



The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1932

(Section 17)

Public Exhibition of Summary of Act.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has directed that the following summary of the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1932, shall be exhibited in the immediate vicinity of all public elementary schools and Police Stations throughout the Island, and at such other places suitable with a view to bringing the contents thereof to the notice of the Public.

This Act prohibits the killing, taking or injuring of wild birds or their eggs or nests, or offering of any bird or its skin or plumage, or egg, or nest, for sale, except by persons specially licensed by the Governor for scientific or other purposes, and except for the purpose of protecting property, crops, game, or fisheries from immediate danger.

Any person offending against the Act is liable to a fine of £2 for the first offence and £5 for a subsequent offence.

Dealers in stuffed birds, or the eggs of birds, are required to keep a register of all wild birds, and of their skins, eggs, and nests received by them, shewing where they were taken and from whom procured.

The Governor may with the consent of the owner create national wild bird sanctuaries.

A constable may stop any person suspected of committing an offence against the above Act, and search him, and require him to give his name and address, and may enter upon any land where he suspects the provisions of the Act are being broken.

The Act applies to all wild birds except birds of the crow species, including rooks, jackdaws and magpies (other than choughs and ravens); all hawks except kestrels, starlings, sparrows, cormorants, shags, wood-pigeons and little owls.

Game birds and gulls are protected by the Game Act and the Sea Gull Preservation Act.

Government Office,
ISLE OF MAN,
12th July, 1932.

By Order,
T. A. CRAINE,
for Government Secretary.