

Dyfi Osprey Project – Observation Board



Dyfi Events 2026

Egg laying	🥚 14 th April at 16:55	🥚 🥚 17 th April at 16:25	🥚 🥚 🥚 20 th April 14:06
Hatching	🐣 23 rd May at 05:34	🐣 🐣 24 th May at 07:03	🐣 🐣 🐣 26 th May at 08:46
Ringling (29 th June)	6B7 Llinau 1861g ♀	6B8 Ogwen 1552g ♂	6B9 Elsi 1695g ♀
Fledging	06:19 Fri 17 th July 55.0 days	08:47 Wed 15 th July 52.1 days	10:39 Sun 19 th July 54.1 days
Last seen	Llinau last seen 5 th September at 16:02 (105.4 days old)	Ogwen last seen - 21 st August 07:33 (89.0 days old)	Elsi last seen 9 th September at 10:02 (106.1 days old)

2026 Timeline	IDRIS Returns 18:23 Thursday, April 2nd TELYN Returns 14:20 Monday, March 30th	IDRIS Last seen 10th September at 19:30 TELYN Last seen 23rd August at 06:44
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Ringed intruders sighted at Dyfi

	Ring	Sex	Born	Natal nest	Information and parents, if known	Date
1	N0	M	2017	Foulshaw Moss	Father White YW Mother 35 Intruded at Dyfi in 2024 also	30/03/26
2	460	F	2021	Cumbria	Father: Merin W1 Mother unringed	05/04/26
3	KA9 (Gelert)	M	2022	Llyn Brenig	Father LJ2 Mother LM6	18/04/26
4	6C6	F	2022	Cumbria	Private nest, Father 0A Mother 3AX	20/04/26
5	KC1	M	2019	Eryri/Snowdonia	Private nest in North-west Wales, both parents unringed	21/04/26
6	PE (Morven)	F	2003	Keith, Moray	‘Morven’, ringed and GPS tracked in 2008 by Roy Dennis. Blog here	24/04/26
7	0H1	M	2023	Glaslyn	Father Unringed (Aran) Mother Unringed (Elen)	29/04/26
8	0H5	M	2023	North Wales	Private nest in North-west Wales, no details released	04/05/26
9	6M9	M	2024	Glaslyn	Father Unringed (Aran) Mother Unringed (Elen)	11/05/26
10	721	M	2022	Tweed Valley West Peebles	Father Unringed Mother FS2	13/05/26
11	5M4	F	2024	North Wales	Private nest in North-west Wales, no details released	15/05/26
12	9L8	M	2026	Mid Wales	Private Dyfi nest, eldest of two chicks	22/08/26

