

BIRD CONTROL SELECTION GUIDE

Choosing the right solution for the site, species and level of bird pressure.

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WHY BIRD CONTROL MATTERS



Bird activity around buildings can lead to fouling, blocked gutters, contamination, damage to equipment and solar installations, increased cleaning requirements and health and safety concerns.

The right approach depends on more than the bird species. Where birds are landing, why they are using the site and how established they are should all influence the control method selected.

Wild birds are protected by law

The **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** protects all wild birds, their nests, and their eggs. This means bird control work must be carefully planned to ensure it is carried out legally and responsibly, and active nests must not be disturbed or removed unless permitted under the appropriate licence.

The level of **bird pressure** at the site will help determine the most appropriate control method:

LOW PRESSURE
Occasional use

- Daytime perching
- Resting or sunbathing
- Temporary shelter
- Birds present occasionally

MEDIUM PRESSURE
Regular use

- Regular roosting
- Warm and sheltered location
- Natural food source nearby
- Birds predictably return

HIGH PRESSURE
Established use

- Reliable food source
- Nesting or breeding
- Strong attachment to the site
- Birds present for long periods

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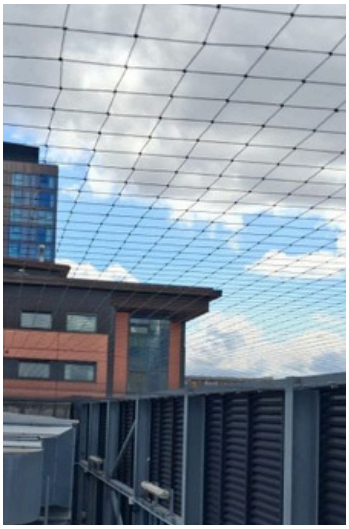
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PHYSICAL EXCLUSION SOLUTIONS

BIRD NETTING

Creates a physical barrier that prevents birds from accessing areas where they may perch, roost, or nest.



Bird Pressure

Low | Medium | High

Applications

- Roofs and plant areas
- Building facades
- Canopies
- Loading bays
- Warehouses
- Lightwells
- Balconies
- Fire exits

Key Benefits

- Total exclusion when correctly installed
- Suitable for high-pressure sites
- Suitable for large and complex areas
- Long-term bird control solution
- Suitable for multiple bird species
- UV stabilised and weather resistant

Considerations

- Higher installation cost than some methods
- Installation can be time-consuming
- Requires suitable, secure fixing points
- May not be suitable for fragile surfaces
- Greater visual impact



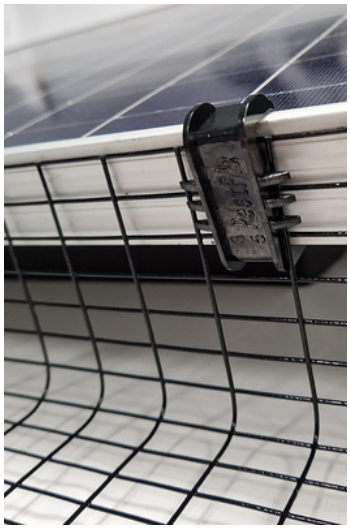
PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks bird netting in mesh sizes from 19mm to 75mm. Available in black, stone and translucent white, with no-flame options available in selected mesh sizes. Complete bird netting kits are also available.

SHOP NETTING

SOLAR PANEL MESH

Solar panel mesh follows the roof profile, creating a secure barrier that prevents birds from getting under the panels.



Bird Pressure

Low | Medium | High

Applications

- Residential solar arrays
- Commercial solar arrays

Key Benefits

- Can be cut and shaped on site
- Discreet protection
- No drilling into the panels, with suitable clips
- Does not affect panel warranty
- UV stabilised and weather resistant

Considerations

- Existing nesting material and fouling should be dealt with before installation
- Gaps can occur where roofline varies - adjust installation to avoid this



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks galvanised, stainless-steel, PVC-coated solar panel mesh, along with a range of clips and fixings to secure the mesh without drilling into the solar panel frame. Suitable for both new installations and retrofit bird-proofing.

