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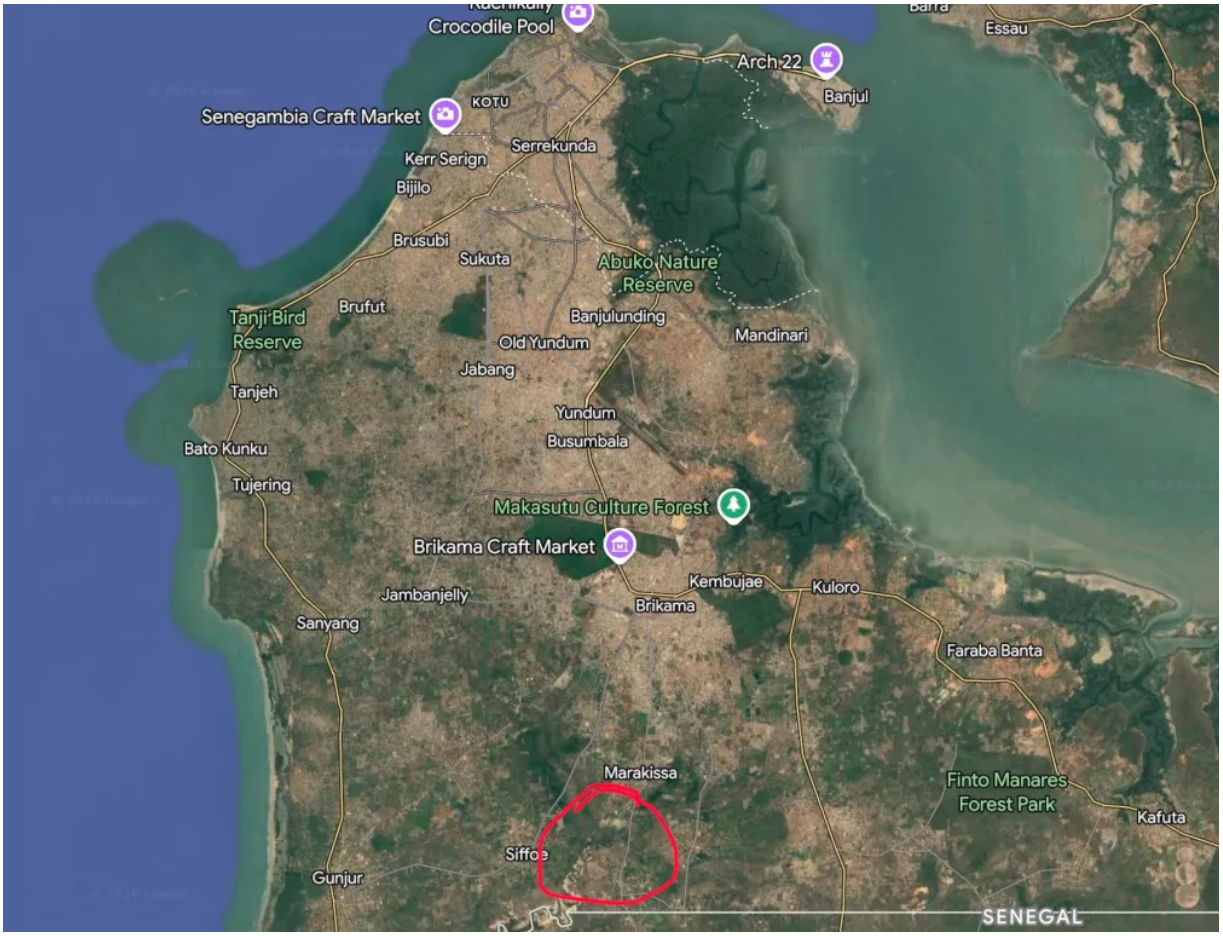
GREAT NEWS!

By **Rosieshields** on November 24, 2026

You know that it has to be something special for me to be blogging out of seaso and I'm delighted to be able to tell you that Titch, our third chick this year, and ring numbered 9J6, has been seen this week in the Gambia! So, despite all the setbacks of being the youngest chick and so much smaller than her siblings, no being that keen to fledge and certainly not seeming that keen to migrate, she ha successfully completed probably the most difficult migration she'll have. In addition, she has found herself a niche in a fishing area popular with ospreys at which to spend her winter and first "solo" year. She may move around a bit to explore the area but it's clear that she has established herself which, again, is nc that straightforward as a juvenile competing with adults for the best spots. She was seen by Laurence Edwards, who kindly has let me use his photos, and was very generous in flying over and close to him. The photos don't show the ring clearly enough to read easily but I have compared these photos with ones we have of her flying overhead here and I'm happy that they match. She has a couple of marks on her underwings and body that are unique to her and they ca be clearly seen on Laurence's photos.

She is the first of any of our offspring from the Lanton nest to be spotted at their winter grounds, so it's a very exciting discovery and we're grateful to Laurence for reporting it. Sitting here with the temperature at around freezing with frost outside and heavy cloud, the idea of her in the Gambia in 28' and full sun sound very appealing, doesn't it? Anyway, here are some of Laurence's pictures and a map of where the river is that she's using as her winter home. I'll let you know if we get any news of any others from Lanton,

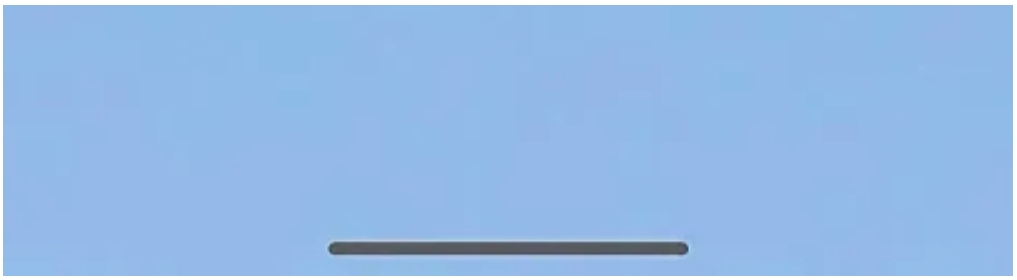




Area 9J6 was spotted (marked in red)







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