



# RAPTOR RESCUE

Registered Charity No. 283733

The UK's leading specialist Bird of Prey & Owl rehabilitation organisation dedicated to ensuring all sick or injured birds of prey are cared for by qualified people and that whenever possible released back into the wild.

## Annual Survey Report

For 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012

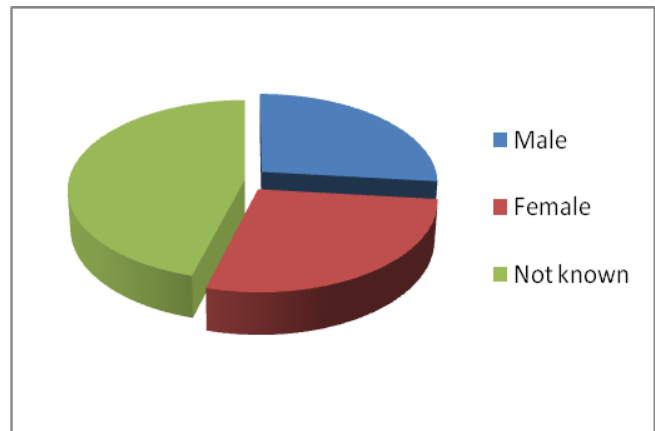
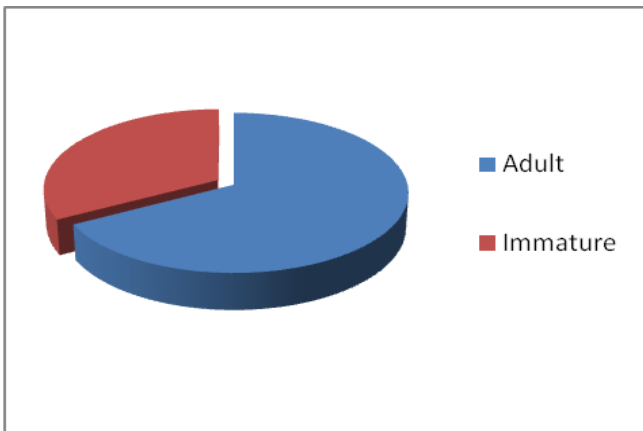
**Raptor Rescue** has conducted an annual survey each year since 1990 to collate details of the birds treated throughout the UK. All our rehabilitators are asked to maintain detailed records of the casualties they handle and complete an annual survey return.

**Raptor Rescue** rehabilitators are also called upon to take in captive bred birds of prey that have either been lost or had escaped from their owners. Some of these birds require treatment but most just have temporary accommodation before being returned to their owner or re-homed.

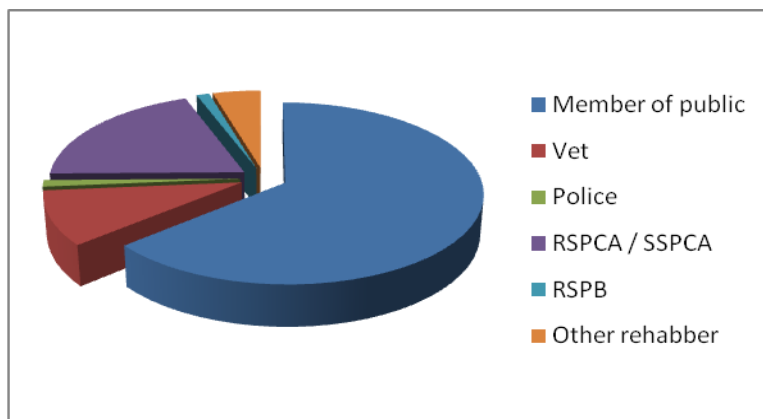
This year, of the 30 rehabilitators sent survey forms, we received returns from 21 (70%) of which 6 were nil returns.

**We handled a total of 337 wild birds which included:** Kestrel (33) - Peregrine (8) – Hobby (3) - Red Kite (4) – Sparrowhawk (37) – Goshawk (1) - Buzzard (61) – Marsh Harrier (1) – Barn Owl (55) - Little Owl (14) - Tawny Owl (116) - Short-eared Owl (4)