Ringed intruders sighted at other Welsh nests, not Dyfi

	Ring	Sex	Born	Natal nest	Information and parents, if known	Sighting	Date
1	685	M	2021	Tweed Valley	Parents not recorded, breeding in North Wales 2025	Pont Croesor	25/03/26
2	7C1	F	2022	Lake district	Father 9C Mother DP	Glaslyn	05/04/26
3	BTO only	M	2016	Dyfi	Tegid has lost his Darvic ring, identified by his BTO ring: 1057948	Glaslyn	06/04/26
4	KA9	M	2022	Llyn Brenig	(Named Gellert) Father LJ2 Mother LM6	Llyn Brenig	05/04/26
5	Z5	F	2020	North Wales,	Father Z1 (Tegid) Mother Unringed	Clywedog	07/04/26
6	499	M	2022	Glaslyn	Father Unringed (Aran) Mother Unringed (Mrs G)	Pont Croesor	08/04/26
7	432	F	2021	Kielder nest 6	(Named Eshells) Father W6 (Eryri/Snowdonia) Mother Unringed	Glaslyn	10/04/26
8	3H6	F	2023	Rutland B	Father 30(10) Mother HJ8	Usk Valley	12/04/26
9	721	M	2022	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed (Oscar) Mother FS2	Llyn Brenig	12/04/26
10	0H8	F	2023	Pont Croesor	Father Z2 (Aeron) Mother 014	Llyn Brenig	15/04/26
11	0H2	M	2023	Glaslyn	Father Unringed (Aran) Mother Unringed (Elen)	Clywedog	15/04/26
12	7C4	M	2022	Bolton Castle	Father unringed Mother KS1 Glaslyn 2018	Glaslyn	16/04/26
13	X6	M	2022	Llyn Brenig	(Named Owain) Father LJ2 Mother LM6	Clywedog	17/04/26
14	498	M	2022	Glaslyn	Father Unringed (Aran) Mother Unringed (Mrs G)	Pont Croesor	19/04/26
15	8B2	M	2023	Clywedog	Father Unringed (Dylan) Mother 5F	Pont Croesor	19/04/26
16	LX0	M	2023	North Wales	Private nest in North Wales, Father Dinas (Blue KS6 , Dyfi)	Pont Croesor	21/04/26
17	721	M	2022	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed (Oscar) Mother FS2	Clywedog	30/04/26
18	6J8	F	2024	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed (Oscar) Mother FS2	Usk Valley	19/05/26

19	4R1	F	2024	West Midlands	Father 2AM (Rutland M.B.) Mother KA6 (Clywedog 2019)	Usk valley	09/06/26
20	9C9	F	2024	Cumbria	Father CX5 Mother PA1	Glaslyn	14/06/26
21	6J8	F	2024	Tweed Valley	Father BTO ringed (Oscar) Mother FS2	Clywedog	09/07/26
22	5M2	F	2024	North Wales	Private nest in North Wales, Father : Tegid (Blue Z1 , Dyfi)	Pont Croesor	30/07/26
23	8C4	M	2023	Cumbria	Father CX5 Mother PA1	Pont Croesor	30/07/26
24	469	F	2021	Lancashire	Private nest, Father 0A Mother 3AX	Usk valley	06/08/26
25	4B9	M	2024	Threave Castle	Father 8o Mother KC	Pont Croesor	12/08/26
26	5R0		2024	Poole Harbour	Father 022 Mother CJ7	Usk Valley	16/08/26
28	LX4	M	2023	North Wales	Private nest in North Wales, Father : Tegid (Blue Z1 , Dyfi)	Glaslyn	17/08/26
29	3B9	M	2026	Kielder	(Named Kirknewton) Father unringed (KM18) Mother KX7	Clywedog	21/08/26
30	6L6	M			Scottish, ring left leg	Dyfi Area	22/08/26

