
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1259

WILD BIRDS

The Wild Birds (Wheldrake Ings Sanctuary) Order 1978

Made - - - - *22nd August 1978*

Coming into Operation *1st September 1978*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Protection of Birds Act 1954(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Wild Birds (Wheldrake Ings Sanctuary) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1978.

2.—(1) In this order “the Act” means the Protection of Birds Act 1954.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The area specified in the Schedule to this order (hereinafter referred to as “the Wheldrake Ings Sanctuary”) shall be a bird sanctuary.

4. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any person who, within the Wheldrake Ings Sanctuary,

(a) at any time, wilfully kills, injures or takes, or attempts to kill, injure or take, any wild bird, or

(b) wilfully takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird,

shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

5. Where any person does anything which by virtue of article 4 above is an offence against the Act he shall be liable to a special penalty.

(a) 1954 c. 30.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE

The Wheldrake Ings Sanctuary comprises 392 acres of low lying meadowland in the County of North Yorkshire bounded to the north by the old course of the River Derwent, to the east and south by the drain to The Beck and the Pocklington Canal, and to the west by the River Derwent.

Peter Shore,

Secretary of State for the Environment.

22nd August 1978.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The order establishes the Wheldrake Ings Nature Reserve in the County of North Yorkshire as a bird sanctuary. Article 4 creates offences against the Protection of Birds Act 1954, and article 5 makes such offences liable to a special penalty.