

Upper Ogmore Wind Farm
Technical Appendix 6.4: Collision
Risk Analysis

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Collision Risk Analysis

- 1.1 Worked collision risk analysis for four species (red kite, kestrel, peregrine and golden plover) is contained in this Appendix.
- 1.2 For all species collision risk has been calculated using both the 'random' flight models as this is more appropriate of two models available¹.
- 1.3 There are numerous sources of information on flight speed in birds, but few of these present figures that correspond, and birds can vary their speed according to what they are doing (e.g. soaring, gliding or pursuing prey / trying to evade capture). Precautionary (low) flight speeds are presented for each species modelled². Slower speed makes birds less likely to avoid turning blades by chance (i.e. through flying through the rotor swept area without taking avoiding action).
- 1.4 The size of birds (total length and length of the wing) is also precautionary in each case, and is based on the largest given measurement for the species concerned in Baker (2016)³. Larger size also makes avoiding rotating blades by chance less likely.
- 1.5 Only those flights that included time at collision risk height and that passed within 250 m (to account for the sweep of the blades (50 m) and observer error (200 m, as recommended in the relevant guidance (SNH, 2000; Band et al, 2007)) were entered into the model. The flight times, height and durations are provided for each species in the methods.
- 1.6 The length and width of the Site, including a perimeter 'buffer' of 250 m (as described above), has been taken as 2608 m (the distance between turbines 1 and 6) x 842 m (the distance between turbines 1 and 4) respectively. This was calculated using ArcGIS.

¹ The alternative model is applied to species that make predictable / non-random flights, and is best suited to species (including geese) that fly in flocks on relatively direct flight paths)

² Based on data presented in Bruderer, B. & Boldt, A. (2001) Flight characteristics of birds: I. radar measurements of speeds. *Ibis*.143. Pp. 178-204.

³ J K Baker (2016) Identification of European Non-Passerines. British Trust for Ornithology

Site Name Upper Ogmore

Bird Dimensions

Species Red kite
length (m) 0.72
wing span (m) 1.65
speed (m/sec) 8

Legend: Orange box = data input required, Yellow box = model calculates value

Sources of speed and dimension information: Whitfield & Madders (2006); Svensson et al., (1999)

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m) 97.4
Blade length (m) 51.15
Max blade height (m) 148.55
Min blade height (m) 46.25
Depth of rotor (m) 3.651781003

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines 7
Site width (m) 842
Site length (m) 2608

Both width and length include a 440m 'extension' to allow for the sweep of the blades and margin for flight line plo

Turbine Specifications

K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1) 1
NoBlades 3
MaxChord 4 *
Pitch (degrees) 20 *
Rotation period 3 *

Flight Characteristics

Flapping (0) or gliding (+1) 1

Night adjustment

What percentage of the night is the target species active? 5 %

Survey Data

Total survey time (hours) 288

Period when Red kite likely to be on site.

Type in the number of days in each month where the target species is present within the site:

Table with 12 columns (Jan-Dec) and 2 rows. Row 1: Days per month (31, 28, 31, 30, 30, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31). Row 2: Total number of months when Red kite likely to be present: 12

Enter the date of each record, the time the bird(s) was recorded in the collision risk area and the number of birds on a separate.



Bird occupancy is automatically calculated.

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of birds	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
25/04/14	120	1	120
25/04/14	90	1	90
26/06/14	15	1	15
26/06/14	15	1	15
22/08/14	30	2	60
22/10/14	75	1	75
22/10/14	15	1	15
22/10/14	15	1	15
22/10/14	15	1	15
22/10/14	15	1	15
28/10/14	120	1	120
28/10/14	15	1	15
28/10/14	45	1	45
28/10/14	30	1	30
28/10/14	30	1	30
25/11/14	30	1	30
25/11/14	30	1	30
13/05/15	90	1	90
13/05/15	60	2	120
13/05/15	15	1	15
13/05/15	75	4	300
13/05/15	15	2	30
04/06/15	45	1	45
04/06/15	60	1	60
04/06/15	60	1	60
04/06/15	75	1	75
04/06/15	15	1	15
04/06/15	30	1	30
31/07/15	165	2	330
31/07/15	165	2	330
31/07/15	75	2	150
31/07/15	30	2	60
31/07/15	45	2	90
31/07/15	15	2	30
31/07/15	30	2	60
09/09/15	15	1	15
09/09/15	15	1	15
09/09/15	15	1	15
09/09/15	15	1	15

(the time in seconds is aggregated time for each species modelled)

	Time observed (seconds)	Number of birds	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
19/10/15	30	1	30
19/10/15	30	1	30
19/10/15	15	1	15
19/10/15	15	1	15
19/10/15	15	1	15
19/10/15	30	1	30
20/11/15	30	1	30
20/11/15	15	1	15
20/11/15	30	1	30
10/12/15	30	1	30
10/12/15	45	2	90
10/12/15	105	2	210
10/12/15	15	2	30
10/12/15	90	1	90
16/01/16	45	1	45
16/01/16	30	1	30
28/01/16	15	1	15
28/01/16	30	1	30
28/01/16	30	1	30
28/01/16	60	1	60
28/01/16	60	1	60
28/01/16	15	1	15
24/02/16	60	2	120
21/03/16	45	1	45
Total	2715	80	3795

