

Gulls



Gulls are incredibly opportunistic and are found in almost all urban areas. They exploit all available food sources leading to increasing problems in towns and cities where conflict between humans and gulls occurs. The best way to deter gulls is to eliminate food sources, ensuring bags of waste are placed inside bins with closable lids and that no litter is dropped along with proofing your building to deter nesting.

- Gulls, like all other birds, are protected by the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**.
- While the Act does allow for the destruction of birds or removal of nests under certain circumstances, this action is only permissible where it can be demonstrated that the birds pose a risk to public safety or public health, and only when all other non-lethal methods of control have been investigated and discounted. A **pest control contractor** can talk you through this process or you can contact [Naturescot](#) who are the licensing body for gull control.
- It is readily accepted that these birds can often be a routine cause for considerable distress and annoyance, but great care must be exercised, and each case is dealt with on its own merits.
- If you are encountering problems with gulls on your property, please see our list of **Pest Control Contractors** who can arrange for a survey of your property and offer a treatment plan. (link to pest control contractors)
- You can find further information about Gulls using the relevant links.
 - [Urban gulls and their management in Scotland: review - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)
 - [Seagull Protection | Urban Gulls and the Law - The RSPB](#)
 - [Guidance - gull management | NatureScot](#)
 - [Gulls Health and Safety - Intro \(nature.scot\)](#)