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PHYSICAL EXCLUSION SOLUTIONS

SOLAR PANEL SPIKES

Solar panel spikes block access beneath panels, with adjustable lengths available to suit different roof profiles.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

- Residential solar arrays
- Commercial solar arrays

Key Benefits

- No cutting or shaping required
- Creates a neat, uniform barrier
- Lightweight and easy to install
- No drilling into the panels, with suitable clips
- Does not affect panel warranty
- UV stabilised and weather resistant

Considerations

- Less adaptable than mesh for uneven roofs
- Full perimeter coverage is essential
- Existing nesting material and fouling should be dealt with before installation



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks a range of solar panel bird spikes, including adjustable and free-falling options to suit different roof profiles, along with compatible fixing clips for secure installation.

SHOP SOLAR SPIKES

BIRD SPIKES

Bird spikes prevent birds from landing, perching and roosting on ledges and other surfaces.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

- Ledges and window sills
- Roof edges
- Gutters
- Parapets
- Pipes and beams
- Signs
- Lighting
- TV aerials

Key Benefits

- Quick and straightforward to install
- Durable, long-term solution
- Suitable for a wide range of surfaces
- UV stabilised and weather resistant

Considerations

- Does not work against small birds
- Only deters birds from covered areas
- Poor installation can leave gaps for birds
- Greater visual impact



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks a wide range of bird spikes, including pigeon, gull, extra-wide, narrow and marine-grade options, plus complete spike kits and all the fixings and tools needed for installation.

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LEDGE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS

POST & WIRE

Post and wire provides discreet protection, creating unstable landing surfaces to stop birds from settling.



Bird Pressure

Low

Applications

- Ledges
- Roof edges
- Parapets
- Window sills
- Building facades
- Signs
- Architectural features

Key Benefits

- Discreet bird protection for ledges and architectural features
- Suitable for narrow surfaces
- Removable for easy building maintenance
- A more robust option available for larger birds

Considerations

- Best suited to low bird pressure
- May require more time and care to install
- Can be overcome by determined birds
- Only protects where installed
- Requires correct tensioning and spacing



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks complete post and wire kits, alongside a wide range of fixings for masonry, steelwork, gutters and roof ridges, plus all the wire, posts and accessories needed for installation.

SHOP POST AND WIRE

BIRD SHOCK TRACK

A discreet electrified track that delivers a mild pulse when birds land, encouraging them to avoid the protected area.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium High

Applications

- Ledges
- Roof edges
- Parapets
- Pipes and beams

Key Benefits

- Very low visual impact
- Suitable for all bird pressure levels
- Effective against multiple bird species
- Adapts to curved and complex surfaces
- Low ongoing maintenance

Considerations

- Higher installation cost
- Requires a power supply
- More technical installation
- Only protects where installed
- Not designed for large open areas



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks Shock Track systems and the components required for installation, including track, connectors, power units and installation accessories for a range of surfaces and applications.

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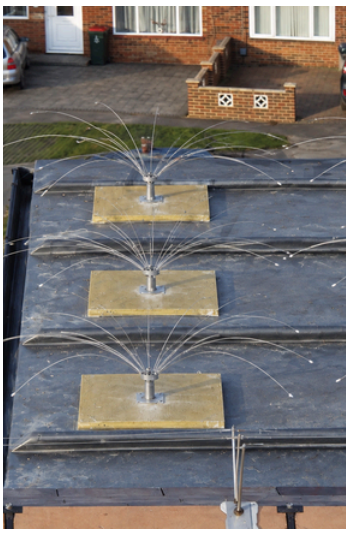
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LEDGE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS

DADDI LONG LEGS

Uses flexible rotating arms to make it difficult for gulls to land and settle on larger exposed surfaces.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

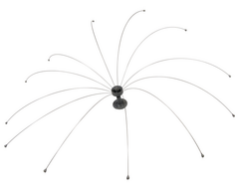
- Flat roofs
- Boats
- Street lighting
- Air conditioning units
- Rooftop equipment
- Large ledges

Key Benefits

- Protects a wide area from a single point
- Lightweight and low maintenance
- Quick and straightforward to install
- Useful on surfaces where spikes are impractical

Considerations

- Requires space for the arms to rotate freely
- Not suitable for nesting or high-pressure sites
- More visible than some ledge deterrents
- Suitable for gulls only



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks Daddi Long Legs rotating bird deterrents in a range of sizes, with different installation methods available.

SHOP DADDI LONG LEGS

BIRD REPELLENT GEL

Bird repellent gels are applied to ledges and other surfaces to discourage birds from landing and settling.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

- Window ledges
- Parapet walls
- Roof edges
- Beams and signage
- Architectural features
- Narrow ledges
- Gutters

Key Benefits

- Discreet, low-profile application
- Suitable for narrow or awkward ledges
- No spikes or wires required
- Can be applied to uneven surfaces
- Minimal visual impact on buildings

Considerations

- Surfaces must be clean and dry before application
- Requires periodic reapplication
- Effectiveness varies by site condition
- Not suitable for all bird pressure levels



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks liquid bird repellent gel, application dishes, pre-filled dishes and casement clips for installation.

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AREA DETERRENT SOLUTIONS

LASER BIRD DETERRENTS

Uses a moving green laser beam to trigger a bird's natural flight response, encouraging birds to leave the area.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium High

Applications

- Rooftops
- Solar arrays
- Warehouses
- Industrial sites
- Agricultural areas
- Large open areas

Key Benefits

- Covers large and difficult-to-protect areas
- Deters multiple bird species
- Silent operation
- Minimal impact on buildings and structures
- Low ongoing maintenance

Considerations

- Requires a power supply
- Reduced effectiveness in bright sunlight
- Correct positioning and setup are essential
- Laser safety requirements must be followed
- Can only be used in controlled-access areas

MAGNETO®

Uses low-intensity magnetic pulses to disrupt bird navigation, encouraging birds to move away.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

- Rooftops
- Solar arrays
- Airports
- Hospitals
- Industrial buildings
- Warehouses

Key Benefits

- Covers up to 500 linear metres per device
- Silent and discreet operation
- Low power consumption (≤10W)
- No physical barriers required
- Modular and scalable system

Considerations

- Requires a power supply
- Correct positioning and setup are essential
- Effectiveness may vary by site and bird activity
- Best installed before nesting is established

Technical support

Laser deterrents require careful site assessment, positioning and setup. Speak to the PestFix technical team for guidance on selecting the right bird control approach for your site.



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks three MAGNETO® models, including an ATEX variant for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, subject to certification and site requirements. Contact our team for product advice and support.

SHOP MAGNETO

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AREA DETERRENT SOLUTIONS

ACOUSTIC DETERRENTS

Uses species-specific distress calls to make an area feel unsafe, encouraging birds to move away from the area.



Bird Pressure

Low Medium

Applications

- Rooftops
- Warehouses
- Industrial sites
- Agricultural areas
- Open spaces
- Loading areas

Key Benefits

- Covers large and difficult-to-protect areas
- Relatively simple to install
- Can target specific bird species
- Useful where physical proofing is impractical
- Remote monitoring via app

Considerations

- Requires a power supply
- Birds may habituate if used incorrectly
- May not suit noise-sensitive areas
- Best used as part of an integrated approach



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks a range of professional audio bird deterrents, such as BirdAlert 2.0, with systems and speakers available for different species, site sizes and applications.

SHOP ACOUSTIC DETERRENTS

ULTRASONIC DETERRENTS

Uses high-frequency sound to create an uncomfortable environment for birds, encouraging them to move away.



