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437/Elsin explores Kielder Forest

Posted on May 8, 2024 by joannadalley

Nest 5A's UV and Mrs UV have raised only one offspring to date – 437/Elsin – but he was seen in East Cumbria and just outside Kielder Forest last year, having returned as a 2 year old. The sightings were some of the highlights of the season.

Today he landed on the camera at Nest 1A and, later, on the nest at Nest 6. Where his granny is on eggs!



heading for the camera, a happy sight (c) Forestry England



brief touchdown (c) Forestry England



hello, granny (c) Forestry England

Regular readers will know that there is only zoom camera footage for Nest 6 this season. Rings are very difficult to read given the distance. Frame by frame analysis is needed for any chance.

It was possible to determine the osprey in the 2 photos above was 437/Elsin by comparing plumage in the footage as well as the not entirely clear colour ring descriptor.

KF13 had another ringed visitor today, her 2016 son Y1.



hello, mum (c) Forestry England

Y1 has worked hard to rebuild his nest, Nest 8, in recent days. Yesterday he cut a forlorn figure, waiting in the mist for a female to fly by.



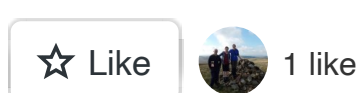
the waiting game (c) Forestry England

An unringed female has been intruding on Nest 7 today, so let's hope she finds Y1.

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janeallport says:

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I so hope Y1 finds a lady soon – he certainly has worked hard on the nest. And how hard you all work too Joanna , sorting out identities and combing through footage frame by frame. Ye gods! You deserve an OBE in the new years honours list .

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