

## ► Specifications of bird management programme

**Monitoring.** Our experienced wildlife management operatives can identify species that present risk and can recognise bird nesting behaviours, they will regularly survey site and carryout a report identifying risk to the client both in terms of the potential for birds to nest in areas that may delay the project but also in relation to the client’s obligations to ensure legal compliance.

**Alternative habitat.** NBC prefer to mitigate any potential impact to bird populations by creating or enhancing alternative habitat where birds can nest safely.

**Bird Proofing Operations.** Although in this situation it may not be possible it is always preferable where possible to prevent the birds access to the areas using netting, or other methods.

**Bird Disruption Operations.** Concentrated activities will be implemented to encourage birds away from the development site and towards the alternative habitat, techniques could include but are not limited to the following:

Method	
Proofing	✓
Creation of alternative sites	✓
Daily monitoring	✓
Falconry Deterrents	✓
Dog Deterrents	✓
Lethal control	x
GPS location mapping	✓
Grass management	✓
Lasers	✓
Distress calls	✓
Pyrotechnics	✓
Specialist visual Deterrents	✓

**Primary Activity: Hawking (supported with Working Dogs)**

This package shall include nonlethal falconry response, ideally supported by trained working dogs and human activity, and ground management where required.

Unlike visual or mechanical devices, birds do not habituate to the presence of a live falcon and/ or hawk and working dogs.

NBCs methods have been proven to be natural and effective in encouraging birds to nest in alternative locations without the need to catch the prey, making it acceptable to the public, regulatory authorities and interest groups.



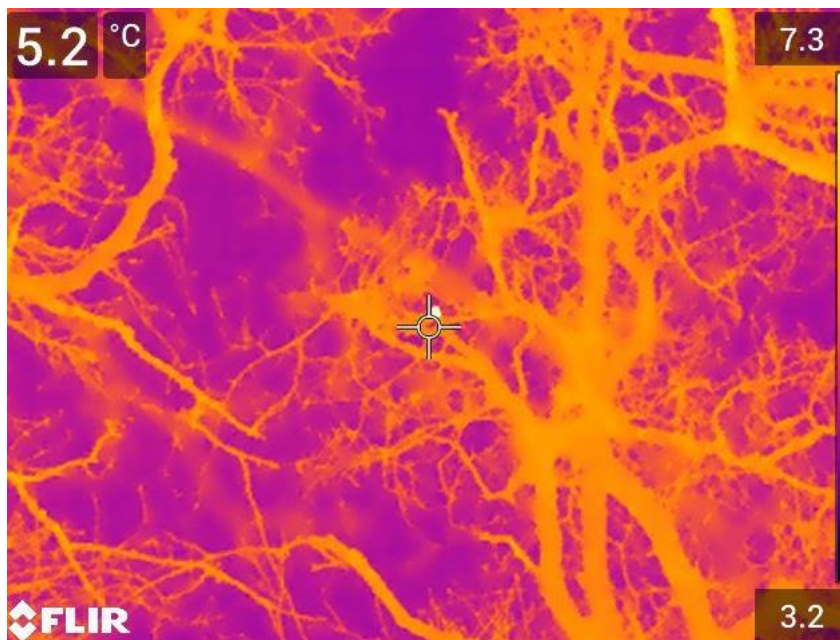
NBC have successfully completed a great many similar projects and our recommendations are based on intelligence gained through our 29 years of operation. We would however like to point out that whilst the following program is expected to be sufficient to achieve the objective we are dealing with wildlife and circumstances can be different and it may be necessary to adapt the program to ensure it is successful.

- The NBC operative SHALL NOT fly the hawk/ falcon in a targeted manner. I.e., to catch a wild bird. One technique that we recommend we use to achieve this relies upon the technician first lifting any ground birds into flight using the trained dogs and/or human disturbance. This provides the birds with an aerial advantage over the hawk/ falcon. Only then is a bird of prey flown to disperse the target species from the site.
- Dogs shall ideally be regularly run over approved parts of the site to encourage birds into the alternative habitat where this activity will not be permitted.

- For a sensitive project of this type, we would assign birds of prey which have been captive bred and trained specifically for bird control with no history of killing other birds – i.e., they are trained and focused on the technician as providing them with the food reward.
- The regular presence of Harris Hawks/Falcons is perceived as a threat by the birds and encourages them to look for more hospitable sites elsewhere.
- All the birds of prey shall be flown at their correct weight to further control any instinct for hunting their own food.
- All birds of prey assigned to the programme shall be fit and in excellent feather condition. This is very important for the welfare of a bird of prey.

### **Secondary Controls: Acoustic deterrents supported with Lasers.**

- Wildlife operatives shall also be equipped with handheld laser torches and handheld acoustic deterrents to use on occasions when a bird of prey cannot be flown.
- Thermal imaging will also assist in assessing whether nesting birds are present.



## ▶ Summary

NBC has a high rate of success on programmes of this type provided our recommendations are followed. NBC shall provide an auditable report system which will inform your business of the situation on site and advise on recommendations to ensure the programme remains effective.

We recommend the introduction of a dispersal and disruption program using our recommended measures to encourage them into the neighbouring area. This needs to be started no later than mid February as birds will soon be looking to establish breeding territory.

I must remind you of the legal protection these birds are provided and the penalties and there for recommend the production of a detailed methodology to support operations to ensure all involved remain compliant to legislation.

***NBC have more experience and success than any other company in these types of operation and I can assure you that should our recommendations be followed our teams can deliver the necessary result.***

The below link is a page of our website as a general info page about our services

<https://www.nbcenvironment.co.uk/bird-control/nesting-birds/>

Here's a few case studies..

<https://www.nbcenvironment.co.uk/bird-control/nesting-birds/projects/managing-ground-nesting-birds-at-logistics-centre-construction-site/>

<https://www.nbcenvironment.co.uk/bird-control/nesting-birds/projects/nesting-peregrine-falcons-on-nuclear-reactor-building/>

<https://www.nbcenvironment.co.uk/bird-control/nesting-birds/projects/tackling-nesting-birds-with-falconry-and-drone-operation/>

<https://www.nbcenvironment.co.uk/bird-control/nesting-birds/projects/nesting-birds-at-development-site-for-amec-foster-wheeler/>



### [Nesting Bird Mitigation from NBC Environment](#)

When ground nesting bird season approaches, typically January to March, NBC offer expertise in bird mitigation programmes. Contact us for more info.

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