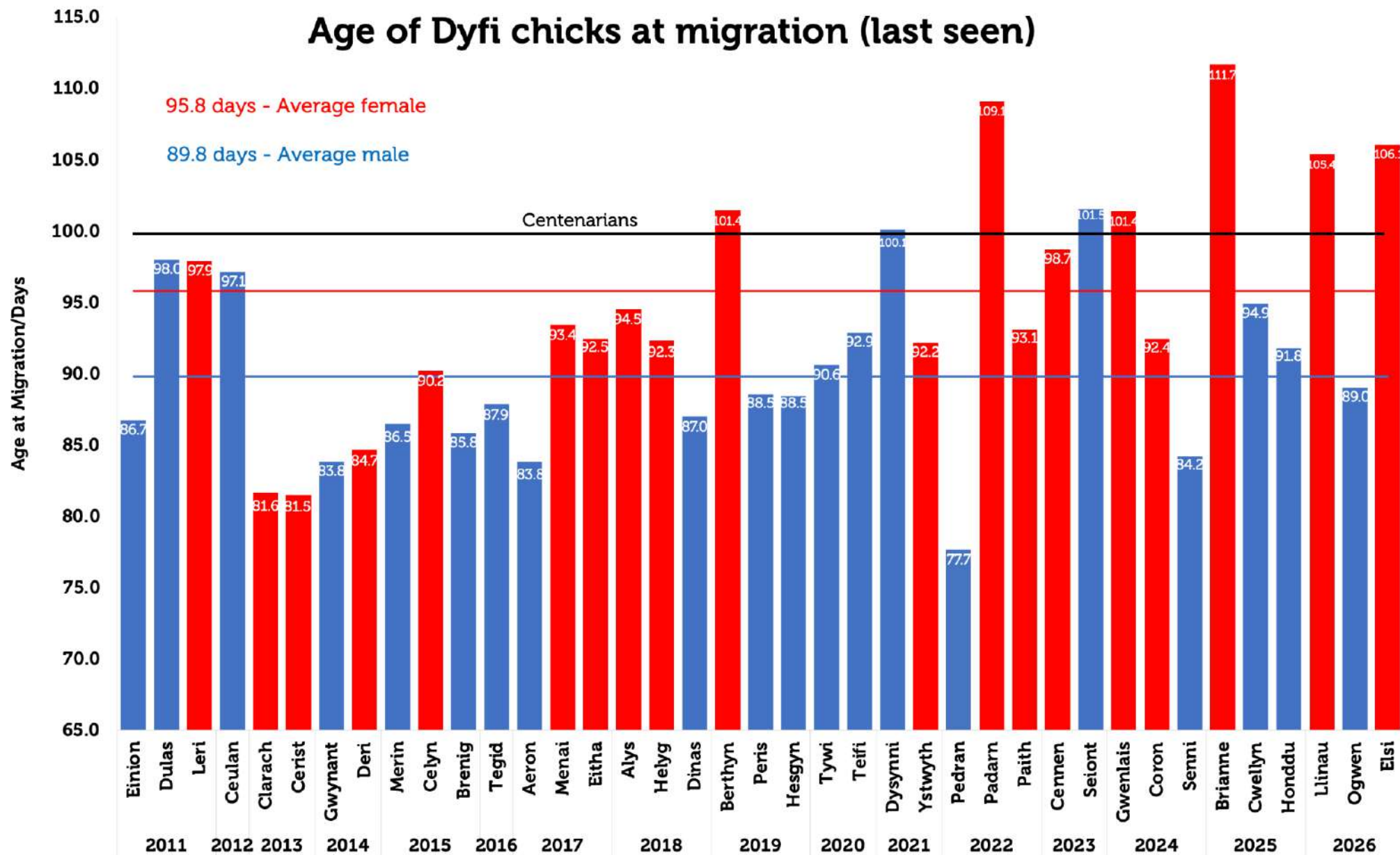
Chick age in days	Llinau	110	Ogwen	109	Elsi	107
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FINAL UPDATE: 11th September: All our ospreys have now migrated

