

## Wildlife Performance Statistics for 2009-10

A total of **8512 licence applications** and **12 'exotic' sightings** were processed in 2009 -10. 7740 of these met the Citizens' Charter (CC) targets (i.e. 91% met our CC targets).

2009-10	Science & Conservation		EPS Mitigation		EPS (bat) Exclusion		Badger		Birds		Other Mammals		Non Native Release		Destructive Imported Animals		Deer		Seals		Falconry & Sales		Damage		Exotic sightings	
<b>Q1</b>	1266	<i>84</i>	421	<i>96</i>	5	<i>100</i>	250	<i>95</i>	75	<i>97</i>	0		6	<i>50</i>	5	<i>100</i>	5	<i>100</i>	0		46	<i>98</i>	1	<i>100</i>	1	<i>100</i>
<b>Q2</b>	870	<i>86</i>	470	<i>96</i>	34	<i>100</i>	407	<i>95</i>	470	<i>97</i>	0		6	<i>67</i>	3	<i>100</i>	20	<i>100</i>	0		60	<i>100</i>	0		7	<i>100</i>
<b>Q3</b>	916	<i>92</i>	414	<i>94</i>	18	<i>100</i>	281	<i>94</i>	134	<i>66</i>	1	<i>100</i>	8	<i>100</i>	5	<i>100</i>	6	<i>100</i>	0		20	<i>100</i>	0		4	<i>100</i>
<b>Q4</b>	1304	<i>91</i>	453	<i>87</i>	7	<i>100</i>	131	<i>97</i>	344	<i>94</i>	0		12	<i>100</i>	3	<i>67</i>	12	<i>83</i>	0		21	<i>100</i>	2	<i>100</i>	0	
<b>Summary</b>	4356	<i>88</i>	1758	<i>93</i>	64	<i>100</i>	1069	<i>95</i>	1023	<i>92</i>	1	<i>100</i>	32	<i>84</i>	16	<i>94</i>	43	<i>95</i>	0		147	<i>99</i>	3	<i>100</i>	12	<i>100</i>

### Footnotes:

- **Q1** refers to April, May and June of that year; **Q2** to July, August and September; **Q3** to October, November and December and **Q4** to January, February and March.
- The first set of figures under each licensing category is the number of cases processed/decision made that quarter, the second (which are in italics) is the % of cases that met the CC commitment that quarter (either 15 days or 30 days as appropriate – see below, or for more detail, see the [Wildlife Management & Licensing Team's service standards](#)).
- **Summary** = total number of applications processed in 2009-10, with the overall % in which the CC target was met for each licensing category.
- Natural England aims to make all licensing decisions as quickly as possible, but within the CC targets of:
  - 15 working days for Science & Conservation, Badger Development applications and 'repeats' that do not need a full reassessment (e.g. geese damage, badger agriculture/forest operations etc), or
  - 30 working days for all other topics of work (e.g. other badger applications, European Protected Species (EPS), birds etc).
  - However, cases that are complex, or where we need to seek additional information to meet licensing criteria, may take longer.
- This table does not contain information on the number of applications received per quarter, only those fully processed. For this information, please see our [annual statistics tables](#).
- Figures may vary slightly from [annual statistics](#) due to the number of cases still being worked on at the time of data collation and due to in-month collation requiring manual counting of cases.

**Categories explained:** the purposes for which licences can be issued are further explained in our [applications forms page](#)

- **Science & Conservation** includes applications processed for science, education, conservation, possession of European Protected Species, ring or mark purposes under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (e.g. to trap and mark badgers as part of a research project or to undertake a research project on a bat roost).
- **EPS mitigation** includes applications processed for all **E**uropean **P**rotected **S**pecies licences (great crested newt, bat, dormice, or other) under the

- Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (e.g. in relation to development, or public health and safety or disease).
- **EPS (Bat) Exclusion** includes applications to exclude bats from dwellings processed under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 [for advice on bats in dwellings please call [Batline](#) or download our [advisory leaflets](#)].
  - **Badger** includes applications processed under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 (e.g. to prevent damage to property or to prevent the spread of disease, but excluding science & research etc – see above).
  - **Birds** includes applications processed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (e.g. to prevent piscivorous bird damage to fisheries or to disturb a Schedule 1 bird for public health and safety reasons).
  - **Other mammals** includes applications processed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (e.g. to prevent serious damage to livestock or public health or public safety e.g. Water vole).
  - **Non Native Release** includes applications processed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (e.g. to allow the release of rehabilitated muntjac deer or Canada geese).
  - **Destructive Imported Animals** includes applications processed under the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932 (as amended) (e.g. to keep mink, coypu or grey squirrel for the purposes for scientific research or exhibition).
  - **Deer** includes applications processed under the Deer Act 1991 (as amended) (e.g. to trap and move deer or to shoot deer outside the close season).
  - **Seals** includes applications processed under the Conservation of Seals Act 1970 (for rivers only) (e.g. for prevention of damage to fisheries).
  - **Falconry & Sales** includes applications processed for falconry, taxidermy sales, bluebell sales, sales of European Protected Species, sales of incorrectly rung birds, birds that are exhibited and collection and sale of black-headed gulls' eggs. Licences are issued under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 for EPS species licensing.
  - **Damage** includes requests processed under the Pests Act 1954 or Agriculture Act 1947 (e.g. pheasants or exceptional cases of rabbit damage of national significance).
  - **Exotic sightings** include the number of reported sightings of exotic species per quarter to Natural England (e.g. wild boar, racoon or chipmunk sightings).