

Raptor Persecution UK

Public views wanted on plans to release White-tailed eagles in Cumbria, Wales, Severn Estuary & Exmoor

RaptorPersecutionUK

January 2, 2025

News

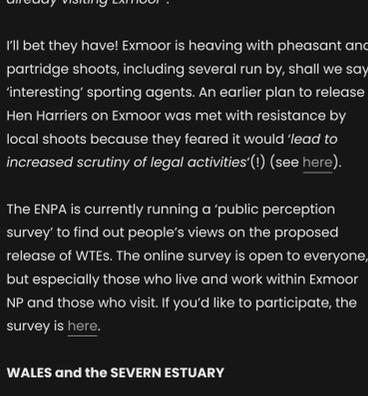
white-tailed eagle

Various separate projects are gaining traction to release White-tailed Eagles (WTE) in Cumbria, Wales, Severn Estuary, and Exmoor National Park in a strategic attempt to bolster and connect the current populations in Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and southern England.

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

The Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, responsible for the successful reintroduction of WTEs to southern England, is now considering small-scale releases in other areas to help restore the former population. The Foundation's first proposed location is Exmoor National Park in Somerset/Devon.

This area was identified as an important location for WTEs as tracking data from the reintroduced eagles on the Isle of Wight show it's somewhat of an eagle hotspot, with at least seven individuals making regular visits.



Satellite tracking data up to Jan 2024 of WTEs released in southern England. Copyright Tim Mackrill / Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation

The Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation and Forestry England is partnering with the Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) with a view to releasing up to 20 WTEs over a three year period.

A press release from ENPA says, "Over the last few years we have been doing a lot of liaison with local landowners and shoots regarding white-tailed eagles already visiting Exmoor".

I'll bet they have! Exmoor is heaving with pheasant and partridge shoots, including several run by, shall we say, 'interesting' sporting agents. An earlier plan to release Hen Harriers on Exmoor was met with resistance by local shoots because they feared it would 'lead to increased scrutiny of legal activities' (1) (see [here](#)).

The ENPA is currently running a 'public perception survey' to find out people's views on the proposed release of WTEs. The online survey is open to everyone, but especially those who live and work within Exmoor NP and those who visit. If you'd like to participate, the survey is [here](#).

WALES and the SEVERN ESTUARY

A different project is planning to release White-tailed eagles back into Wales and to the Severn Estuary after several years of careful research and consultation.

White-tailed Eagles were formerly distributed across Wales but haven't bred there for over 150 years since being wiped out by persecution (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

The Eagle Reintroduction Wales (ERW) Project has been undertaking research for quite a few years (e.g. [here](#)) and is now working in partnership with the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Gwent Wildlife Trust and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust on actively planning for a WTE reintroduction in southeast Wales and the wider Severn Estuary.

The ERW Project has also launched a public opinion survey to find out people's views on the release of WTEs. Again, the survey is open to everyone but especially those who live and/or work in the region and the wider Bristol Channel area. If you'd like to participate, the survey is [here](#).

CUMBRIA

The Cumbrian White-tailed Eagle Project is exploring the possibility of bringing WTEs back to the southern part of Cumbria. This is a consortium of organisations, including the University of Cumbria, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, The Lifescape Project, RSPB, the Wildland Research Institute and the Lake District National Park Authority.

The last recorded WTE breeding attempt was near Haweswater in 1787.

Research has already been undertaken to assess prey availability, habitat suitability and a population viability assessment has been completed.

The team is now undertaking a social feasibility study and has launched a questionnaire to evaluate the public's attitudes and views on a potential WTE release. The questionnaire is aimed at individuals living in Cumbria and the surrounding areas. If you'd like to participate, the questionnaire is [here](#).

Share this:



One thought on "Public views wanted on plans to release White-tailed eagles in Cumbria, Wales, Severn Estuary & Exmoor"

Eric Hewett

January 2, 2025 at 6:18 pm

I watched a falconry demonstration with a guy flying a White Tailed Eagle. He made the point which that their genetics is more closely related to vultures than true eagles. He was also saying that there isn't evidence of the WTE taking live lambs, but every dead lamb is a WTE related because of the payments. Is this the case? If it is, this case needs to be made strongly.

