

## Predator and Pest Control - Bird Predators

You have learned about how farmers and gamekeepers can control some predators to protect species of conservation importance.

Now apply this knowledge by creating a predator control plan.

### **Vocational scenario**

You are the owner of a lowland farm. You are keen to encourage some birds of conservation concern such as the **grey partridge**, **corn bunting** and **tree sparrow**. These are all red list birds.

You have also noticed an increase in jackdaws, magpies and crows on the farm. You need to write a plan to enhance the habitats on the farm to encourage the target species and you also need to consider how you will control these avian predators on the farm which are threatening the red list farmland birds.

### Activity 1-

Research the best habitats for each of these species of red listed birds. The RSPB website is a useful starting point. Suggest improvements and changes you could make to your farmland habitats which would encourage these species.

### Activity 2-

How do you think that the increase of corvids - such as jackdaws, magpies and crows - is connected to the decrease in birds such as grey partridge, corn bunting and tree sparrow? Use what you learned from the film Conservation Fact File 5- Predator and Pest Control. Suggest ways that the numbers of corvids could be reduced to enhance the population of the other birds.

