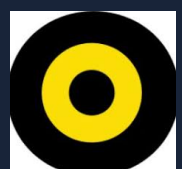


A HISTORY OF OSPREYS



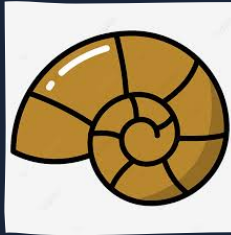
Welcome to Day 2 of World Osprey Week! Now that you have learned all about ospreys, today is your chance to find out about the story of ospreys in the UK.



HISTORICAL TIMELINE



10 - 15 million years ago: fossil discoveries show ospreys existed!



Did you know:
ospreys didn't breed in England for over 150 years!

1200 - 165 BC: the Old Testament mentions ospreys among birds not to eat.

1609: Shakespeare mentions ospreys in one of his plays - he must have seen ospreys himself!

“
*I think he'll be to Rome,
as is the osprey to the
fish, who takes it by
sovereignty of nature*”



(C) Pete Murray

1700 - 1900: Ospreys were killed by humans.

1847: ospreys became **locally extinct** in England and Wales.



1916: ospreys became **locally extinct** in Scotland.

REWILDING BRITAIN'S SKIES

Thankfully, ospreys can be found in most countries across the world. Over the years following their extinction as a breeding bird in the UK, ospreys were still seen in our skies in the spring and autumn. It was some of these birds that helped save the ospreys in Britain!



1954

A really promising year for UK ospreys! The first pair successfully raised chicks in Scotland near Loch Garten. The ospreys were originally from Scandinavia eg Norway.

A really exciting project was given the go-ahead to help ospreys in England. (learn more about this on Day 4 of WOW)

1996


2001

Ospreys had chicks at Rutland Water and Lake Bassenthwaite.

(C) Doris McLean

Can you find out where would be your closest place to see one of these magnificent birds?





Ospreys nested for the first time in Wales, in the Glaslyn Valley (Glaslyn Ospreys). In 2005 they celebrated their first 2 chicks!

2004

2016

A new pair of ospreys bred in Cumbria at Foulshaw Moss (Cumbria Wildlife Trust) who successfully raised 2 chicks!

A new osprey project began at Poole Harbour, Dorset, to help ospreys in the south of England (Birds of Poole Harbour). Another exciting project to keep your eyes on!

2017

2020

The UK now has between 300 and 400 breeding pairs of ospreys, most of which can be found in Scotland.

WHY DID OSPREYS BECOME LOCALLY EXTINCT IN THE UK?



- People collected their eggs.
- People used to shoot ospreys.
- Accidental poisoning, through eating fish which had a bad chemical in.

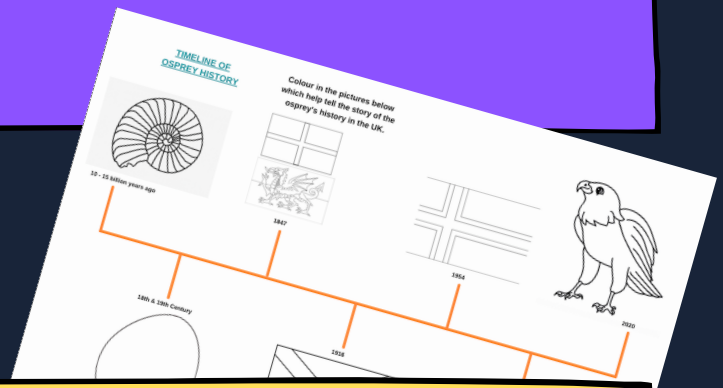
KEY WORD OF THE DAY

Locally extinct: an animal or plant which no longer can be found in an area.



ACTIVITIES

Get creative and colour in your very own timeline, using of the template provided!



Can you find out where each osprey centre mentioned today is on the map provided?



Or for a quick activity, there is a choice of fun word searches to have a go at!



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HISTORY WORDSEARCH: EASY

Can you find all the history important words?

D N A L G N E C Y
S E G G S F Y R S
H N O W G V O M C
U S A G A T Q Y O
M Y K M S L S K T
E W Y I U Q E Q L
A J H G B H Z S A
E X T I N C T T N
D N A L T U R B D

Eggs

England

Scotland

History

Humans

Rutland

Wales

Extinct

HISTORY WORDSEARCH: MEDIUM

Can you find all the history important words?