I think the farming community (I am not a farmer) feels justly threatened by both some poor ecological and financial policies. In these troubled times, the UK needs to establish it's food sustainability and security. WTE releases need to be viability long term, which could be rendered null and void by a future populist government. I hope a solution, that has the buy-in across the spectrum interested groups, can be found that furthers the range and survival of WTE.

Reply

Leave a comment

PREVIOUS

Fully funded PhD available: The Impacts of Avian Influenza and Toxicants in Scottish Raptors

Search ...

Enter your email address to follow this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

Email Address

SIGN ME UP!

FOLLOW BLOG

BLOG STATS

- 11,845,107 hits

CATEGORIES

- 1899 persecution incidents (1)
- 1990 persecution incidents (1)
- 1991 persecution incidents (2)
- 1992 persecution incidents (2)
- 1993 persecution incidents (2)
- 1996 persecution incidents (1)
- 1998 persecution incidents (4)
- 1999 persecution incidents (1)
- 2000 persecution incidents (3)
- 2001 persecution incidents (7)
- 2002 persecution incidents (3)
- 2003 persecution incidents (13)
- 2004 persecution incidents (6)
- 2005 persecution incidents (6)
- 2006 persecution incidents (18)
- 2007 persecution incidents (14)
- 2008 persecution incidents (13)
- 2009 persecution incidents (48)
- 2010 persecution incidents (71)
- 2011 persecution incidents (51)
- 2012 persecution incidents (124)
- 2013 persecution incidents (147)
- 2014 persecution incidents (182)
- 2015 persecution incidents (103)
- 2016 persecution incidents (147)
- 2017 persecution incidents (143)
- 2018 persecution incidents (206)
- 2019 persecution incidents (210)
- 2020 persecution incidents (265)
- 2021 persecution incidents (220)
- 2022 persecution incidents (144)
- 2023 persecution incidents (113)
- 2024 persecution incidents (52)
- Henry the Hen Harrier (82)
- News (4,263)
- Opinion (328)
- Our satellite tagged golden eagles (18)
- Persecution Incidents in England (793)
- Persecution Incidents in Irish Republic (81)
- Persecution Incidents in Northern Ireland (53)
- Persecution Incidents in Wales (75)
- The Real Price of Grouse (8)

RECENT COMMENTS

- Eric Hewett on Public views wanted on plans to release White-tailed eagles in Cumbria, Wales, Severn Estuary & Exmoor
- spaghnum morose on 6,000 wild birds' eggs seized in UK as police bust open international wildlife crime network
- 2bluetails on 6,000 wild birds' eggs seized in UK as police bust open international wildlife crime network
- Jimmy on 6,000 wild birds' eggs seized in UK as police bust open international wildlife crime network
- Geemeff on 6,000 wild birds' eggs seized in UK as police bust open international wildlife crime network

