

Osprey Ambassadors : Easter Challenges - Something a Bit Different!

We thought our brilliant Osprey Ambassadors might like to do something a little bit different as we get near to the Easter holidays. So here is a chance to win a super prize for an Osprey Ambassador and his or her family. All you have to do is choose **one or more** of the following Osprey challenges, prepare a detailed, illustrated and long piece of work on that topic, and send it in to us by post. It must be all your own work. Do not simply copy things from the internet. Use your own research, writing, and drawing or painting skills.

Challenge No. 1 : The Feather Challenge.

There are FOUR groups of feathers, and full instructions are given. To make this your Challenge Entry, you will have to attempt to identify and fully describe ALL FOUR feather groups.

Challenge No. 2 : Osprey Radio and Satellite Tracking.

In addition to colour rings, radio and satellite tracking has been a very important part of the Rutland Osprey Project since the very beginning in the 1990's. Your challenge is to describe in words and pictures every type of tracking, from the early tail-mounted radio trackers, through to battery-powered satellite trackers and the latest solar-powered transmitters. You will find a lot of help in Tim Mackrill's book, which you all have (e.g. pages 29, 83). Look up 'tracking' in the index. Give examples of times when tracking has been particularly helpful – e.g. the story of 09(98). Use the website to bring the story right up to date, with details of satellite-tracked Ospreys 4K, S1 and 30.

Challenge No. 3 : Osprey Biographies

Some individual Ospreys have been very important in making the Project so successful. Some of them are listed on pages 10 and 11 of Tim's book. Or you may like to use the website and concentrate on the Ospreys that are in Manton Bay now, Maya and 33. You must choose at least TWO, and give all the details of their lives and their mates, and do drawings and maps of their migrations, For instance, if you choose brother and sister 5N(04) and 5R(04), you will need to read very carefully pages 59,62,65,67 and 70 of Tim's book, and use the website too.

Notes

- These challenges, should you wish to take one or more of them on, are meant to test your knowledge, your determination, your research skills, your presentation methods, and your ability to see something through. Do not rush. There is plenty of time.
- You can ask for help from parents and other family members, but the final piece must be all your own work.
- You can do more than one challenge if you wish.
- **The Prizes** : Those who submit really good or outstanding entries will be invited, together with immediate family, to join Osprey Team members on board the 'Rutland Belle' for an Osprey Cruise out on the Reservoir one evening later in the summer. Depending on circumstances, Osprey Cruises will resume when the current restrictions are lifted. We will honour this prize, even if it means waiting until next year.
- **Deadline** : There is no rush. We are looking for quality work from our talented team of Ambassadors. The closing date for entries is therefore **Sunday May 31st**.
- Entries should be sent by post to :

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Oakham Rd.,
Hambleton,
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- Please send any questions to kdavies@lrwt.org.uk.