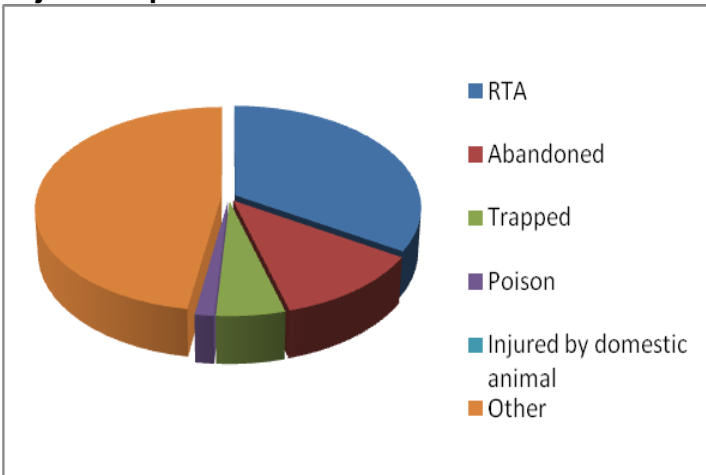
**Of the 337 birds:**



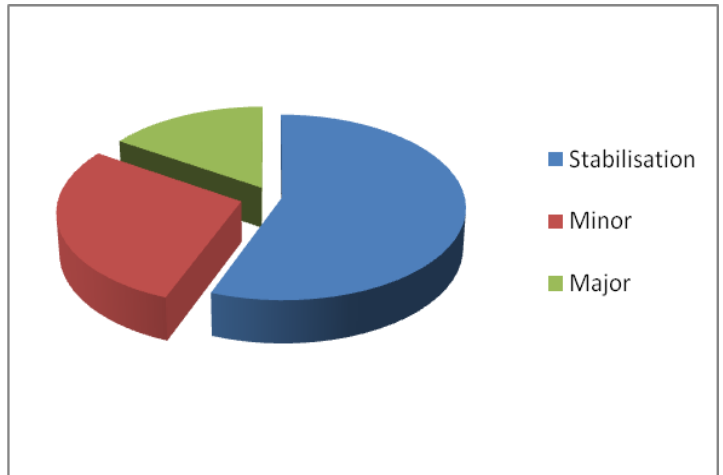
**Of the above, birds were received from the following sources:**



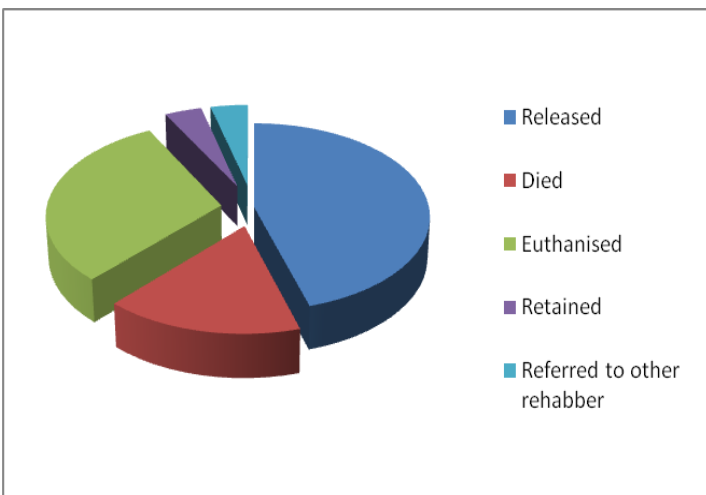
### Injuries reported were:



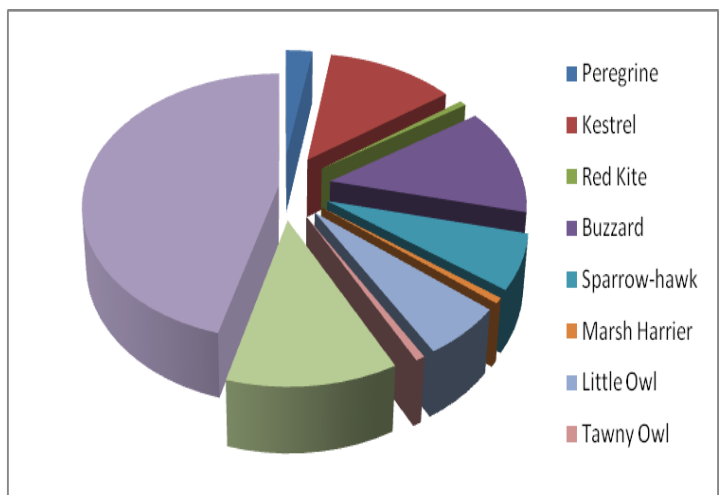
### Treatment consisted of:



### Outcomes:



### Releases by species:



# We returned 45% of wild casualties back to the wild.

In the 'injured reported' category. Injuries reported included: wing damage, head trauma, bird lethargic, water logged, fledgling, hit window, frounce, starvation/thin, collision with overhead cables, nest destroyed, nest disturbed, blind, tricho wound, feet problems, wet/weak, eye ulcer, broken leg/wings, caught on barbwire, short wing feathers, unable to fly and shot

**Raptor Rescue** also handled 11 captive breed birds, which included: 3 Barn Owls, 2 Great Horned Owls, 1 Tawny Owl, 1 European Eagle Owl, 1 Kestrel, 1 Saker Falcon, 1 Red Napped Shaheen/Saker and 1 Harris Hawk.

**N.B.** All poisonings are reported to the Police Wildlife Officer and the RSPB.

National Help & Advice Line: 0870 241 0609 - Online [www.raptorrescue.org.uk](http://www.raptorrescue.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE; THIS IS NOT A 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE, IF YOUR CALL IS NOT ANSWERED AN ANSWER PHONE IS AVAILABLE; PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO YOU.**

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