

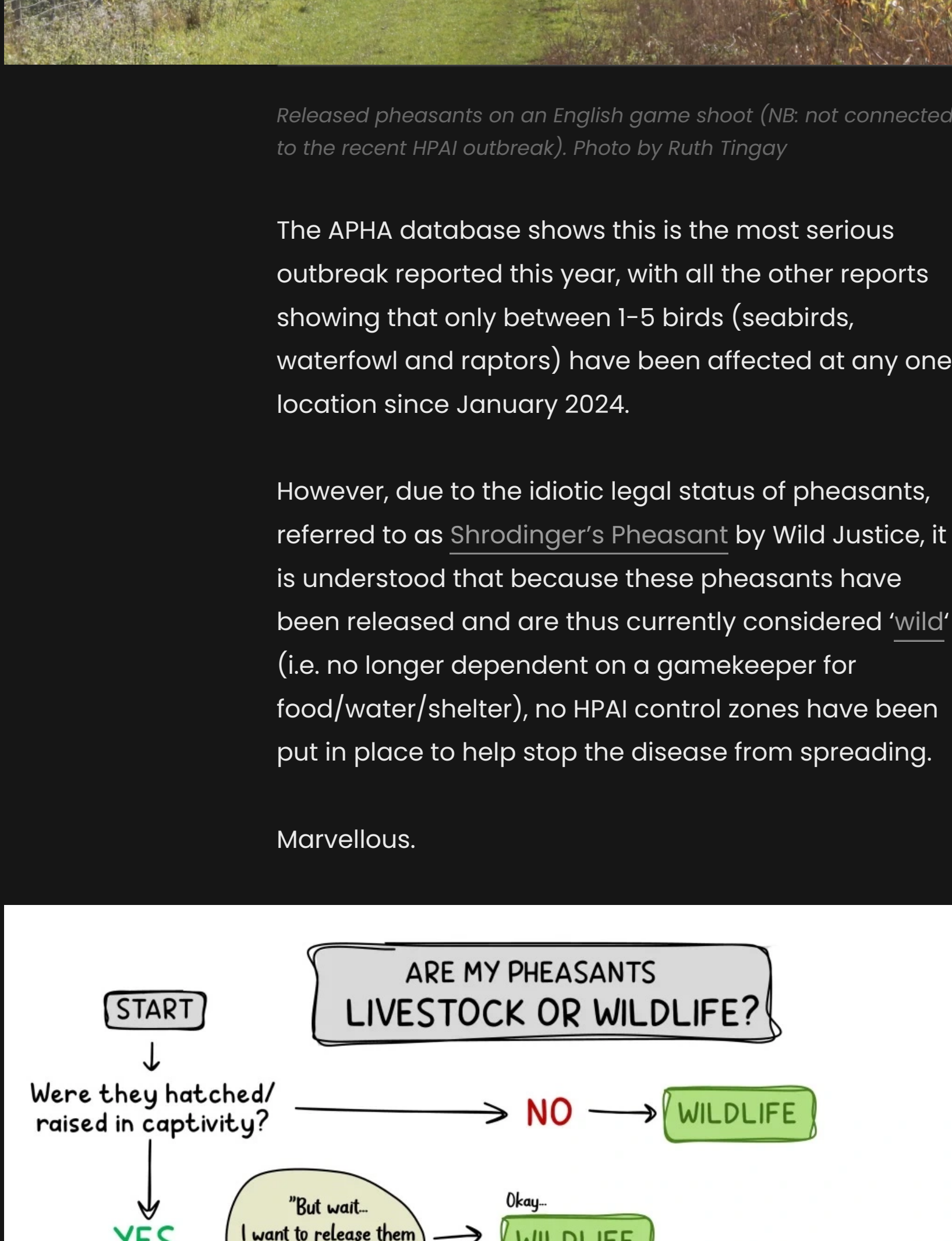
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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N5, 'Bird Flu') found in 20 released pheasants in Worcestershire

RaptorPersecutionUK
 October 16, 2024
 News

An outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N5, 'Bird Flu') has been detected in 20 released pheasants, according to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

The outbreak was reported on APHA's weekly updated database ([here](#)) and is recorded as being found in week 39, which was 23-29 September 2024, in the Wychavon District of Worcestershire.