F N R K I I J B U S Q J D R W
N U O J T C F S H I U Y E H N
Z K N T F V F C G Y J T U K N
W Y I E L Z V L P O A M B P U
V A T N S G G E O W A N N U V
U T V G L L T R D N J T J T Y
W R W L S R Z N S C H O Z R F
J P I A O C A M D N K Y O A Z
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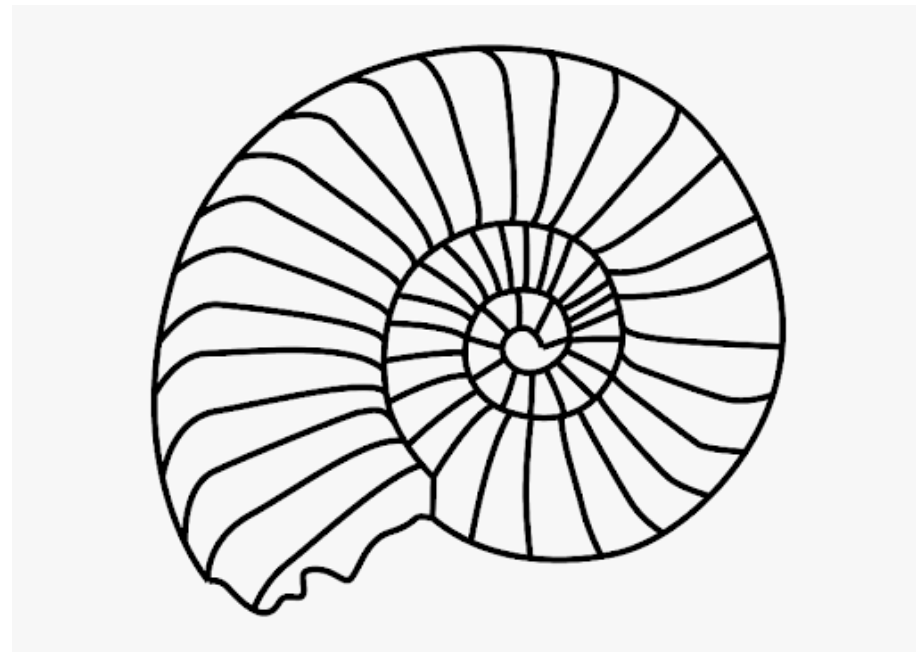
Wales