ARCHIVES

- January 2025 (2)
- December 2024 (18)
- November 2024 (26)
- October 2024 (19)
- September 2024 (17)
- August 2024 (20)
- July 2024 (18)
- June 2024 (19)
- May 2024 (17)
- April 2024 (20)
- March 2024 (28)
- February 2024 (23)
- January 2024 (27)
- December 2023 (22)
- November 2023 (29)
- October 2023 (21)
- September 2023 (17)
- August 2023 (50)
- July 2023 (20)
- June 2023 (36)
- May 2023 (37)
- April 2023 (31)
- March 2023 (27)
- February 2023 (24)
- January 2023 (30)
- December 2022 (16)
- November 2022 (15)
- October 2022 (22)
- September 2022 (14)
- August 2022 (33)
- July 2022 (21)
- June 2022 (26)
- May 2022 (32)
- April 2022 (26)
- March 2022 (34)
- February 2022 (28)
- January 2022 (31)
- December 2021 (22)
- November 2021 (27)
- October 2021 (29)
- September 2021 (24)
- August 2021 (26)
- July 2021 (21)
- June 2021 (15)
- May 2021 (35)
- April 2021 (41)
- March 2021 (38)
- February 2021 (42)
- January 2021 (38)
- December 2020 (33)
- November 2020 (48)
- October 2020 (29)
- September 2020 (41)
- August 2020 (50)
- July 2020 (40)
- June 2020 (38)
- May 2020 (35)
- April 2020 (27)
- March 2020 (30)
- February 2020 (21)
- January 2020 (22)
- December 2019 (34)
- November 2019 (21)
- October 2019 (30)
- September 2019 (23)
- August 2019 (31)
- July 2019 (30)
- June 2019 (30)
- May 2019 (30)
- April 2019 (30)
- March 2019 (42)
- February 2019 (23)
- January 2019 (25)
- December 2018 (23)
- November 2018 (25)
- October 2018 (22)
- September 2018 (13)
- August 2018 (35)
- July 2018 (26)
- June 2018 (13)
- May 2018 (31)
- April 2018 (37)
- March 2018 (31)
- February 2018 (28)
- January 2018 (28)
- December 2017 (31)
- November 2017 (38)
- October 2017 (29)
- September 2017 (26)
- August 2017 (28)
- July 2017 (28)
- June 2017 (30)
- May 2017 (37)
- April 2017 (27)
- March 2017 (31)
- February 2017 (30)
- January 2017 (37)
- December 2016 (25)
- November 2016 (28)
- October 2016 (23)
- September 2016 (30)
- August 2016 (29)
- July 2016 (17)
- June 2016 (31)
- May 2016 (30)
- April 2016 (25)
- March 2016 (23)
- February 2016 (15)
- January 2016 (10)
- December 2015 (12)
- November 2015 (23)
- October 2015 (17)
- September 2015 (18)
- August 2015 (22)
- July 2015 (37)
- June 2015 (37)
- May 2015 (33)
- April 2015 (27)
- March 2015 (25)
- February 2015 (19)
- January 2015 (23)
- December 2014 (22)
- November 2014 (23)
- October 2014 (40)
- September 2014 (15)
- August 2014 (19)
- July 2014 (10)
- June 2014 (14)
- May 2014 (23)
- April 2014 (33)
- March 2014 (25)
- February 2014 (18)
- January 2014 (21)
- December 2013 (20)
- November 2013 (15)
- October 2013 (16)
- September 2013 (19)
- August 2013 (22)
- July 2013 (32)
- June 2013 (12)
- May 2013 (18)
- April 2013 (18)
- March 2013 (23)
- February 2013 (22)
- January 2013 (24)
- December 2012 (21)
- November 2012 (20)
- October 2012 (32)
- September 2012 (18)
- August 2012 (27)
- July 2012 (23)
- June 2012 (20)
- May 2012 (26)
- April 2012 (17)
- March 2012 (27)
- February 2012 (28)
- January 2012 (13)
- December 2011 (20)
- November 2011 (26)
- October 2011 (11)
- September 2011 (20)
- August 2011 (18)
- July 2011 (19)
- June 2011 (15)
- May 2011 (23)
- April 2011 (14)
- March 2011 (13)
- February 2011 (6)
- January 2011 (7)
- December 2010 (10)
- November 2010 (7)
- October 2010 (6)
- September 2010 (10)
- August 2010 (11)
- July 2010 (3)
- June 2010 (10)
- May 2010 (13)
- April 2010 (3)
- March 2010 (96)

- Aldicarb | alphachloralose
- Balmoral Estate | barn owl
- Bendlocarb | buzzard
- Cabrach Estate
- Cairngorms National Park
- carbofuran | Cardross Estate
- Cawdor Estate | chloralose
- clam trap
- Carrybrough Estate
- crow trap | dailyprompt
- dailyprompt-1889
- Dinnet & Kinard Estate
- Edradynate Estate
- Environment Minister
- gamekeeper | Gift of Grouse
- gin trap | Glanus Estate
- Glenogil Estate | Glen Orchy
- Glenturret Estate
- golden eagle | goshawk
- hen harrier
- Invercauld Estate
- Invermark Estate | kestrel
- Leadhills Estate
- Lochindorb Estate
- long-eared owl
- Marsh harrier | merlin
- mevinphos | Millden Estate
- mountain hare | Moy Estate
- North Glenbuchat Estate
- osprey | peregrine
- poisoning | pole trap
- Raeshaw Estate | red kite
- Ross-shire Massacre
- scottish gamekeepers association
- scottish parliament
- shooting | short-eared owl
- Skibo Estate
- sodium cyanide
- sparrowhawk | spring trap
- Stady Estate | strychnine
- tawny owl | trap
- vicarious liability
- Wemmergill Estate
- white-tailed eagle

OUR RECENT BLOG VISTORS

