

The threat from bird drones

The recent downing of a Russian airliner near Moscow has alerted the CAA to the need to bring the threat of birds under control. Therefore birds have been reclassified by the European Union as drones, in the same way that carrots were classified as fruit to allow the Portuguese to continue to make jam from them. All birds will now have to register with the CAA, though the means of payment is as yet unresolved. They must take a test in avianship to ensure that they understand the new height limits and the areas into which they must not fly, around airfields and inhabited areas. They are now banned from seeking chips in seaside resorts. The Natural History museum and Chris Packham have submitted objections to the plan, saying that birds have always flown freely and the plan will not improve air safety. The objections have been noted and will be ignored in the usual way.