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# Intrigue soars as 75 starlings fall out of sky

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Mystery surrounds the deaths of 75 starlings which fell out of the sky and on to the driveway of a house.

RSPCA staff were called by police to a house in Coxley, [Somerset](#), on Sunday following reports of "whooshing" sounds and birds dropping to the ground in a 12ft area.

A welfare officer discovered that most of the birds had suffered broken beaks, broken legs and wings and abdominal injuries, but were otherwise in good bodily condition.

All but five of the birds were dead and they had to be put to sleep by veterinary staff at the RSPCA's West Hatch [Wildlife](#) Centre, Taunton, Somerset, because of their severe injuries.

There is no evidence that the birds had been poisoned or were ill before they crashed into the ground.

RSPCA animal welfare officer Alison Sparkes said: "It was a remarkable sight and I've never seen anything like it before.

"They appeared to be in good condition other than injuries that they appear to have suffered when they hit the ground.

"Our best guess is that this happened because the starlings were trying to escape a predator such as a sparrowhawk and ended up crash-landing."

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 [rick400](#) wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 05:23 am (UTC)

Is it possible they found themselves flying over Britain and were so depressed at that thought they decided to have a mass suicide? Just a thought....

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### Directed energy burst?

 [snowdog88](#) wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 08:26 am (UTC)

If they all fell at close to the same time, how about a directed energy burst from a military device?

Either sub-sonic or radio wave.

With poison, some birds would become ill sooner than others. Furthermore, ill birds usually land. They don't suddenly drop from the sky breaking their bones.

And if it were an aircraft wake, surely someone would have heard the aircraft.

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### Air rifles on the roof of Ch 5?

 [junkkmale](#) wrote:

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The new season of Flash Forward is just next week

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### The Zone in Britain?

 [yosemitejoe](#) wrote:

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Wooshing sounds? Birds with bodily injuries? Clearly a Mosquito Mange anomaly.

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## WMD

 **juliandbsmith** wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 01:12 pm (UTC)

It was the Iranians, proof they possess weapons of mass destruction!

If only Tony Blair were here, we'd be bombing the Infidel by nightfall!

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## Aliens?!

 **mrsmithfrometon** wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 01:16 pm (UTC)

Military device? ...Either sub-sonic or radio wave??

Mate, you're a loonie.

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## Curiouser and curiouser

 **gothic\_quarter** wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 03:39 pm (UTC)

What the article omits to mention is that this all took place less than a mile (as the crow flies) from a pie shop patronised by the Royal Family, and that the establishment's head pie-maker is currently under investigation over the disappearance of four-and-twenty blackbirds.

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## Starlings confused by Liberal dose of hot air.

 **snotcricket** wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 06:31 pm (UTC)

Seemingly the Starlings were found to have been stunned at the sight of a twitching Lib/Dem party sat on two fences, as it is the 1st recorded sighting of them changing their position.

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**MILITARY DEVICES****modrall** wrote:

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 08:55 pm (UTC)

In response to:

"Military device? ...Either sub-sonic or radio wave.??

Mate, you're a loonie." Try getting off your smug high horse, turn off CNN and go look up the words "HAARP", Project Bluebeam, ELF (electromagnetic frequencies), Nikola Tesla, Operation Cloverleaf and Military Weather Modification. No, sir.. YOU ARE THE LOONIE.

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**Dearest LOONIES!****mrsmithfrometon** wrote:

Friday, 12 March 2010 at 03:24 am (UTC)

Dearest LOONIES (I can shout, also).

The only "HAARP" in this story is the one the angels are using to plink songs of sorrow for sad people like you.

Cloverleaf? Bluewhathasits? E ->M<- F? "Goodness me! The crop circles gangs visited the back fields again, Agnes!" (...cut to scene of bewildered sheep farmer sipping his cuppa, looking out over his fields, tisk-tisking yet another alien visit...)

I wish to point out there has become a general loonieness in our country today, shortly after the arrival of these silly new American television channels. This poor influence on weak-minded people sets off these most silly theories. We should make it mandatory these lot get dipped in day-glo colour paints such as vibrant green or pulsating pink from head to toe for easy identification, so we don't have to listen to their moaning in our local pub interrupting us normal people from having a jolly time.

If they think they can fix the world's problems bemoaning the arrival of this theory or that theory, I suggest they take it upon themselves and jump in the nearest canal. Or go back to France. Either way it would be an improvement.

Thinking tht these most imagineable ideas holds any water proves that you, squire, are indeed THE LOONIE.

Wishing you well in your recovery.

Signed,

Mr. Smith from Eton

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