a), and after consulting the Advisory Committee on the Protection of Birds for England and Wales, I hereby make the following Order:—

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Wild Birds (Various Species) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 15th April 1977.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Protection of Birds Act 1954.

**2.** The wild birds specified in the Schedule to this Order shall, with respect to England and Wales, be added to Part I of Schedule 1 to the Act (which confers protection by special penalties at all times).

**3.** The pintail shall, with respect to England and Wales, be added to Part II of Schedule 1 to the Act (which confers protection by special penalties during the close season).

*Merlyn Rees,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,  
Whitehall.  
14th March 1977.

## Article 2.

## SCHEDULE

## WILD BIRDS TO BE ADDED TO PART I OF SCHEDULE 1

Falcon, Gyr  
Gull, little  
Gull, Mediterranean  
Heron, purple  
Rosefinch, scarlet  
Shorelark  
Sandpiper, green  
Trecreeper, short-toed  
Warbler, Cettis

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

Any person who commits an offence under the Protection of Birds Act 1954 in respect of a bird included in Schedule 1 to the Act or in respect of the nest or egg of such a bird is liable to special penalties if the offence is committed at any time and the bird is included in Part I of the Schedule or the offence is committed in the close season and the bird is included in Part II of the Schedule. The Order adds the birds listed in the Schedule to the Order to Part I of Schedule 1 to the Act and adds the pintail to Part II. The Schedules to the Act have effect (subject to this Order), with respect to England and Wales, as set out in the Appendix to the Wild Birds (Various Species) Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/678).

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