

## The Muirburn Code 2017 – Supplementary Information 3

### Safe Working Distances and Breeding Season Dates For Key Bird Species That Might Be Affected By Muirburn In Scotland.

There will always be some geographical and annual variation in breeding dates. Safe working distances are only available for some species.

Species	Safe working distance (metres)	Breeding season																
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D					
Black grouse	100-150 (lek 500-750)				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Curlew					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Dunlin					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Golden eagle	750-1000		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Golden plover					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Hen harrier	500-750				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Meadow pipit					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Merlin	300-500				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Raven			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Red grouse					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Ring ouzel					X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
Short-eared owl	300-500				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Skylark					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Snipe					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Stonechat					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Twite							X	X	X	X	X	X						
Wheatear							X	X	X	X	X	X						
Whinchat							X	X	X	X	X	X						
White-tailed eagle	500-750		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				

This table is based on information in:

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