

# Raptor Persecution UK

## More detail on the ‘missing’ White-tailed Eagle in south Scotland

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Further to the news yesterday ([here](#)) that three White-tailed Eagles have ‘disappeared’ in suspicious circumstances, one in England, one in Wales and one in Scotland, Police Scotland has issued a separate public appeal for information which includes a bit more detail about the Scottish case:

*Police Scotland are appealing for information after a satellite-tagged white-tailed eagle disappeared in the vicinity of the Moorfoot hills.*

*The bird was four years old and had been translocated as a chick from Scotland to the Isle of White as part of a licenced reintroduction programme run by the Roy Dennis Foundation.*

*In March 2025 the bird flew back to Scotland and held a territory in the Moorfoot Hills spending most of its time in the hills between Peebles and Heriot.*

*In early November it expanded its range and spent the majority of its time on the lower ground to the North of the Moorfoots by Gladhouse Reservoir but after four days its satellite tag then suddenly stopped working in circumstances that give rise to suspicion.*

*A full search of the area where the tag last transmitted and the areas it had been frequenting has been carried out by Police Scotland Wildlife Crime officers accompanied by colleagues from the UK National Wildlife Crime Unit and a bird ecology expert however neither the bird nor the satellite tag have been recovered.*

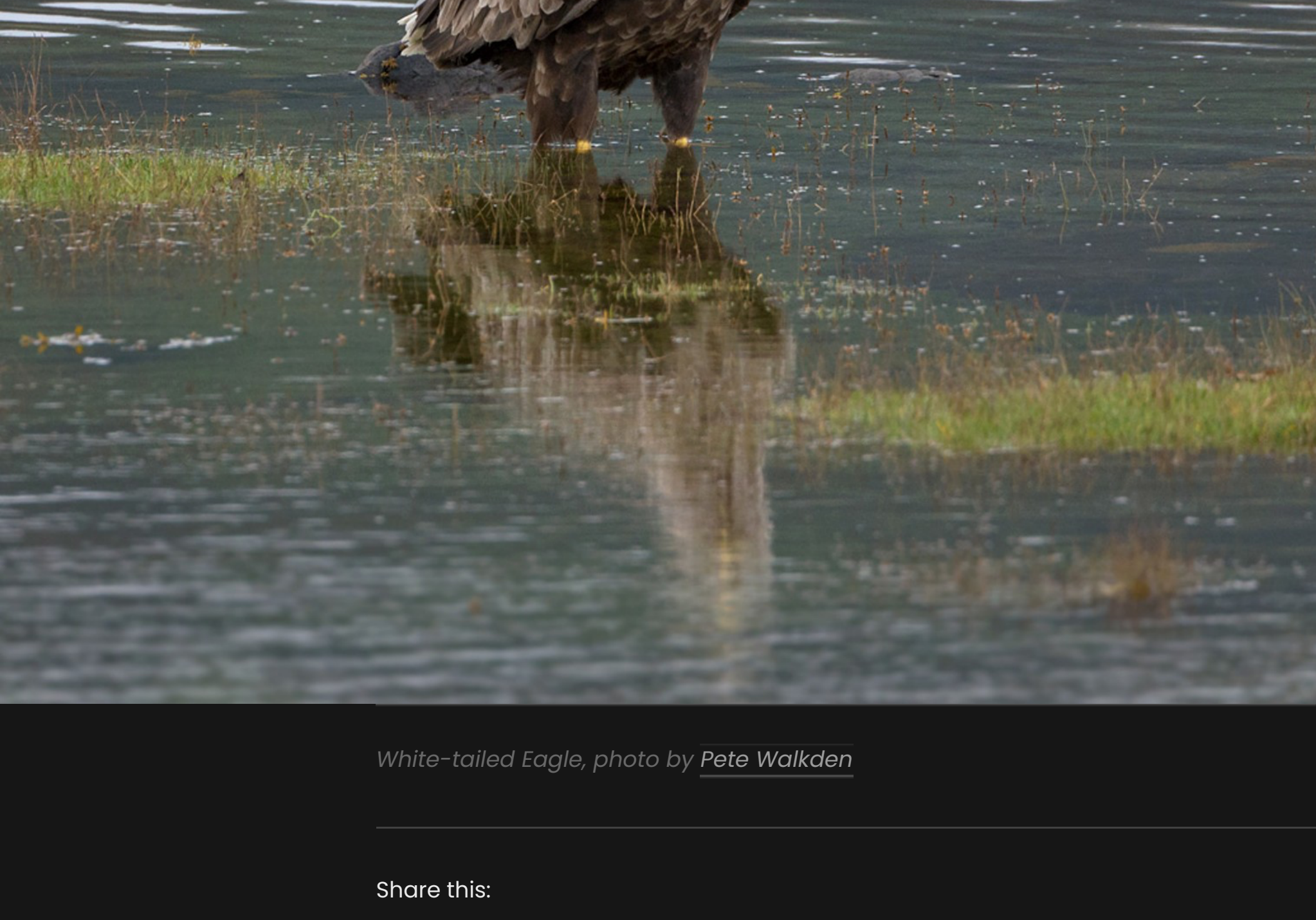
*Police Constable Ali Whitby, Wildlife Crime Officer for the Lothian and Scottish Borders division said:*

*“This is a huge iconic bird of prey that chose to fly hundreds of miles north and settle in the Moorfoot Hills. Being so big its presence was known to people working and living in the area and it thrived for 8 months; the fact it has now gone missing in suspicious circumstances is extremely disappointing.*

*“I would urge anyone with any information that may assist to contact us.”*

*Anyone with any information should call 101, quoting reference number PS-20251215-1347. Alternatively, please contact Crimestoppers though 0800 555 111, where anonymity can be maintained.*

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White-tailed Eagle, photo by Pete Walkden

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**jdd**  
 December 18, 2025 at 2:34 pm

isle of WIGHT?

Reply

**Keith Dancey**  
 December 18, 2025 at 3:52 pm

“isle of WIGHT?”

Is that a question... or shock at a spelling mistake?

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**Gillian**  
 December 18, 2025 at 3:43 pm

This is devastating news. Such beautiful birds. So sad.

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