



Dyfi Osprey Project

Osprey Key Dates

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Dates are very important in nature.

Ospreys are migratory so timing is crucial in terms of getting back to the UK in an optimal time to achieve the best breeding productivity. Get back too early and risk a cold spring with food hard to come by and few other ospreys around; get back too late and all of the nest sites and breeding birds are spoken for.

The further north in the Europe ospreys breed the later they tend to come back - for obvious reasons. Ospreys in France return in February and early March whereas those birds breeding in northern Finland may not get back until late April.

Here are all the key dates corresponding to significant milestones since the Dyfi ospreys started to breed:

Note: these dates are published at the back of the DOP Calendar each year - look out for them in the online shop from the autumn onwards.


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DOP - KEY DATES	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Monty arrives	06-Apr	09:20	02-Apr	15:35	07-Apr	09:01	08-Apr	15:13	07-Apr	14:19	03-Apr	13:07	01-Apr	15:42	04-Apr	14:24
Nora (03/08) arrives	09-Apr	07:00	24-Mar	15:34												
Glesni (12/10) arrives					03-May	08:24	10-Apr	06:40	09-Apr	07:26	03-Apr	15:35	01-Apr	10:24		
Blue 24 (24/10) arrives							31-Mar	08:13	07-Apr	07:29	25-Mar	10:02	24-Mar	15:54	23-Mar	11:07
Telyn (3/13) arrives															04-Apr	08:00
1st egg laid	24-Apr	14:03	18-Apr	19:06	22-May	17:18	02-May	10:19	22-Apr	13:55	18-Apr	04:07	14-Apr	07:17	22-Apr	09:45
2nd egg laid	28-Apr	12:29	21-Apr	15:23	25-May	19:07	06-May	20:17	25-Apr	09:54	21-Apr	01:36	17-Apr	06:36	25-Apr	10:42
3rd egg laid	01-May	11:45	24-Apr	09:06	N/A		N/A		28-Apr	07:12	23-Apr	22:05	20-Apr	06:21	28-Apr	10:00
Blue 24 lays an egg *											17-Apr	12:10				
1st chick hatched	05-Jun	15:35	28-May	21:38	28-Jun	19:14	08-Jun	11:06	29-May	18:33	24-May	21:54	21-May	12:45	01-Jun	20:11
2nd chick hatched	06-Jun	06:35	29-May	06:23	30-Jun	20:45	11-Jun	18:53	31-May	13:20	N/A		22-May	23:12	02-Jun	10:06
3rd chick hatched	07-Jun	10:19	31-May	09:58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	02-Jun	20:53	29-May	08:26	26-May	09:05	03-Jun	11:24
Chicks ringed	19-Jul	12:00	13-Jul	09:30	06-Aug	10:30	15-Jul	10:00	03-Jul	08:15	30-Jun	08:30	27-Jun	08:00	09-Jul	09:00
1st chick fledged	27-Jul (Einion)	14:22	Died		18-Aug (Clarach)	08:13	27-Jul (Gwynant)	10:33	22-Jul (Merin)	08:22	14-Jul (Ceri - died 20-Jul)	09:25	11-Jul (Aeron)	18:06	26-Jul (Alys)	26-Jul (Alys)
2nd chick fledged	29-Jul (Dulas)	08:42	21-Jul (Ceulan)	09:29	20-Aug (Cerist)	09:06	01-Aug (Deri)	13:24	22-Jul (Celyn)	11:39	N/A		13-Jul (Menai)	15:29	26-Jul (Helyg)	26-Jul (Helyg)
3rd chick fledged	03-Aug (Leri)	16:34	Died		N/A		N/A		22-Jul (Brenig)	11:40	18-Jul (Tegid)	12:34	18-Jul (Eitha)	12:53	23-Jul (Dinas)	23-Jul (Dinas)
Nora last seen	14-Aug	08:05	07-Aug	14:26												
Glesni last seen					31-Aug	08:06	19-Aug	07:54	24-Aug	08:35	13-Aug	07:00	14-Aug	17:20		
Blue 24 last seen							22-Aug	10:10	02-Sep	15:15	04-Sep	10:15	02-Sep	08:39		
Telyn last seen															28-Aug	11:31
1st chick begins migration	31-Aug	09:04	Died		18-Sep	10:36	31-Aug	07:00	24-Aug	06:33	Died		13-Aug	08:23	04-Sep	09:21
2nd chick begins migration	12-Sep	06:40	03-Sep	09:26	20-Sep	08:36	04-Sep	10:33	29-Aug	19:05	N/A		24-Aug	09:26	02-Sep	18:00
3rd chick begins migration	13-Sep	08:00	Died		N/A		N/A		27-Aug	17:16	25-Aug	06:00	26-Aug	20:14	29-Aug	11:51
Monty last seen	11-Sep	16:05	05-Sep	07:23	20-Sep	09:12	07-Sep	10:50	04-Sep	06:14	01-Sep	08:28	02-Sep	08:59	07-Sep	10:16

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