Extinct

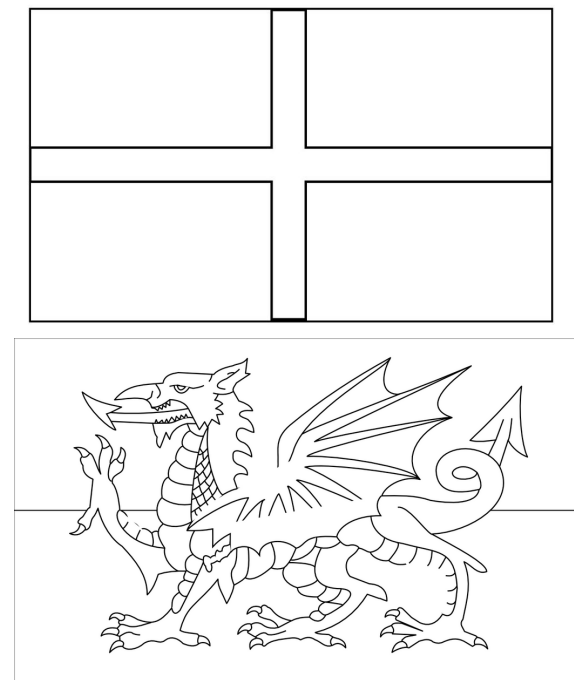
Breeding

TIMELINE OF OSPREY HISTORY

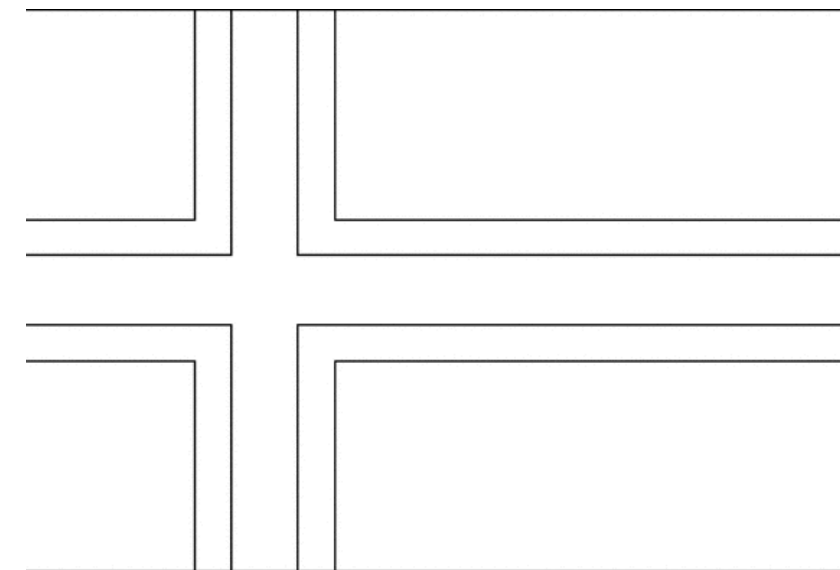
Colour in the pictures below which help tell the story of the osprey's history in the UK.