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

 = data input required
 = model calculates value

Step 1

Go to Data Input

Input data about the species that is being assessed - body length, wing span and flight speed

Input data on turbine dimensions

Input data on wind farm area

Input data on turbine dimensions and specification

Input all vantage point data for the species that is being assessed - number of birds and flight time within the study area

Input the number of days for each month where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input days for those months where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input the appropriate night time correction factor for the species being assessed, e.g. a 25% nocturnal flight time correction was proposed by Band et al for geese. This correction cannot be applied to all species, for example raptors.

Step 2

Go to Collision Risk

Final collision risk estimates are highlighted

Only use the collision risk estimate for the method that has been used

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Site Name:

Upper Ogmore

= data input required

= model calculates value

Stage 1: Number of birds flying through rotors

Input Parameters

Bird Dimensions

Species	Red kite
length (m)	0.72
wing span (m)	1.65
speed (m/sec)	8

Bird Flight Data

No of birds	80
Time spent in V_w (sec)	58144.54

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)	97.4
Blade length (m)	51.15
Max blade height (m)	148.55
Min blade height (m)	46.25
Depth of rotor (m)	3.651781

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines	7
Site width (m)	842
Site length (m)	2608
Area (m ²)	2195936

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace

(to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Step No	Description of Calculation		Calculation	Comments
1	Identify 'flight risk volume' V_w which is the area of the wind farm multiplied by the height of the turbines	$V_w =$	326206292.8 m ³	Area is equivalent to survey area and should include minimum of 500m buffer around turbines
2	Calculate the combined volume swept out by the rotors $V_r = N \times R^2 \times (d + l)$ where N is the number of turbines, d is the depth of the	$V_r =$	251503.08 m ³	

rotor front to back, and l is the bird length

3 Estimate bird occupancy n within V_w
This is the number of birds multiplied by
the time spent within V_w (per season/year)

$$n = 58144.54 \text{ secs per yr}$$

Bird occupancy is based on
observations of birds flying
through rotor-swept area

4 Bird occupancy of V_r
 $n \times (V_r / V_w)$ bird-seconds

$$\text{occupancy} = 44.83 \text{ bird-seconds}$$

5 Time taken for a bird to make transit
through and completely clear the rotors
 $t = (d + l) / v$ where v is bird speed (m/sec)

$$t = 0.55 \text{ seconds}$$

Speed should be assessed in
the field but published values
are available

6 Calculate number of bird transits through
the rotors = $n \times (V_r / V_w) / t$

$$\text{transits} = 82.03 \text{ bird transits per annum}$$

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum =

82.03

CALCULATION OF COLLISION RISK FOR BIRD PASSING THROUGH ROTOR AREA

Input parameters regarding the turbine specification will need to be obtained from the design engineers or manufacturers.

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K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)		Calculation of alpha and p(collision) as a function of radius								
NoBlades		Upwind:					Downwind:			
MaxChord		r/R	c/C	α	collide	contribution	collide	contribution		
Pitch (degrees)		radius	chord	alpha	length	p(collision)	length	p(collision)	from radius r	from radius r
BirdLength	0.72 m	0.025	0.575	2.99	10.38	1.00	0.00125	8.81	1.00	0.00125
Wingspan	1.65 m	0.075	0.575	1.00	3.98	0.50	0.00374	2.41	0.30	0.00226
F: Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)	1	0.125	0.702	0.60	3.16	0.40	0.00494	1.24	0.16	0.00194
		0.175	0.860	0.43	3.28	0.41	0.00717	0.92	0.12	0.00202
Bird speed	8 m/sec	0.225	0.994	0.33	3.32	0.42	0.00934	0.84	0.10	0.00236
RotorDiam	102.3 m	0.275	0.947	0.27	2.98	0.37	0.01025	1.05	0.13	0.00361
RotationPeriod	3.00 sec	0.325	0.899	0.23	2.73	0.34	0.01108	1.17	0.15	0.00477
		0.375	0.851	0.20	2.52	0.32	0.01182	1.25	0.16	0.00585
		0.425	0.804	0.18	2.35	0.29	0.01248	1.29	0.16	0.00685
		0.475	0.756	0.16	2.20	0.28	0.01307	1.31	0.16	0.00776
Bird aspect ratio: β	0.44	0.525	0.708	0.14	2.07	0.26	0.01357	1.31	0.16	0.00860
		0.575	0.660	0.13	1.95	0.24	0.01399	1.30	0.16	0.00935
		0.625	0.613	0.12	1.83	0.23	0.01432	1.28	0.16	0.01002
		0.675	0.565	0.11	1.73	0.22	0.01458	1.26	0.16	0.01061
		0.725	0.517	0.10	1.63	0.20	0.01475	1.23	0.15	0.01112
		0.775	0.470	0.10	1.53	0.19	0.01485	1.19	0.15	0.01155
		0.825	0.422	0.09	1.44	0.18	0.01486	1.15	0.14	0.01190
		0.875	0.374	0.09	1.35	0.17	0.01479	1.11	0.14	0.01216
		0.925	0.327	0.08	1.27	0.16	0.01464	1.07	0.13	0.01234
		0.975	0.279	0.08	1.18	0.15	0.01440	1.02	0.13	0.01245
Overall p(collision) =					Upwind	23.0%	Downwind	14.9%		
					Average		18.9%			

