

THE OSPREY: A REMARKABLE RETURN



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**Welcome to Day 4 of World Osprey Week!
Today is all about a very special plan to see
ospreys return to a small county in central
England.**

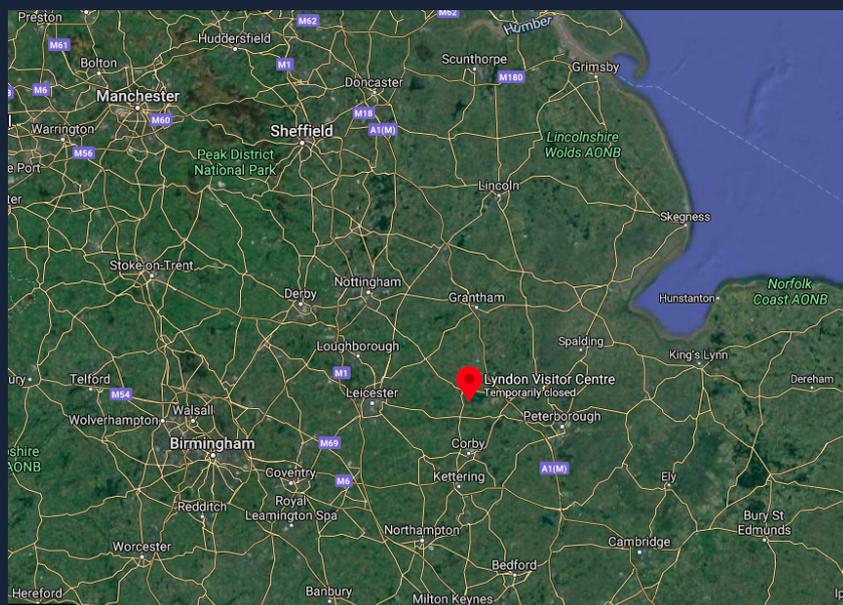


THE RUTLAND OSPREY PROJECT



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Rutland Water Nature Reserve in Rutland is home to the Rutland Osprey Project. A perfect spot for ospreys, as it is on a large reservoir, so plenty of fish! In 1996, an exciting **translocation project** began, to bring ospreys back to the area.



NATURAL
ENGLAND



Scottish
Natural
Heritage

We needed to ask important government bodies for licences to remove chicks from their nest and **reintroduce** them at Rutland Water Nature Reserve.

Chicks were selected from many nests in Scotland - usually 1 chick from a **brood** of 3.



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Once the chicks got to Rutland Water Nature Reserve, they were kept safe in special release pens.

The osprey chicks were **monitored** and looked after, including being fed, by fully trained members of staff and volunteers.



Did you know: Ospreys are always more risky to translocate because they **migrate**, and are **specialists**. They also return to the place they fledged from.

1996: the first chicks were **translocated** and **released** at Rutland Water.

1999: 2 male ospreys that were released as chicks in 1997, incl. 03(97), returned for the very first time!

2001: The first pair of ospreys bred at Rutland Water!

2002: the last of the 64 chicks were translocated and released at Rutland Water.

2005: 11 more female chicks were translocated as there were more males than females.

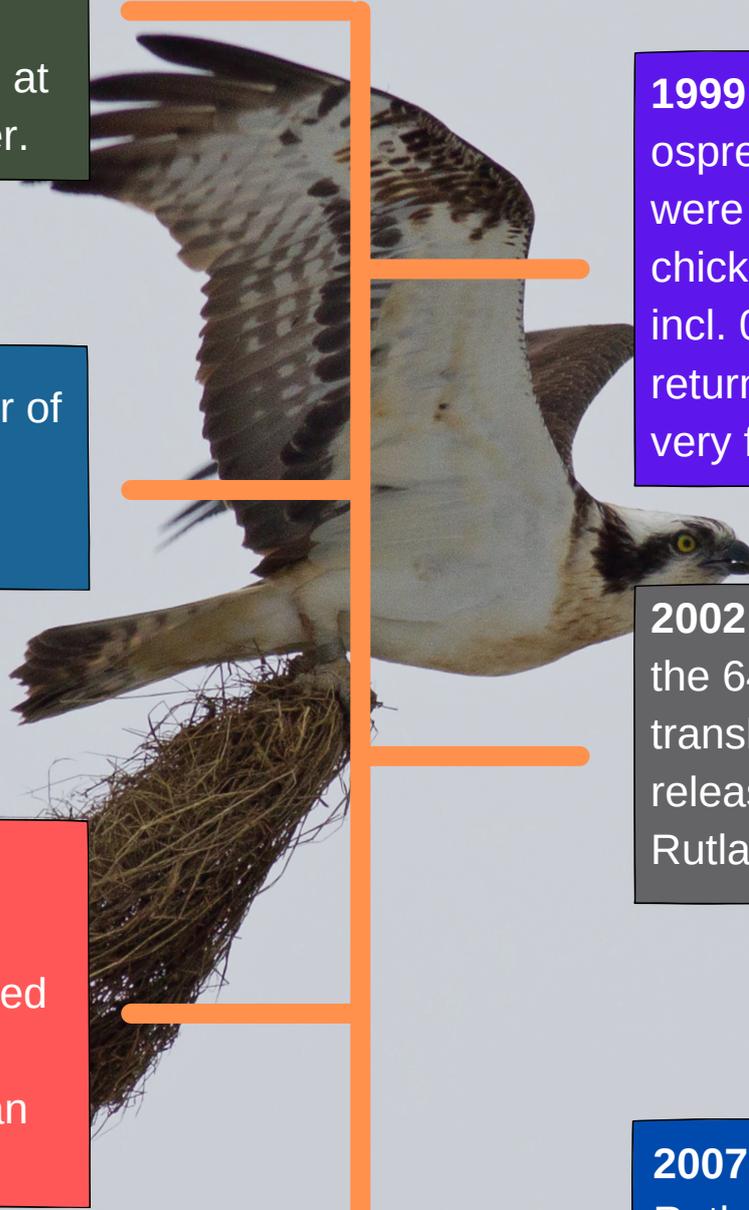
2007: the first Rutland-born osprey bred at Rutland Water!