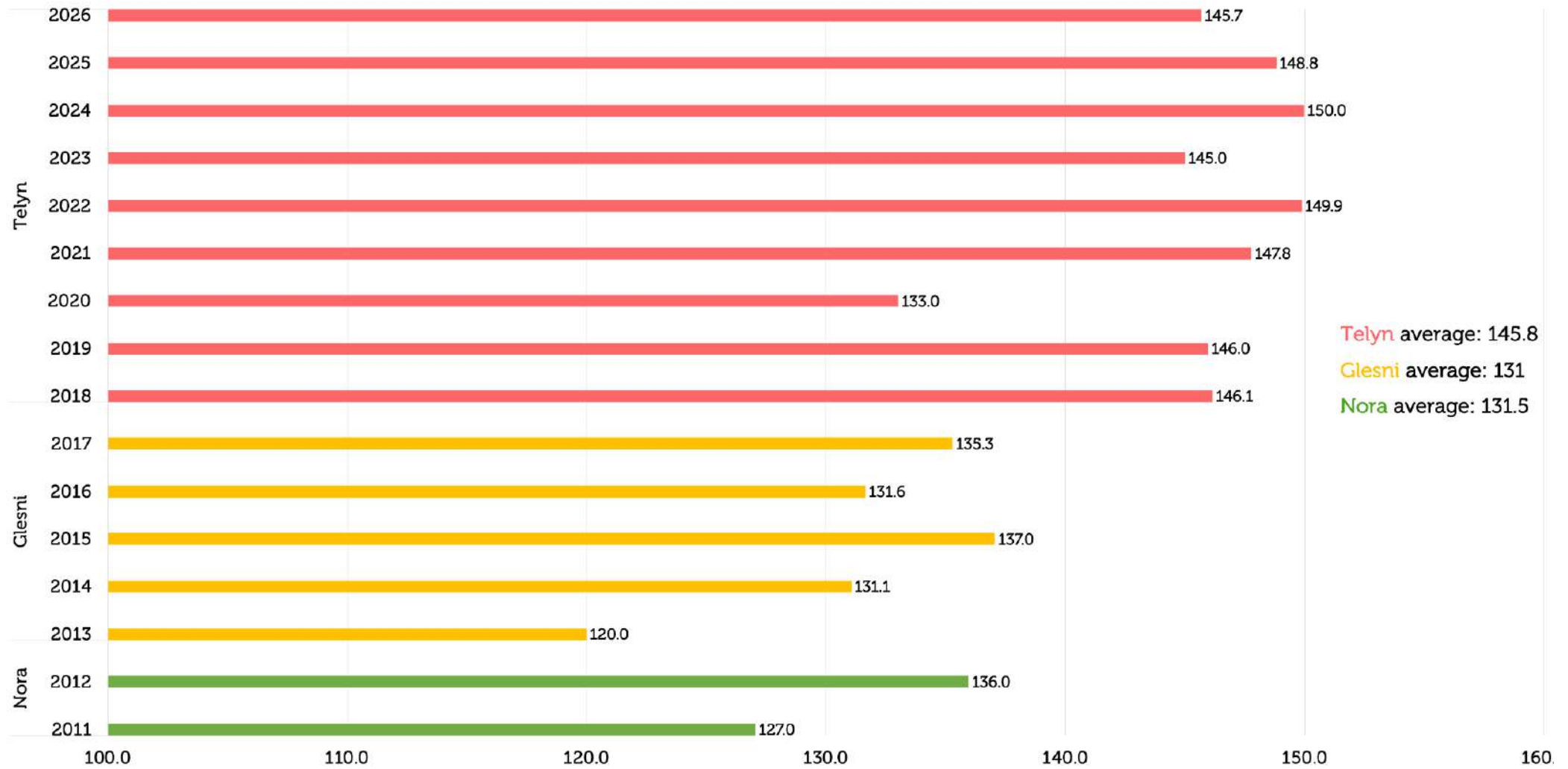
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- **Idris** last seen 10th September at 19:30