Bird survey data

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of geese	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
TOTAL	2715	80	3795

TOTAL SURVEY TIME 288 hours or 1036800 seconds

Period when Red kite likely to be on site (see below) =

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Total days =		364		Total hours (corrected - see below) =		4412.55					
Period when Red kite likely to be on site =		15885180 seconds (in each year)									

Assumptions (write in any assumptions that have been included in the model)

Assumption 1: The flying period extends from dawn to dusk and includes 25% of night.

Assumption 2:

Assumption 3:

Assumption 4:

Proportion of time during which a collision may occur =

Red kite flight time = 3795 seconds in 15885180 (in each year) 1036800 seconds survey time

Therefore in 12 months = 58144.54 seconds

Note: This table is only relevant when calculating collision risk for goose species. It provides an adjustment for nocturnal flight behaviour for these species.

Number of hours geese are potentially active during winter (from Band et al, in press)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Mean Daylight hours		8	10	12	13	14	15	14	13	12	11	9	7	
Mean Nocturnal hrs*	5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.55	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.75	0.85	
Combined Daily Mean		8.8	10.7	12.6	13.55	14.5	15.45	14.5	13.55	12.6	11.65	9.75	7.85	
No of days birds present		31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	
Total hours each month		272.8	299.6	390.6	406.5	435	463.5	449.5	420.05	378	361.15	292.5	243.35	4412.55
Total hours per year		4412.55												

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum = 82.03

Average collision risk for bird passing through rotor = 18.9%

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 15.53

NB: The above calculation assumes no avoidance

Correcting for 95% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.776554

Correcting for 98% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.310621


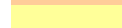
Correcting for 99% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.15531

Site Name Upper Ogmore

Bird Dimensions

Species Red kite (2020)
length (m) 0.72
wing span (m) 1.65
speed (m/sec) 8

 = data input required
 = model calculates value

Sources of speed and dimension information: Whitfield & Madders (2006); Svensson *et al.*, (1999)

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m) 97.4
Blade length (m) 51.15
Max blade height (m) 148.55
Min blade height (m) 46.25
Depth of rotor (m) 3.651781003

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines 7
Site width (m) 842
Site length (m) 2608

Both width and length include a 440m 'extension' to allow for the sweep of the blades and margin for fl

Turbine Specifications

K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1) 1
NoBlades 3
MaxChord 4 *
Pitch (degrees) 20 *
Rotation period 3 *

Flight Characteristics

Flapping (0) or gliding (+1) 1

Night adjustment

What percentage of the night is the target species active? 5 %

Survey Data

Total survey time (hours) 72

Period when Red kite (2020) likely to be on site.

Type in the number of days in each month where the target species is present within the site:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31

Total number of months when Red kite (2020) likely to be present: 12



Enter the date of each record, the time the bird(s) was recorded in the collision risk area and the number of birds on a separate.

Bird occupancy is automatically calculated.

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of birds	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
22/04/20	60	1	60
15/05/20	15	1	15
15/05/20	195	1	195
15/05/20	210	1	210
01/06/20	45	1	45
01/06/20	90	1	90
17/06/20	60	1	60
25/06/20	135	1	135
25/06/20	15	1	15
Total	825	9	825

(the time in seconds is aggregated for each species modelled)

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Step 1

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Input data on wind farm area

Input data on turbine dimensions and specification

Input all vantage point data for the species that is being assessed - number of birds and flight time within the study area

Input the number of days for each month where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input days for those months where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input the appropriate night time correction factor for the species being assessed, e.g. a 25% nocturnal flight time correction was proposed by Band et al for geese. This correction cannot be applied to all species, for example raptors.