2019: since 2001, 150 chicks had been raised.

2021: celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Rutland Osprey Project.



Did you know: male 03(97) (pictured) became known as Mr Rutland as he raised 32 chicks in his life!





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Today, there is no need for any future **translocations** as Rutland now has a very good number of **breeding** ospreys.



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OTHER OSPREY TRANSLOCATIONS



POOLE HARBOUR OSPREY PROJECT, UK:

- Started in 2017.
- 5-year translocation project.
- 60 osprey chicks will be moved to Poole Harbour.

TUSCANY, ITALY:

- 2006 - 2010: 32 osprey chicks collected from nests in Corsica, released in Tuscany, southern Italy.
- 2011: first successful breeding attempt.



SPAIN:

- 2003 - the first few chicks were moved from Scotland, Finland and Germany, to Spain.
- First bred in 2005.



Did you know: Ospreys from Scotland to Spain, via the Midlands and Southampton Airport – Malaga on a scheduled flight, with fresh fish supplies all the way!

KEY WORDS OF THE DAY

Reintroduce: bringing an animal or plant back to a place.

Licences: permissions from authority bodies to allow the reintroduction to happen.

Translocation: moving an animal or plant from one place to another.

Breeding: when an osprey raises chicks.

Brood: the number of chicks in a nest.

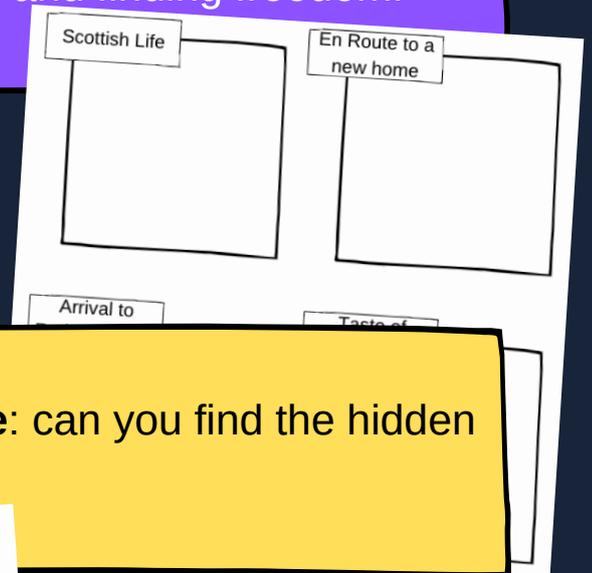
Monitored: watching of the chicks to make sure they are safe and to learn more about them.



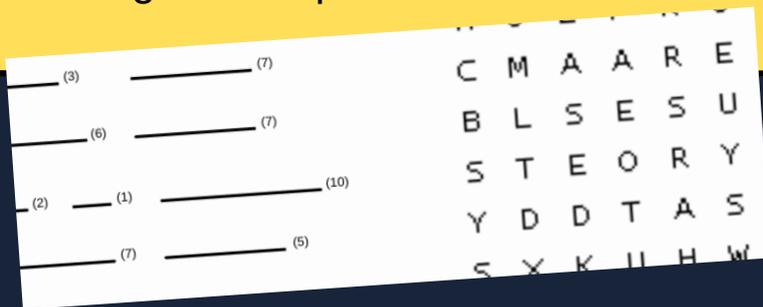
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ACTIVITIES

A Story of a Translocated Chick: Tell the story of what you think an osprey chick goes through whilst: being picked up from its nest in Scotland, on its journey south to Rutland Water Nature Reserve, waiting to be released and finding freedom. Use the template provided to help you!



Hidden Message Wordsearch Puzzle: can you find the hidden message in this puzzle?



Osprey Dot-to-Dot by Numbers: connect the dots to draw your own osprey and colour in your final pictures!



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**HIDDEN MESSAGE WORDSEARCH
PUZZLE**

Can you find the hidden message?

First find all the words in the list. Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other. Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

_____ (3) _____ (7)

_____ (6) _____ (7)

____ (2) ____ (1) _____ (10)

_____ (7) _____ (5)

K D R T H E E C N E C I L R U
 C E E T H P O P U L A T I O N
 I V L L A S N D O E S P R E Y
 H O E P R O I J E C C T R I S
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Words to Find:

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| Chick | Pens |
| Osprey | Released |
| Reintroduce | Translocate |
| Scottish | Moved |
| Licence | Population |
| Rutland | |





OSPREY DOT-TO-DOT BY NUMBERS

Connect the dots to create and colour in your very own osprey!



THE STORY OF A TRANSLOCATED CHICK

What do you think a young osprey goes through when being taken from its nest site in Scotland to when it is released at Rutland Water Nature Reserve? Using the guides below, tell the story, in words or drawings, of a young osprey. Include how you think they feel, what their surroundings look like and anything else you'd like!

Scottish Life

En Route to a new home

Arrival to Rutland Water

Taste of Freedom

