



Protection of Birds Act 1954

1954 CHAPTER 30

1 Protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs

If, save as permitted by or under this Act, any person wilfully—

- (a) kills, injures or takes, or attempts to kill, injure or take, any wild bird; or
- (b) takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use; or
- (c) takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird,

or if any person has in his possession or control any wild bird recently killed or taken which is not shown to have been killed or taken otherwise than in contravention of this Act or any order made thereunder, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act and, if that offence is committed in respect of a bird included in the First Schedule to this Act or in respect of the nest or egg of such a bird, shall be liable to a special penalty.