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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am finding it hard to believe what I am reading in this letter from Balbriggan Community Cttee on urban seagulls! I live right on the coast with the sea at the bottom of my garden. Yes I have had problems over the 40 odd years that I have lived with seagulls but I learned to live with them because they have as much a right to live here as much as we do. I am horrified to see what people are obviously prepared to do to get rid of them. In the 40 odd years that I am here I have had lots of problems with the gulls but I have adapted to having gulls on my doorstep on a daily basis. For goodness sake people pick up your rubbish after you, don't leave rubbish on the beach or anywhere else after you, bring it home then the problem would not be on the scale that people are talking about. Herring Gulls are a very intelligent bird, I have learned a lot from them over the years including how caring they are to their young. Ok do not feed the gulls but when you live on the coast that means that you can not feed any other bird either because they are always flying overhead and appear as soon as the garden bird feeders are filled. So I am afraid that all people who feed garden birds on the coast inadvertently feed an opportunist seagull! You are not going to change a seagulls behaviour, it is much easier to change our behaviour and adapt.

Best regards,

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