



JOURNAL, OUR OSPREYS BIOGRAPHY, UPDATE

# TRAGEDY

JUL 19, 2023 JOHN WILLIAMS 4 COMMENTS

This blog was never going to be easy to write, but yesterday at just before 16:30 a goshawk attacked the nest and took one of our young ospreys. It was blue 8B1, the attack was very quick and out of the blue. Both juveniles and Seren 5F was on the nest eating the fish when it happened. All distracted by the food their guard was down. You could see Seren 5F looking down to the ground as if she could see him down there.

I was alerted by vigilant viewers who quickly messaged me. I watched the footage back and my heart sank. I knew I had to go and see if he was OK or not. I quickly gathered the children up and got them in my car, and drove up as quickly as I could. When I arrived I could see Seren was still on the nest and I started walking down, I had no idea what I would see down there, if he was even still there.

As I approached the nest I seen Seren take off carrying the fish, 8B2 was the last to leave the nest, I could then see three ospreys flying above me, two carrying fish so I knew that's where Dylan had been, while this was happening. As I approached the tree i was searching for any signs, then I spotted a wing sticking up out of the vegetation, oh no! I said. There was he was, I knew then I was too late.

I picked him up gently, I could feel the warmth still in his body. I started to walk back up to my car, as I walked Seren followed me all the way to the gate, calling all the way. It was so sad, and I had that stomach churning feeling the whole time, to say that I'm gutted is somewhat of an understatement. The loss is hard to describe but I think that it almost feels like a loss of a family member to some extent.

8B1 was only 59 days old when he lost his life, and had been flying for 10 days. I removed his Darvic ring and have kept that around my binoculars. I buried him near to his home and with views of the surrounding areas he would of explored. RIP little one you touched alot of people's hearts.



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Margaret Lewis JUL 19, 2023 AT 6:35 PM I am so sorry to hear this and can imagine how sad this was for you to experience. We see this in the states as well, with eagles and owls attacking the nests. Very sad.

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Sue Like JUL 19, 2023 AT 6:58 PM I am so sorry John. I think all of us who regularly keep an eye on these beautiful birds are as heartbroken as you feel. Thankyou for all your dedication and for laying him to rest in the most gorgeous spot. Take care. Sue and Martin Like, Brecon x

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Jacqueline JUL 19, 2023 AT 7:07 PM You know it's part of nature, but it's a very cruel part. I'm glad you found him and gave him a beautiful spot near his place of birth. Love that you carry his ring around your glasses. He may be far away, but you have a bit of him very close to you. Take care and hopefully we see the rest of this years youngsters safely off down south.

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Christine Sedgbeer JUL 19, 2023 AT 7:50 PM How very sad. If you found the osprey it doesn't seem like the goshawk took it for food. So sorry.

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