Step 2

Go to Collision Risk

Final collision risk estimates are highlighted

Only use the collision risk estimate for the method that has been used

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Site Name: Upper Ogmore

= data input required

= model calculates value

Stage 1: Number of birds flying through rotors

Input Parameters

Bird Dimensions

Species	Red kite (2020)
length (m)	0.72
wing span (m)	1.65
speed (m/sec)	8

Bird Flight Data

No of birds	9
Time spent in V_w (sec)	50560.47

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)	97.4
Blade length (m)	51.15
Max blade height (m)	148.55
Min blade height (m)	46.25
Depth of rotor (m)	3.651781

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines	7
Site width (m)	842
Site length (m)	2608
Area (m ²)	2195936

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(to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

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rotor front to back, and l is the bird length

3 Estimate bird occupancy n within V_w
This is the number of birds multiplied by
the time spent within V_w (per season/year)

$n =$ 50560.47 secs per yr

Bird occupancy is based on
observations of birds flying
through rotor-swept area

4 Bird occupancy of V_r
 $n \times (V_r / V_w)$ bird-seconds

occupancy = 38.98 bird-seconds

5 Time taken for a bird to make transit
through and completely clear the rotors
 $t = (d + l) / v$ where v is bird speed (m/sec)

$t =$ 0.55 seconds

Speed should be assessed in
the field but published values
are available

6 Calculate number of bird transits through
the rotors = $n \times (V_r / V_w) / t$

transits = 71.33 bird transits per annum

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum =

71.33

CALCULATION OF COLLISION RISK FOR BIRD PASSING THROUGH ROTOR AREA

Input parameters regarding the turbine specification will need to be obtained from the design engineers or manufacturers.

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		Calculation of alpha and p(collision) as a function of radius								
		r/R	c/C	α	Upwind:			Downwind:		
		radius	chord	alpha	collide length	p(collision)	contribution from radius r	collide length	p(collision)	contribution from radius r
K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)	1									
NoBlades	3									
MaxChord	4 m									
Pitch (degrees)	20									
BirdLength	0.72 m	0.025	0.575	2.99	10.38	1.00	0.00125	8.81	1.00	0.00125
Wingspan	1.65 m	0.075	0.575	1.00	3.98	0.50	0.00374	2.41	0.30	0.00226
F: Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)	1	0.125	0.702	0.60	3.16	0.40	0.00494	1.24	0.16	0.00194
		0.175	0.860	0.43	3.28	0.41	0.00717	0.92	0.12	0.00202
Bird speed	8 m/sec	0.225	0.994	0.33	3.32	0.42	0.00934	0.84	0.10	0.00236
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Bird aspect ratio: β	0.44	0.525	0.708	0.14	2.07	0.26	0.01357	1.31	0.16	0.00860
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Overall p(collision) =					Upwind	23.0%	Downwind	14.9%		
					Average	18.9%				

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum = 71.33

Average collision risk for bird passing through rotor = 18.9%

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 13.51

NB: The above calculation assumes no avoidance

Correcting for 95% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.675264

Correcting for 98% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.270106

Correcting for 99% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.13505

Site Name

Bird Dimensions

Species
length (m)
wing span (m)
speed (m/sec)

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Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)
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Flight Characteristics

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What percentage of the night is the target species active?

Survey Data

Total survey time (hours)

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Total number of months when **Kestrel** likely to be present: **12**



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Bird occupancy is automatically calculated.

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31/07/15	30	1	30
31/07/15	30	1	30
31/07/15	30	1	30
24/08/15	30	1	30
29/09/15	15	1	15
29/09/15	60	1	60
29/09/15	15	1	15
29/09/15	120	1	120
29/09/15	240	1	240
29/09/15	15	1	15
29/09/15	180	1	180
29/09/15	145	1	145
29/09/15	180	1	180
10/12/15	45	1	45
28/05/15	15	1	15
23/07/15	150	2	300
24/08/15	45	1	45
24/08/15	45	1	45
Total	1600	25	1765

(the time in seconds is aggregated time for each species modelled)

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

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Step 1

Go to Data Input

Input data about the species that is being assessed - body length, wing span and flight speed

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Input all vantage point data for the species that is being assessed - number of birds and flight time within the study area

Input the number of days for each month where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input days for those months where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input the appropriate night time correction factor for the species being assessed, e.g. a 25% nocturnal flight time correction was proposed by Band et al for geese. This correction cannot be applied to all species, for example raptors.

Step 2

Go to Collision Risk

Final collision risk estimates are highlighted

Only use the collision risk estimate for the method that has been used

Scottish Natural Heritage: Calculating a theoretical collision risk assuming no avoiding action

Site Name: Upper Ogmore

= data input required

= model calculates value

Stage 1: Number of birds flying through rotors

Input Parameters

Bird Dimensions

Species	Kestrel
length (m)	0.34
wing span (m)	0.76
speed (m/sec)	9.9

Bird Flight Data

No of birds	25
Time spent in V_w (sec)	27042.19

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)	97.4
Blade length (m)	51.15
Max blade height (m)	148.55
Min blade height (m)	46.25
Depth of rotor (m)	3.651781

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines	7
Site width (m)	842
Site length (m)	2608
Area (m ²)	2195936

