

Wider Reintroduction Projects in the UK

Introduction



Like the Osprey, many other birds and animals have become or become close to extinction in the UK and have needed a helping hand to bring them back from the brink. Reintroduction projects have to go through a very intense process to ensure the safety of the animals being released, as well as making sure that any risks are minimised before any species can be released. But as with anything, there are pros and cons.

ACTIVITY Can you suggest five different pros and five different cons surrounding the reintroduction of a species?

Pros:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Cons:

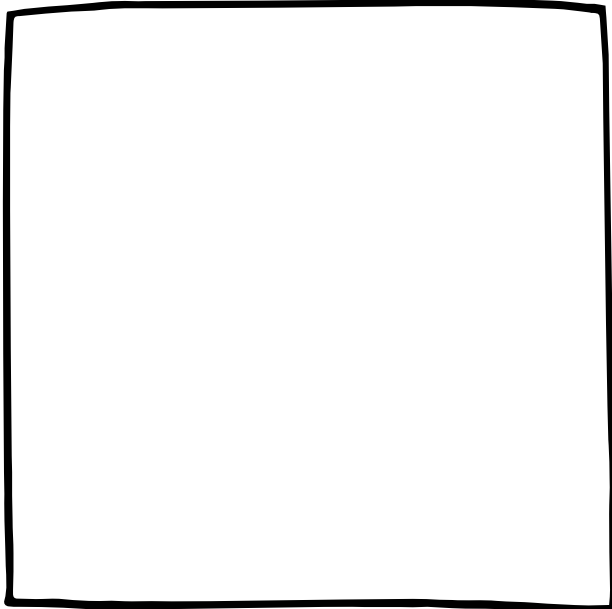
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There are several reintroduction projects going on in the UK, including another Osprey translocation project happening along the south coast at Poole Harbour, Dorset.

ACTIVITY Using the profile template on the next page, choose another species that is being reintroduced and find out some more about it. Get creative and try and draw or paint the species you have chosen, and use the space under DIET to tell us their story. Make sure you include where you can see them, why they became extinct or near extinct, which organisations are involved in reintroducing them, and if possible, what benefits does this species have on the UK ecosystem.

REINTRODUCTION FACTFILE

Choose either a species that has already been reintroduced to the UK or a different one e.g. lynx to create your own fact file. Use the Wildlife Trust's website to help you.



NAME:

COLOUR:

SIZE:

DIET:

HOW OLD CAN THEY LIVE FOR?

WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

HISTORY:

