



# Applied Nest Protection For Ground Nesting Birds (Skills Card)

## At a glance...

### Modular customised provision

Delivery Method: Classroom and practical demonstration and assessment

Recognised by: Lantra Awards

Prerequisites: Learners must hold a firearms certificate, if they wish to complete the proficiency with rifle and night shooting or Proficiency in shotgun shooting units. For the Trapping and Fieldcraft unit, this is not needed.

## Introduction

This course will deliver the required knowledge to ensure that field staff working in the nest protection sector, possess the desired skills.

## Overview in brief

***This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 18.

There is currently no formal recognition for persons employed in the nest protection sector for ground nesting bird conservation in Ireland.

This course has been designed to implement and formalise a standard suite of competencies that will result in the recognition of personnel working in the industry. The formalisation of this suite of competencies will also create an attraction for



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younger people to enter the sector and become recognised as a professional operator to gain future employment.



## The finer details

The course is broken into 3 units:

Unit 1: Proficiency with rifle and night shooting

Unit 2: Trapping and Fieldcraft

Unit 3: Proficiency in shotgun shooting

Each unit delivers on key competencies required in the sector. Units involve classroom learning with theory assessment, followed by practical tuition and assessment in a simulated environment relevant to each competency.

The instructor learner ratio will be 1:1 for assessments, however there will be an additional assistant present throughout the course to ensure safety compliance and provide support throughout.

## Who should attend?

Those involved in providing nest protection services to conservation projects and those who wish to gain future employment in the sector.

## What will be covered?

- Knowledge on field safety and etiquette, the safety of operating with firearms and maintenance of your firearm.
- Knowledge on shooting.
- Proficiency and accuracy with firearms.
- Relevant legislation and ballistics.
- Techniques, shooting positions, shooting aids and equipment.
- Trapping and fieldcraft and how to record data effectively.
- Innovative approaches to maximise working efficiency and animal welfare.



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