

Understanding the importance of predator and pest control in order to protect vulnerable species

Predator and pest control has been carried out for thousands of years- cats were used in Ancient Egypt to catch rats and mice to prevent them eating the grain.



Starter Questions-

What is a predator?

What is prey?

What is predation?

FACT- responsible land managers create and maintain habitats. These land managers have a responsibility to protect endangered species. The Birds of Conservation list 4th edition- is a list of 244 bird species which are regarded as needing protection. The birds are rated red, amber, or green. The 67 red list birds are the birds of the greatest conservation concern which are globally threatened.

Knowledge Check Questions

1. What is the name of the document which lists birds of conservation concern?
2. How many species are on the list?
3. What has happened to the population of amber list birds in the last 25 years?
4. Which birds can be controlled for conservation?

Watch the film **Conservation Fact File 5- Predator and Pest Control** and complete the table below

Predators	What do they prey upon?	How are these predators controlled?
Rodents -control can only be carried out by qualified people using certain types of traps.		
Corvids - can be controlled to prevent red and amber list birds and to prevent attacks on livestock.		
Foxes - a predator control plan should be agreed.		



What do you think?

The film explains how the control of predators helps conserve species of birds which are endangered (of conservation concern). Write down what you think about pest and predator control. Give reasons for your answers.