Bird Pressure

Low

Applications

- Warehouses
- Factories
- Loading bays
- Covered areas
- Indoor spaces
- Enclosed or semi-enclosed areas

Key Benefits

- Non-contact deterrent
- Suitable for indoor environments
- Can provide continuous protection
- Useful where physical proofing is impractical
- Simple to operate once installed

Considerations

- Requires a power supply
- Best suited to low bird pressure
- Birds can become used to the sound over time
- Can cause audio discomfort to humans
- Best used as part of an integrated approach



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks ultrasonic bird deterrent systems for use in indoor and covered areas, with options to suit different site sizes and applications.

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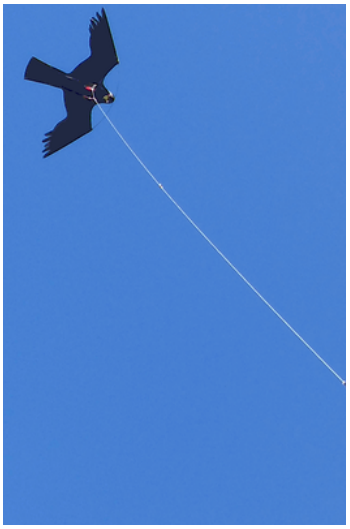
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AREA DETERRENT SOLUTIONS

VISUAL BIRD SCARERS

Uses movement, reflective materials or predator-like shapes to make an area appear unsafe.



Bird Pressure

Low

Applications

- Rooftops
- Gardens
- Agricultural areas
- Ponds
- Buildings
- Open spaces

Key Benefits

- Simple to install
- Low-cost deterrent option
- Suitable for a wide range of outdoor areas
- Can complement other bird control methods

Considerations

- Birds can become used to them over time
- Position needs to be changed regularly
- Effectiveness varies between species and sites
- Usually not suitable as a standalone solution for established problems



PestFix Solutions

PestFix stocks a range of visual bird scarers, including predator decoys, reflective deterrents and moving scarers for use across a variety of outdoor applications.

SHOP VISUAL BIRD SCARERS



Choosing the right bird deterrent

Selecting the right deterrent depends on the site, bird species and level of bird pressure. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, so it's important to consider several factors.

Things to consider:

Bird Species
Identify which birds are causing the problem. Different species respond better to different deterrents.

Bird Pressure
Consider whether birds are occasional visitors or have established roosting or nesting habits.

Site Conditions
Take into account the building type, available fixing points, access, power availability and surrounding environment.

Long-Term Effectiveness
Some deterrents require repositioning or regular maintenance to remain effective over time.

Combining Methods
Using multiple approaches, such as physical exclusion and deterrents, can improve overall effectiveness.

Not Sure Which Solution to Choose?
Our team can help you assess your requirements and select suitable products.
Contact us.

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QUICK SELECTION GUIDE

Compare the main bird control solutions and find the right option for your site.

Solution	Low Pressure	Medium Pressure	High Pressure	Ledges	Large Areas	Roofs	Solar	Visual Impact
Bird Netting	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		High
Solar Panel Mesh	✓	✓	✓				✓	Low
Solar Panel Spikes	✓	✓					✓	Low
Bird Spikes	✓	✓		✓		✓		Medium
Post & Wire	✓			✓		✓		Medium
Bird Shock Track	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		Low
Daddi Long Legs	✓	✓		✓		✓		Medium
Bird Repellent Gel	✓	✓		✓		✓		Low
Laser Deterrents	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Low
MAGNETO®	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Medium
Acoustic Deterrents	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	Low
Ultrasonic Deterrents	✓				✓	✓	✓	Low
Visual Bird Scarers	✓				✓			Low

Combine solutions for best results

For many sites, a combination of methods provides the most effective and long-lasting results.



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Need advice on an installation or choosing the right products?

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