

## Trapping legislation changes Scotland

There have been some significant changes to the legislation around the trapping of mammals and birds in Scotland.

### Snaring

Snaring of mammals is banned in Scotland. This took effect from the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. It is not illegal to own snares, however it is illegal to set them.

### Mammal Trapping

The new Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2024/4/contents/enacted> is in effect. All persons in Scotland undertaking trapping using mammal traps must apply for a licence from NatureScot and display a Wildlife trap licence number (WTLN) and display the personal trapping number on the trap. Failure to do so will result in a fine and imprisonment.

	Stoat	Weasel	Mink	Rabbit	Grey Squirrel	Rat
Fenn Mk IV		✓			✓	✓
Fenn Mk VI		✓	✓	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓	✓
DOC 150	✓	✓			✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓
DOC 200	✓	✓	✓		✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓
DOC 250	✓	✓	✓		✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓
Tully	✓	✓			✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓
Perdix	✓	✓			✓	✓
Quill 150	✓	✓				✓
Goodnature A24	✓	✓				✓
Goodnature A18					✓	

1 Only in rabbit holes

2 Only in Closed end tunnels

3 - Only Traps fitted with baffles

## Bird Trapping

The Pest control operator (PCO) using bird traps (Larson traps, Larson Mate, Larsen Pod and multi-catch crow traps) will need to attend training approved by NatureScot (NS) and apply for registration through NS. Each trapper is given a Wildlife trap licence number (WTLN) that must be displayed on all traps. The Scottish government have yet to announce the licence commencement date.



Please ensure that you are familiar with the licence and the conditions that must be adhered to before undertaking any trapping work.