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace

(to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Step No	Description of Calculation		Calculation	Comments
1	Identify 'flight risk volume' V_w which is the area of the wind farm multiplied by the height of the turbines	$V_w =$	326206292.8 m ³	Area is equivalent to survey area and should include minimum of 500m buffer around turbines
2	Calculate the combined volume swept out by the rotors $V_r = N \times R^2 \times (d + l)$ where N is the number of turbines, d is the depth of the	$V_r =$	229642.15 m ³	

rotor front to back, and l is the bird length

3 Estimate bird occupancy n within V_w
This is the number of birds multiplied by
the time spent within V_w (per season/year)

$$n = 27042.19 \text{ secs per yr}$$

Bird occupancy is based on
observations of birds flying
through rotor-swept area

4 Bird occupancy of V_r
 $n \times (V_r / V_w)$ bird-seconds

$$\text{occupancy} = 19.04 \text{ bird-seconds}$$

5 Time taken for a bird to make transit
through and completely clear the rotors
 $t = (d + l) / v$ where v is bird speed (m/sec)

$$t = 0.40 \text{ seconds}$$

Speed should be assessed in
the field but published values
are available

6 Calculate number of bird transits through
the rotors = $n \times (V_r / V_w) / t$

$$\text{transits} = 47.21 \text{ bird transits per annum}$$

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum =

47.21

CALCULATION OF COLLISION RISK FOR BIRD PASSING THROUGH ROTOR AREA

Input parameters regarding the turbine specification will need to be obtained from the design engineers or manufacturers.

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K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)		Calculation of alpha and p(collision) as a function of radius								
NoBlades		Upwind:					Downwind:			
MaxChord		r/R	c/C	α	collide	contribution	collide	contribution		
Pitch (degrees)		radius	chord	alpha	length	p(collision)	length	p(collision)	from radius r	from radius r
BirdLength	0.34 m	0.025	0.575	3.70	11.59	1.00	0.00125	10.01	1.00	0.00125
Wingspan	0.76 m	0.075	0.575	1.23	4.39	0.44	0.00332	2.81	0.28	0.00213
F: Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)	0	0.125	0.702	0.74	3.47	0.35	0.00438	1.55	0.16	0.00196
		0.175	0.860	0.53	3.29	0.33	0.00581	0.93	0.09	0.00165
Bird speed	9.9 m/sec	0.225	0.994	0.41	3.24	0.33	0.00735	0.51	0.05	0.00117
RotorDiam	102.3 m	0.275	0.947	0.34	2.83	0.29	0.00786	0.44	0.04	0.00122
RotationPeriod	3.00 sec	0.325	0.899	0.28	2.53	0.26	0.00831	0.61	0.06	0.00200
		0.375	0.851	0.25	2.29	0.23	0.00869	0.72	0.07	0.00271
		0.425	0.804	0.22	2.10	0.21	0.00900	0.78	0.08	0.00336
		0.475	0.756	0.19	1.93	0.19	0.00924	0.82	0.08	0.00394
		0.525	0.708	0.18	1.78	0.18	0.00943	0.84	0.08	0.00446
		0.575	0.660	0.16	1.64	0.17	0.00954	0.84	0.09	0.00491
		0.625	0.613	0.15	1.52	0.15	0.00959	0.84	0.08	0.00529
		0.675	0.565	0.14	1.40	0.14	0.00957	0.82	0.08	0.00561
		0.725	0.517	0.13	1.30	0.13	0.00949	0.80	0.08	0.00586
		0.775	0.470	0.12	1.19	0.12	0.00934	0.77	0.08	0.00604
Bird aspect ratio: β	0.45	0.825	0.422	0.11	1.09	0.11	0.00912	0.74	0.07	0.00616
		0.875	0.374	0.11	1.00	0.10	0.00884	0.70	0.07	0.00622
		0.925	0.327	0.10	0.91	0.09	0.00850	0.66	0.07	0.00621
		0.975	0.279	0.09	0.82	0.08	0.00808	0.62	0.06	0.00613
Overall p(collision) =					Upwind	15.7%	Downwind	7.8%		
					Average		11.7%			

Bird survey data

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of geese	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
TOTAL	1600	25	1765

TOTAL SURVEY TIME 288 hours or 1036800 seconds

Period when Kestrel likely to be on site (see below) =

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31
Total days =		364		Total hours (corrected - see below) =		4412.55					
Period when Kestrel		likely to be on site =		15885180 seconds (in each year)							

Assumptions (write in any assumptions that have been included in the model)

Assumption 1: The flying period extends from dawn to dusk and includes 25% of night.

Assumption 2:

Assumption 3:

Assumption 4:

Proportion of time during which a collision may occur =

Kestrel flight time = 1765 seconds in 1036800 seconds survey time

Therefore in 12 months = 27042.19 seconds

Note: This table is only relevant when calculating collision risk for goose species. It provides an adjustment for nocturnal flight behaviour for these species.

