

**Under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act  
1976, between 1<sup>st</sup> March  
& 31<sup>st</sup> August it is ILLEGAL to:**

- o Cut, grub or otherwise destroy  
hedgerows
- o Burn upland vegetation

In Ireland, hedgerow and upland habitats are of exceptional importance, particularly for birds but also for bees, wild flowers and trees. They provide shelter for birds and other wildlife, enhancing the diversity of nature in our countryside.

It is advised that any illegal instances of hedge cutting or upland burning be reported to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, or Gardaí.

Reported instances will be **investigated**, and may be **prosecuted**.

You can also report illegal occurrences to the Irish Wildlife Trust at: [irishwildlife@iwt.ie](mailto:irishwildlife@iwt.ie)

