

# Supporting guidance for Conversion of a Deer Fence to a Stock Fence

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**Note: In September 2023, references to Scottish Natural Heritage have been updated to NatureScot.**

You can reduce the chance of woodland grouse colliding with deer fences by reducing the height of the fence.

This [capital item](#) is only available in black grouse and capercaillie core areas. These areas are defined and updated by the Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Groups for these species and you can get maps from Scottish Forestry, NatureScot or Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

You can convert a deer fence to a stock fence by completely dismantling and removing the wires and nets on the top half of the fence to leave either a stock fence which meets the required specifications, or an enhanced stock fence as appropriate.

You should remove all surplus materials from site for re-use, recycling, or disposal in a suitable landfill site recognised by the local authority.