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Kielder Ospreys

# Females needed now!



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Early in the season female outnumbered males in Kielder Forest, with four female residents back but only one male. Now we need the usual females to return for Nest 5A and Nest 6, and, hopefully, PT4 at Nest 8 where she was courted by Y1 last season. What's happening around the Forest is far from straightforward to interpret, but below is an attempt!

## **Nest 1A**

A few days ago we reported that long term Nest 1A female, called Mrs YA when he was alive, had apparently moved to Nest 2. A check yesterday suggests this is definitely the case, So what is happening at Nest 1A?

For long periods no bird is there, but the most frequent occupant is the female who bred on Nest 3 (no longer viable) until 2020. She is very distinctive because of either the result of a wound, or a birth deformation, on her left

wing. She is being visited by three males - one the unringed male who has been around Nest 1A for a week or so, one a male with a right leg BTO ring only, but most often by W6 from Nest 6.



one of a number of successful copulations  
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As you can see, they are getting on quite well! The other two males are more reluctant than W6 to supply her with fish.



the BTO ringed male turns a deaf ear  
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## Nest 2

KF13, as the ex-Nest 1A female is now called, and her unringed partner have worked on the nest and mated regularly.



success  
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a recalcitrant stick  
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#### Nest 4

This is the only nest where life is jogging along as normal! 69 and Mrs 69 are eating well, copulating and generally having a quiet life. There is an occasional intruder to spoil their peace.



PT9 touches down  
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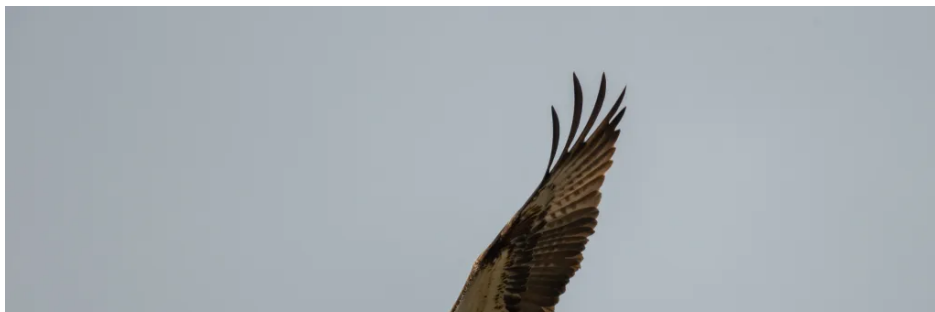
Blue PT9 hatched at a nest near Loch Tay in Perthshire in 2019. He's intruded in Kielder Forest since 2021. He's been captured on several cameras already this season.

## Nest 5A

UV, no doubt disappointed that KM18 returned from migration to reclaim KX7, has carried out intermittent work on his nest since leaving Nest 7. Regular readers will remember that Mitch and Jeff Teasdale visit Kielder Water & Forest Park often. Over the years they have sent us some great images and stories. They were out for hours on Monday in mixed weather, but got some reward in a sighting of UV hunting. Here are a couple of their lovely photos. Many thanks as ever to them for sharing.



UV on the lookout for a meal  
(c) Mitch Teasdale





UV  
(c) Jeff Teasdale

## Nest 6

W6's visits to Nest 1A have been covered above. He often spends time alone on his own nest and has brought sticks and eaten there. The Nest 3 female has visited him.



When W6 is on Nest 1A and the Nest 3 female is on Nest 6, the BTO only ringed male has dropped by. She isn't short of suitors anywhere!

## Nest 7

Apart from regular visits from Border Osprey female JW6,

life is calm on Nest 7.



JW6 solicits beside KX7  
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We hope Samson returns very soon to keep JW6 under control!

### **Nest 8**

A couple of visits to monitor activity at Nest 8 haven't resulted in a sight of any osprey. Y1 has intruded at several nests. Fingers crossed Loch of the Lowes' PT4 arrives shortly.

But if the current weather on the fells lasts a few more hours, it's unlikely to be today that we see returners.





snowy in Kielder Forest  
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