Number of hours geese are potentially active during winter (from Band et al, in press)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Mean Daylight hours		8	10	12	13	14	15	14	13	12	11	9	7	
Mean Nocturnal hrs*	5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.55	0.5	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.75	0.85	
Combined Daily Mean		8.8	10.7	12.6	13.55	14.5	15.45	14.5	13.55	12.6	11.65	9.75	7.85	
No of days birds present		31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	
Total hours each month		272.8	299.6	390.6	406.5	435	463.5	449.5	420.05	378	361.15	292.5	243.35	4412.55
Total hours per year		4412.55												

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum = 47.21

Average collision risk for bird passing through rotor = 11.7%

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 5.55

NB: The above calculation assumes no avoidance

Correcting for 95% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.277355

Correcting for 98% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.110942

Correcting for 99% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.05547

Site Name

Bird Dimensions

Species
length (m)
wing span (m)
speed (m/sec)

= data input required
 = model calculates value

Sources of speed and dimension information: <https://app.bto.org/birdfacts/>; Cochran & Applegate (198

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)
Blade length (m)
Max blade height (m)
Min blade height (m)
Depth of rotor (m)

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines
Site width (m)
Site length (m)

Both width and length include a 440m 'extension' to allow for the sweep of the blades and margin for fl

Turbine Specifications

K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)
NoBlades
MaxChord
Pitch (degrees)
Rotation period

Flight Characteristics

Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)

Night adjustment

What percentage of the night is the target species active?

Survey Data

Total survey time (hours)

Period when likely to be on site.

Type in the number of days in each month where the target species is present within the site:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31

Total number of months when **Peregrine** likely to be present: **12**



Enter the date of each record, the time the bird(s) was recorded in the collision risk area and the number of birds on a separate.

Bird occupancy is automatically calculated.

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of birds	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume	
31/07/15	120	1	120	(the time in seconds is aggregated time for each species modelled)
09/09/15	30	1	30	
09/09/15	15	1	15	
09/09/15	30	1	30	
09/09/15	45	1	45	
Total	240	5	240	



Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

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Step 1

Go to Data Input

Input data about the species that is being assessed - body length, wing span and flight speed

Input data on turbine dimensions

Input data on wind farm area

Input data on turbine dimensions and specification

Input all vantage point data for the species that is being assessed - number of birds and flight time within the study area

Input the number of days for each month where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input days for those months where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input the appropriate night time correction factor for the species being assessed, e.g. a 25% nocturnal flight time correction was proposed by Band et al for geese. This correction cannot be applied to all species, for example raptors.

Step 2

Go to Collision Risk

Final collision risk estimates are highlighted

Only use the collision risk estimate for the method that has been used

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Site Name:

Upper Ogmore

= data input required

= model calculates value

Stage 1: Number of birds flying through rotors

Input Parameters

Bird Dimensions

Species	Peregrine
length (m)	0.42
wing span (m)	1.02
speed (m/sec)	12.1

Bird Flight Data

No of birds	5
Time spent in V_w (sec)	3677.13

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)	97.4
Blade length (m)	51.15
Max blade height (m)	148.55
Min blade height (m)	46.25
Depth of rotor (m)	3.651781

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines	7
Site width (m)	842
Site length (m)	2608
Area (m ²)	2195936

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace

(to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Step No	Description of Calculation		Calculation	Comments
1	Identify 'flight risk volume' V_w which is the area of the wind farm multiplied by the height of the turbines	$V_w =$	326206292.8 m ³	Area is equivalent to survey area and should include minimum of 500m buffer around turbines
2	Calculate the combined volume swept out by the rotors $V_r = N \times R^2 \times (d + l)$ where N is the number of turbines, d is the depth of the	$V_r =$	234244.45 m ³	

rotor front to back, and l is the bird length

3 Estimate bird occupancy n within V_w
This is the number of birds multiplied by
the time spent within V_w (per season/year)

$$n = 3677.13 \text{ secs per yr}$$

Bird occupancy is based on
observations of birds flying
through rotor-swept area

4 Bird occupancy of V_r
 $n \times (V_r / V_w)$ bird-seconds

$$\text{occupancy} = 2.64 \text{ bird-seconds}$$

5 Time taken for a bird to make transit
through and completely clear the rotors
 $t = (d + l) / v$ where v is bird speed (m/sec)

$$t = 0.34 \text{ seconds}$$

Speed should be assessed in
the field but published values
are available

6 Calculate number of bird transits through
the rotors = $n \times (V_r / V_w) / t$

$$\text{transits} = 7.85 \text{ bird transits per annum}$$

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum =

7.85

CALCULATION OF COLLISION RISK FOR BIRD PASSING THROUGH ROTOR AREA

Input parameters regarding the turbine specification will need to be obtained from the design engineers or manufacturers.

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K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)		Calculation of alpha and p(collision) as a function of radius									
NoBlades		Upwind:					Downwind:				
MaxChord		r/R	c/C	α	collide	contribution	collide	contribution			
Pitch (degrees)		radius	chord	alpha	length	p(collision)	length	p(collision)	from radius r	from radius r	
BirdLength	0.42 m	0.025	0.575	4.52	15.16	1.00	0.00125	13.59	1.00	0.00125	
Wingspan	1.02 m	0.075	0.575	1.51	5.58	0.46	0.00346	4.00	0.33	0.00248	
F: Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)	0	0.125	0.702	0.90	4.26	0.35	0.00440	2.34	0.19	0.00242	
		0.175	0.860	0.65	3.92	0.32	0.00567	1.57	0.13	0.00227	
Bird speed	12.1 m/sec	0.225	0.994	0.50	3.75	0.31	0.00697	1.03	0.08	0.00191	
RotorDiam	102.3 m	0.275	0.947	0.41	3.18	0.26	0.00722	0.59	0.05	0.00133	
RotationPeriod	3.00 sec	0.325	0.899	0.35	2.82	0.23	0.00759	0.48	0.04	0.00128	
		0.375	0.851	0.30	2.55	0.21	0.00790	0.62	0.05	0.00192	
		0.425	0.804	0.27	2.32	0.19	0.00816	0.72	0.06	0.00252	
		0.475	0.756	0.24	2.13	0.18	0.00836	0.78	0.06	0.00306	
Bird aspect ratio: β	0.41	0.525	0.708	0.22	1.96	0.16	0.00851	0.82	0.07	0.00354	
		0.575	0.660	0.20	1.81	0.15	0.00861	0.84	0.07	0.00397	
		0.625	0.613	0.18	1.67	0.14	0.00865	0.84	0.07	0.00435	
		0.675	0.565	0.17	1.55	0.13	0.00864	0.84	0.07	0.00467	
		0.725	0.517	0.16	1.43	0.12	0.00857	0.82	0.07	0.00494	
		0.775	0.470	0.15	1.32	0.11	0.00845	0.81	0.07	0.00516	
		0.825	0.422	0.14	1.21	0.10	0.00828	0.78	0.06	0.00532	
		0.875	0.374	0.13	1.11	0.09	0.00805	0.75	0.06	0.00543	
		0.925	0.327	0.12	1.02	0.08	0.00777	0.72	0.06	0.00548	
		0.975	0.279	0.12	0.92	0.08	0.00744	0.68	0.06	0.00548	
Overall p(collision) =					Upwind	14.4%	Downwind	6.9%			
					Average		10.6%				

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum = 7.85

Average collision risk for bird passing through rotor = 10.6%

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.83

NB: The above calculation assumes no avoidance

Correcting for 95% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.041730

Correcting for 98% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.016692

Correcting for 99% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.00835

Site Name Upper Ogmore

Bird Dimensions

Species Golden Plover
length (m) 0.28
wing span (m) 0.72
speed (m/sec) 22

= data input required
 = model calculates value

Sources of speed and dimension information: Whitfield & Madders (2006); Svensson *et al.*, (1999)

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m) 97.4
Blade length (m) 51.15
Max blade height (m) 148.55
Min blade height (m) 46.25
Depth of rotor (m) 3.651781003

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines 7
Site width (m) 842
Site length (m) 2608

Both width and length include a 440m 'extension' to allow for the sweep of the blades and margin for fl

Turbine Specifications

K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1) 1
NoBlades 3
MaxChord 4 *
Pitch (degrees) 20 *
Rotation period 3 *

Flight Characteristics

Flapping (0) or gliding (+1) 0

Night adjustment

What percentage of the night is the target species active? 5 %

Survey Data

Total survey time (hours) 288

Period when Golden Plover likely to be on site.

Type in the number of days in each month where the target species is present within the site:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	28	31	30	30	30	31	31	30	31	30	31

Total number of months when Golden Plover likely to be present: 12



Enter the date of each record, the time the bird(s) was recorded in the collision risk area and the number of birds on a separate.

Bird occupancy is automatically calculated.

Date	Time observed (seconds)	Number of birds	Bird Occupancy in flight risk volume
26/01/15	195	1	195
26/01/15	15	1	15
26/01/15	15	5	75
26/01/15	15	7	105
12/02/15	15	43	645
12/02/15	15	43	645
12/02/15	15	43	645
12/02/15	15	43	645
10/12/15	60	1	60
10/12/15	15	1	15
24/02/16	15	1	15
Total	390	189	3060

(the time in seconds is aggregated time for each species modelled)

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

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Step 1

Go to Data Input

Input data about the species that is being assessed - body length, wing span and flight speed

Input data on turbine dimensions

Input data on wind farm area

Input data on turbine dimensions and specification

Input all vantage point data for the species that is being assessed - number of birds and flight time within the study area

Input the number of days for each month where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input days for those months where the species is likely to be present within the site

Input the appropriate night time correction factor for the species being assessed, e.g. a 25% nocturnal flight time correction was proposed by Band et al for geese. This correction cannot be applied to all species, for example raptors.