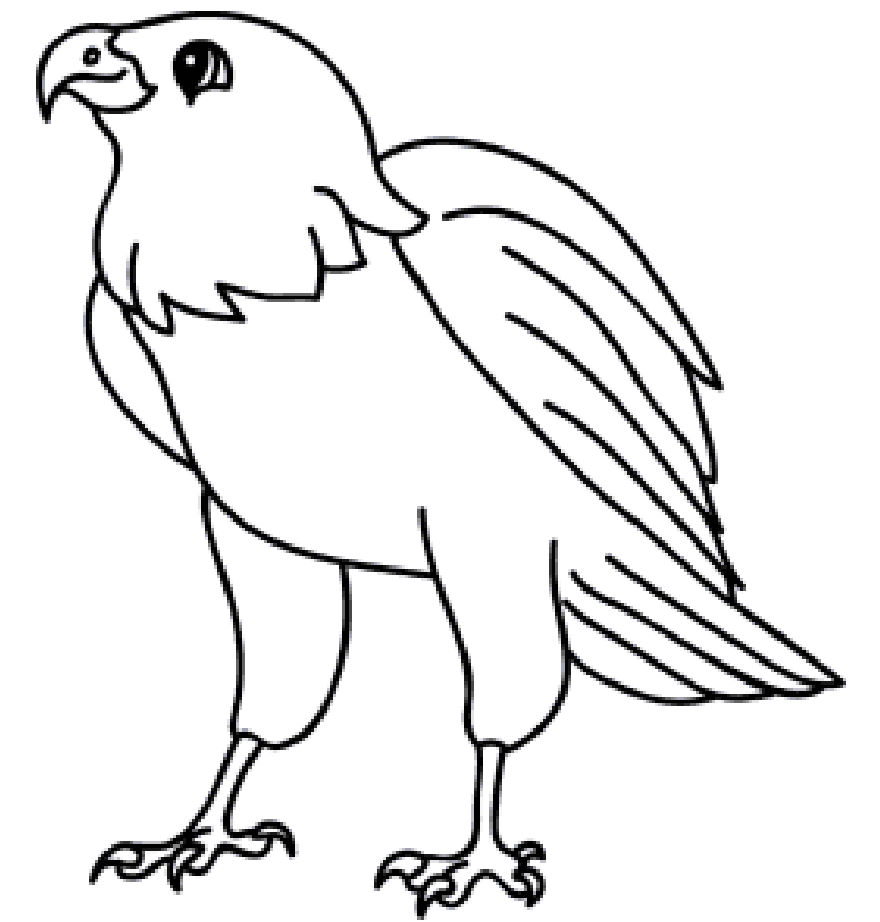
10 - 15 billion years ago



1847

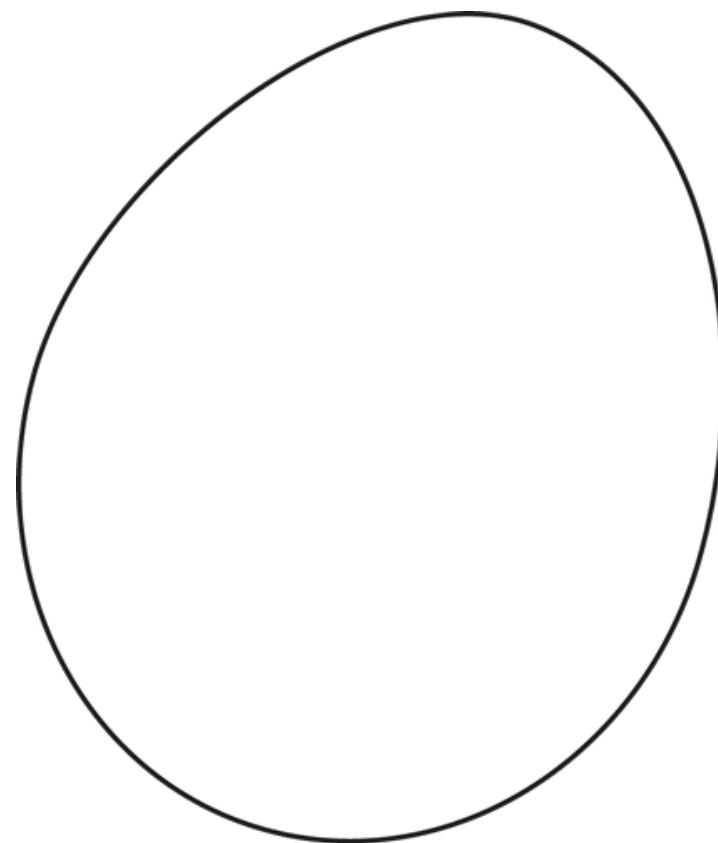


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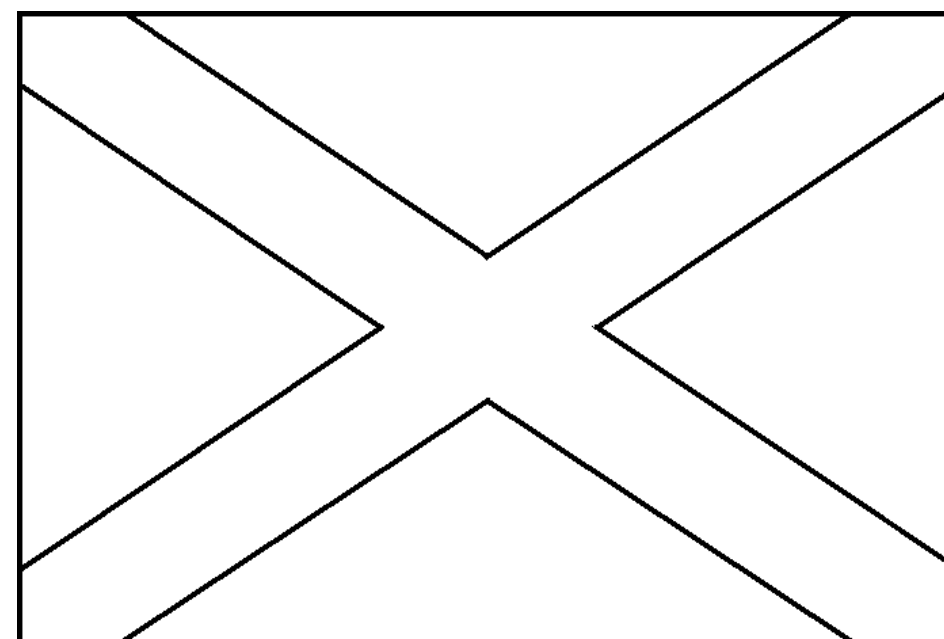


2020

18th & 19th Century



1916

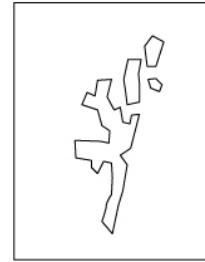


2001



WHERE IN THE UK...

Colour in the general area
where each place is that
you have learned has
ospreys in the UK.



Bonus task: these
aren't the only places
you can find
ospreys. Can you
colour in an extra 2
areas where ospreys
can be found?