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CAPERCAILLIE.

# Beconase

(beclomethasone dipropionate BP)

## NASAL SPRAY

For everyone with hay fever or chronic allergic rhinitis

### PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Beconase Nasal Spray is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 50mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation into a special nasal applicator. Each canister provides 200 applications. Basic NHS cost £4.77.

### INDICATIONS

The prophylaxis and treatment of perennial and seasonal allergic rhinitis, including hay fever and vasomotor rhinitis.

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended maximum dosage is one application into each nostril, four times daily. Not suitable for children under six years of age.

Full therapeutic benefit requires regular usage and the absence of any immediate effect should be explained to the patient to facilitate compliance with the regular dosage schedule.

### CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

There are no specific contra-indications but any infections of the nasal passages and paranasal sinuses should receive the appropriate treatment.

Care must be taken while transferring patients from systemic steroid treatment to Beconase if there is any reason to suppose that adrenal function is impaired.

Eye symptoms may necessitate additional topical therapy. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

No major side effects attributable to Beconase have been reported, but occasionally sneezing attacks have followed immediately after use of the aerosol.

### LEGAL CATEGORY

POM

### PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBER

0045/0093

## SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

### CAPERCAILLIE

*Tetrao uragallus*

The Capercaillie, our largest game bird, is found only in Scotland, especially in the coniferous afforestation in the Highlands. Owing to the clearance of natural forest and to hunting it became extinct before 1800. It was re-introduced in 1837 to Perthshire. Food consists of conifer shoots, berries and some insects. The male call consists of a peculiar collection of strange noises. This large bird, which can attain a weight of 17lb, looks like a turkey in flight. The courtship includes a display of mock fights between males, tail fanned. A scrape in the ground is used for the nest which is lined scantily with pine needles, heather or moss. 5-8 pale eggs marked with brown are laid. The male reaches up to 35 inches (89 cm) in length, the female 25 inches (64 cm). The female is much less conspicuous in appearance, being of a mottled reddish-brown colour.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

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