

Bird Control

Prevention from Bird Infestation

At Nets4You Ltd, we have an extensive range of bird control netting and related products to exclude birds from various objects, openings or structures. Bird control netting offers one of the most cost-effective and efficient solution to the problem of bird infestation.

We can supply knotted and knotless nets in various specifications. The net's Mesh size and Twine diameter is dependant on the species of the bird.

We also have a wide selection of durable and light weight nets in diamond shaped mesh made of strands of polyethylene material. This type of netting can also be used for protecting fruit and garden crop from damage by birds.

The nets are available in the following 3 colours: Black (most popular), Stone and Translucent.

Netting with fire retardant property is also available – upon request.

This guide will take you through the points to be considered when deciding which type of bird control netting and related products to install.

If you need further advice please call us on **0845 644 5181**.

Identify the bird species:

To solve bird problems effectively, you must first know the species that is causing the problem so you can select the correct bird control solution. Listed below are the most common species of pest birds and the control products you should use to humanely solve the problem.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) 14.5cm long

These best known of city birds are known to cause major problems to the food industry when they populate warehouses and retail premises resulting in damage and fouling of stored food. Their agility and small size make these birds difficult to control. These birds have no known distress call.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) 20cm long

The familiar town bird can cause problems when large numbers (thousands) gather for night roosting. Such gatherings are accompanied by noise and smell. The fungi associated with extensive quantities of droppings due to these gatherings can cause human disease. Distress call recordings can be used with some success to prevent night roosting.

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*) 33cm long

The most common urban pest bird worldwide. Descended from medieval domestic pigeons, this mixed wild population lives freely in towns and cities causing widespread fouling of buildings and transmitting bird diseases to humans.

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) 55cm long

A large aggressive bird with a powerful beak. They cause significant problems by colonising buildings and bringing noise, mess and smell to these urban breeding sites. Adult birds are known to attack anyone they feel is a threat to their nest. It is, therefore, considered prudent to install proofing against gulls before nesting begins in April. Audible scare tactics have met some short term success.

Bird Proofing Strategy:

Once you have identified the bird species, you must get to know their behaviour and habits before you can put together an effective bird proofing strategy. How the birds use a particular site is known as Bird Pressure.

Bird Pressure:

Heavy Pressure

The bird is nesting or roosting at this site and there is generally a food or water source nearby. Heavy pressure sites can only be successfully proofed using well-installed Nets4You Ltd bird netting or weld mesh systems. Where netting cannot be installed, the heavy duty Pro-Spike or PinPoint systems may be successful, but some persistent resident birds might still need to be culled.

Medium Pressure

This is not a nesting or roosting site but it is most likely an area for food or afternoon resting. Medium Pressure sites can be successfully proofed with many systems, but great care needs to be taken. Birdwire systems should only be applied with appropriate techniques by experienced installers. Bird spike systems such as Pro-Spike, Birdchain and Nets4You's value spike 'PinPoint' can be used, but care must be taken to ensure there are no gaps and the birds should be prevented from getting on the system before the glue has cured. If possible, Huch Bird Net should be used.

Light Pressure

Birds will stop here briefly during the day as there is no food or shelter available. Light pressure areas can be successfully proofed with virtually any type of physical proofing system suitable for the areas concerned.

Bird	Pressure	Product
All	All	Netting
Pigeons, Gulls, Crows	All	Spikes
Pigeons, Gulls	Light or Medium	Post & Wire
Pigeons, Gulls	Light or Medium	Bird Spider
All	All	Weldmesh
All	All	Brush Strip

Once you know the species of bird you are dealing with and you know the nature of the infestation, you are then in a position to select the appropriate bird proofing solution to ensure that birds do not return to the site.

Bird Control Products:

Bird Netting

Bird netting is one of the most popular methods used for excluding pest birds from all types of objects, openings and structures. As one net can be used to protect many perching places, bird netting is often the most cost effective solution. We supply a choice of netting including traditional 12/6 knotted netting and our unique 'knotless' netting.

Why consider knotless netting?

- Knotless netting is produced in a square pattern so it stays in shape after installation
- According to the New Journal of Physics, knotless netting is 60% stronger, like for like, than knotted netting
- Knotless nets feel softer on the hands and is therefore easier to install
- Knotless netting could easily be seen as a better product, but is still competitively priced

Whatever your choice, Nets4You Ltd supply both knotted and knotless nets, cut to size.

Bird-Scape®

Bird-Scape is an ingenious device that eliminates the risk of large or small birds being trapped behind netting. Birds often hide away out of sight while the netting is being installed only to reappear trapped when the job is finished causing much public concern. The aptly named Bird-Scape provides a one way escape route for birds. Birds can fly out through the eBird-Scape, unable to return.

Customers of a well-known supermarket where Bird-Scape was installed commented that they saw pigeons escaping through the Bird-Scape unharmed and were delighted to see a humane escape route for birds where netting is installed.

Pneubird

For all areas where other methods of bird proofing are not suitable. Operated by low-pressure compressed air the noise and movement generated by 'Pneubird' imitates a bird in distress giving the other birds the sense of imminent danger thus creating the trigger for all birds to take flight. Any area where the Pheubird is installed is an uncomfortable roost or nesting site and thus eliminates the bird control problem.

Nets4You Ltd Spike Systems

For pigeons, gulls and crows. All pressure. Nets4You Ltd offer a wide selection of spike designs and styles for use on ledges, signs, ridges, beams, pipes, parapets, etc. Spike systems are very effective against pigeons but are not recommended for sparrows or starlings. Special spike systems are also available for gulls.

Nets4You Ltd Post & Wire Systems

For pigeons and gulls. Light or medium pressure A light duty system of spring loaded wires supported between stainless steel posts for use on ledges, signs, sills, parapets, beams, pipes, etc. Use against pigeons and gulls and where low visual impact is required. This system is not effective against starlings or sparrows.

Bird Spider

For pigeons and Gulls. Light or medium pressure.

Weldmesh

For all birds and all pressures.

Brush Strip

For all birds and all pressures