Step 2

Go to Collision Risk

Final collision risk estimates are highlighted

Only use the collision risk estimate for the method that has been used

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Site Name: Upper Ogmore

= data input required

= model calculates value

Stage 1: Number of birds flying through rotors

Input Parameters

Bird Dimensions

Species	Golden Plover
length (m)	0.28
wing span (m)	0.72
speed (m/sec)	22

Bird Flight Data

No of birds	189
Time spent in V_w (sec)	46883.34

Turbine Dimensions

Height of tower (m)	97.4
Blade length (m)	51.15
Max blade height (m)	148.55
Min blade height (m)	46.25
Depth of rotor (m)	3.651781

Wind Farm Dimensions

No of turbines	7
Site width (m)	842
Site length (m)	2608
Area (m ²)	2195936

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace

(to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Step No	Description of Calculation	Calculation	Comments
1	Identify 'flight risk volume' V_w which is the area of the wind farm multiplied by the height of the turbines	$V_w = 326206292.8 \text{ m}^3$	Area is equivalent to survey area and should include minimum of 500m buffer around turbines
2	Calculate the combined volume swept out by the rotors $V_r = N \times R^2 \times (d + l)$ where N is the number of turbines, d is the depth of the	$V_r = 226190.43 \text{ m}^3$	

rotor front to back, and l is the bird length

3 Estimate bird occupancy n within V_w
This is the number of birds multiplied by
the time spent within V_w (per season/year)

$$n = 46883.34 \text{ secs per yr}$$

Bird occupancy is based on
observations of birds flying
through rotor-swept area

4 Bird occupancy of V_r
 $n \times (V_r / V_w)$ bird-seconds

$$\text{occupancy} = 32.51 \text{ bird-seconds}$$

5 Time taken for a bird to make transit
through and completely clear the rotors
 $t = (d + l) / v$ where v is bird speed (m/sec)

$$t = 0.18 \text{ seconds}$$

Speed should be assessed in
the field but published values
are available

6 Calculate number of bird transits through
the rotors = $n \times (V_r / V_w) / t$

$$\text{transits} = 181.90 \text{ bird transits per annum}$$

$$\text{Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum} = 181.90$$

CALCULATION OF COLLISION RISK FOR BIRD PASSING THROUGH ROTOR AREA

Input parameters regarding the turbine specification will need to be obtained from the design engineers or manufacturers.

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K: [1D or [3D] (0 or 1)		Calculation of alpha and p(collision) as a function of radius										
NoBlades		Upwind:					Downwind:					
MaxChord		r/R	c/C	α	collide	contribution	collide	contribution				
Pitch (degrees)		radius	chord	alpha	length	p(collision)	length	p(collision)	from radius r	from radius r		
BirdLength	0.28 m	0.025	0.575	8.21	24.45	1.00	0.00125	22.88	1.00	0.00125		
Wingspan	0.72 m	0.075	0.575	2.74	8.68	0.39	0.00296	7.10	0.32	0.00242		
F: Flapping (0) or gliding (+1)	0	0.125	0.702	1.64	6.47	0.29	0.00368	4.56	0.21	0.00259		
		0.175	0.860	1.17	5.82	0.26	0.00463	3.46	0.16	0.00275		
Bird speed	22 m/sec	0.225	0.994	0.91	5.43	0.25	0.00555	2.71	0.12	0.00277		
RotorDiam	102.3 m	0.275	0.947	0.75	4.49	0.20	0.00561	1.90	0.09	0.00237		
RotationPeriod	3.00 sec	0.325	0.899	0.63	3.82	0.17	0.00564	1.36	0.06	0.00201		
		0.375	0.851	0.55	3.31	0.15	0.00564	0.98	0.04	0.00167		
		0.425	0.804	0.48	2.91	0.13	0.00562	0.71	0.03	0.00137		
		0.475	0.756	0.43	2.57	0.12	0.00556	0.51	0.02	0.00109		
		0.525	0.708	0.39	2.29	0.10	0.00547	0.35	0.02	0.00084		
		0.575	0.660	0.36	2.07	0.09	0.00541	0.30	0.01	0.00078		
		0.625	0.613	0.33	1.88	0.09	0.00533	0.36	0.02	0.00103		
		0.675	0.565	0.30	1.70	0.08	0.00521	0.41	0.02	0.00125		
		0.725	0.517	0.28	1.54	0.07	0.00507	0.44	0.02	0.00144		
		0.775	0.470	0.26	1.39	0.06	0.00490	0.45	0.02	0.00160		
0.825	0.422	0.25	1.25	0.06	0.00470	0.46	0.02	0.00173				
0.875	0.374	0.23	1.12	0.05	0.00446	0.46	0.02	0.00184				
0.925	0.327	0.22	1.00	0.05	0.00420	0.45	0.02	0.00191				
0.975	0.279	0.21	0.88	0.04	0.00391	0.44	0.02	0.00195				
Bird aspect ratio: β		0.39										
Overall p(collision) =					Upwind		9.5%		Downwind		3.5%	
					Average		6.5%					

Method 1 - Birds using the windfarm airspace (to be used for birds that fly across the site using a variety of different flight paths)

Number of bird transits through the rotors per annum = 181.90

Average collision risk for bird passing through rotor = 6.5%

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 11.77

NB: The above calculation assumes no avoidance

Correcting for 95% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.588748

Correcting for 98% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.235499

Correcting for 99% avoidance rate:

Number of birds potentially killed by rotors per annum = 0.11775