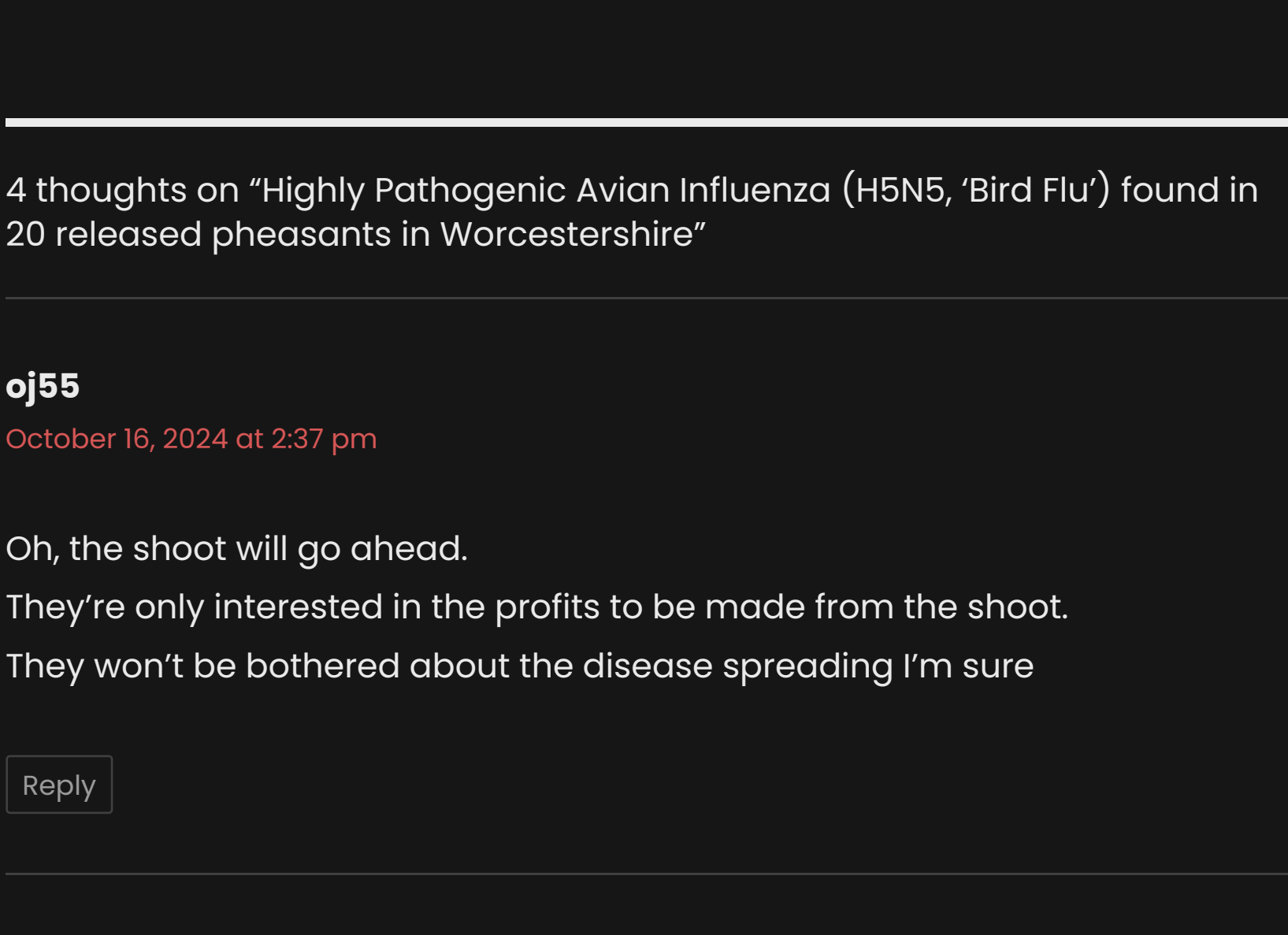


Released pheasants on an English game shoot (NB: not connected to the recent HPAI outbreak). Photo by Ruth Tingay

The APHA database shows this is the most serious outbreak reported this year, with all the other reports showing that only between 1-5 birds (seabirds, waterfowl and raptors) have been affected at any one location since January 2024.

However, due to the idiotic legal status of pheasants, referred to as Shrodinger's Pheasant by Wild Justice, it is understood that because these pheasants have been released and are thus currently considered 'wild' (i.e. no longer dependent on a gamekeeper for food/water/shelter), no HPAI control zones have been put in place to help stop the disease from spreading.

Marvellous.



It'd be good to think that the shoot concerned has made the sensible decision to close the shoot for the rest of the season to help stop the disease from spreading via birds fleeing from the beaters and guns, via gundogs, via shooters' boots and vehicle tyres etc. But given there's no legal obligation, what's the betting the shoot is continuing?

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oj55
 October 16, 2024 at 2:37 pm

Oh, the shoot will go ahead. They're only interested in the profits to be made from the shoot. They won't be bothered about the disease spreading I'm sure

Reply

Roger Little
 October 16, 2024 at 2:39 pm

Yet another example of mismanagement of the countryside. No disease controls in place to halt the spread of H5N5, bird flu, due to the status of pheasants in the UK, read below to find out! Thanks again to Defra, Natural England and xxxx xxxxx for their continued mis management. Imagine having organisations and people who don't care about nature being in charge of nature in the UK!!

Reply

JJMARKLE
 October 16, 2024 at 4:35 pm

Millions of non-native birds just chucked out into the countryside. Are we surprised at this result? Utter nonsense. If someone proposed this anew it would be shot down (no pun intended).

Reply

RE
 October 16, 2024 at 5:39 pm

Reminded of this story in which Dominic Boulton, from the Game Farmers Association, said: "Once you look at the scientific evidence, look at the history of what has happened in the past, the fact that there are no known cases of released game birds spreading infection in the countryside."The risk is so small that it is hugely outweighed by the much greater risk to the countryside of shooting not happening." <https://www.itv.com/news/2022-09-01/does-the-release-of-game-birds-into-the-uk-countryside-risk-spreading-avian-flu>

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