

Exe Estuary Management Partnership

We are receiving a number of reports about dead wild birds. DEFRA have issued the following advice.

Reporting dead wild birds:

Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find.

You should call the Defra helpline (**03459 33 55 77**) if you find:

- **one or more dead bird of prey or owl**
- **3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)**
- **5 or more dead birds of any species**

DEFRA then collect some of these birds and test them to help understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird.

Calls to the DEFRA helpline about dead wild birds are triaged and not all birds will be collected. The criteria for which birds are collected are adjusted to increase or decrease the sensitivity of surveillance.