

# Sentenced to death!



## Help save Wigan's Ruddy Ducks

Wigan Council has announced that it is committed to destroying the entire population of Ruddy Ducks at Wigan Flashes and Pennington Flash Country Park, because some have dared to breed with a close genetic relative called the white-headed duck. It is not too late to stop this insane and brutal massacre.

**YOU can help save the Ruddy Duck,  
please contact The North West  
Hunt Saboteurs Association  
(NWHSA) on 07960 038230 or  
[info@nwhsa.org.uk](mailto:info@nwhsa.org.uk) to find out how.**

## Why the slaughter?

It is claimed that some ruddy ducks are flying from Britain to Spain where they are mating with the now-endangered white-headed duck - birds who have been hunted to near extinction and have had much of their habitat destroyed. The mating of the ruddys and their close genetic kin - the white-headed - is nature's way of ensuring the survival of the white-headed duck. But the ducklings they produce are considered 'impure' by leaders of top table conservation groups such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, English Nature and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. They won't tolerate this mixing of blood, despite opposition from a large number of their own supporters and the RSPCA.

The killing of Ruddy Ducks is yet another example of the arrogance of some old world 'conservationists' who believe that they can shoot and poison their way to environmental harmony.

The slaughter of the Ruddy ducks is an insane, massively expensive exercise, which has no public support and seems designed to please only a small number of obsessives, who are interfering with nature in ways they can neither understand nor control.

During trial 'culls', which took place between 1993 and 2002, a significant number of birds died in protracted agony. Many were shot on their nests and, according to a government report, some were shot as many as 13 times and took up to two hours to die.

Even at this late stage, you can make your voice heard and help stop this insane and brutal massacre.

Contact the NWHSA to find out how you can help. Also please contact Wigan council on 01942 244991 to register your opposition to the duck cull.