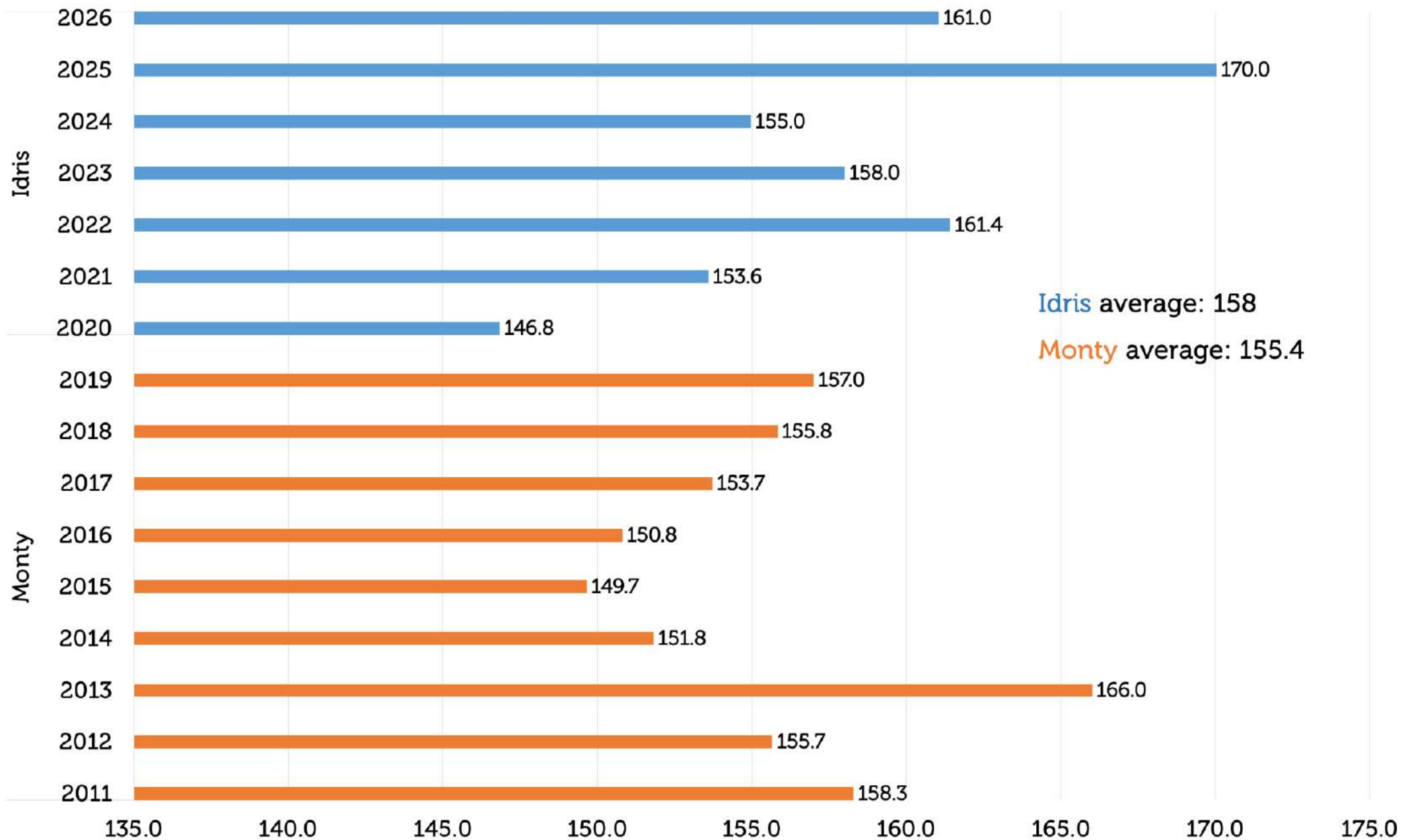
Age of Dyfi chicks at migration (last seen)



Days between adult breeding female arrival and departure from the Dyfi nest



Days between adult male arrival and departure from the Dyfi nest



Some important information for you. After being open for almost 200-days straight, tomorrow we transition to Winter opening:

- 1. Open Wednesday to Sunday until 20th December**
- 2. 10am - 4pm opening hours, closed Mondays and Tuesdays**
- 3. Caffi open for food 10am - 3pm; drinks and cakes until 3:30pm**
- 4. Light breakfasts until noon - baps, mushrooms on toast etc**

We will keep the Live Streaming on 24/7 until we're sure all our ospreys have migrated.

We will then, on the 1st October, switch the Live Streaming and Chat on for WinterWatch until Christmas - small birds, river winter fowl, beavers, pine martens etc

This is the first time we are doing this - hopefully we'll have some amazing wildlife for you to watch 



Caffi Tŷ Maenan – Dyfi Wildlife Centre

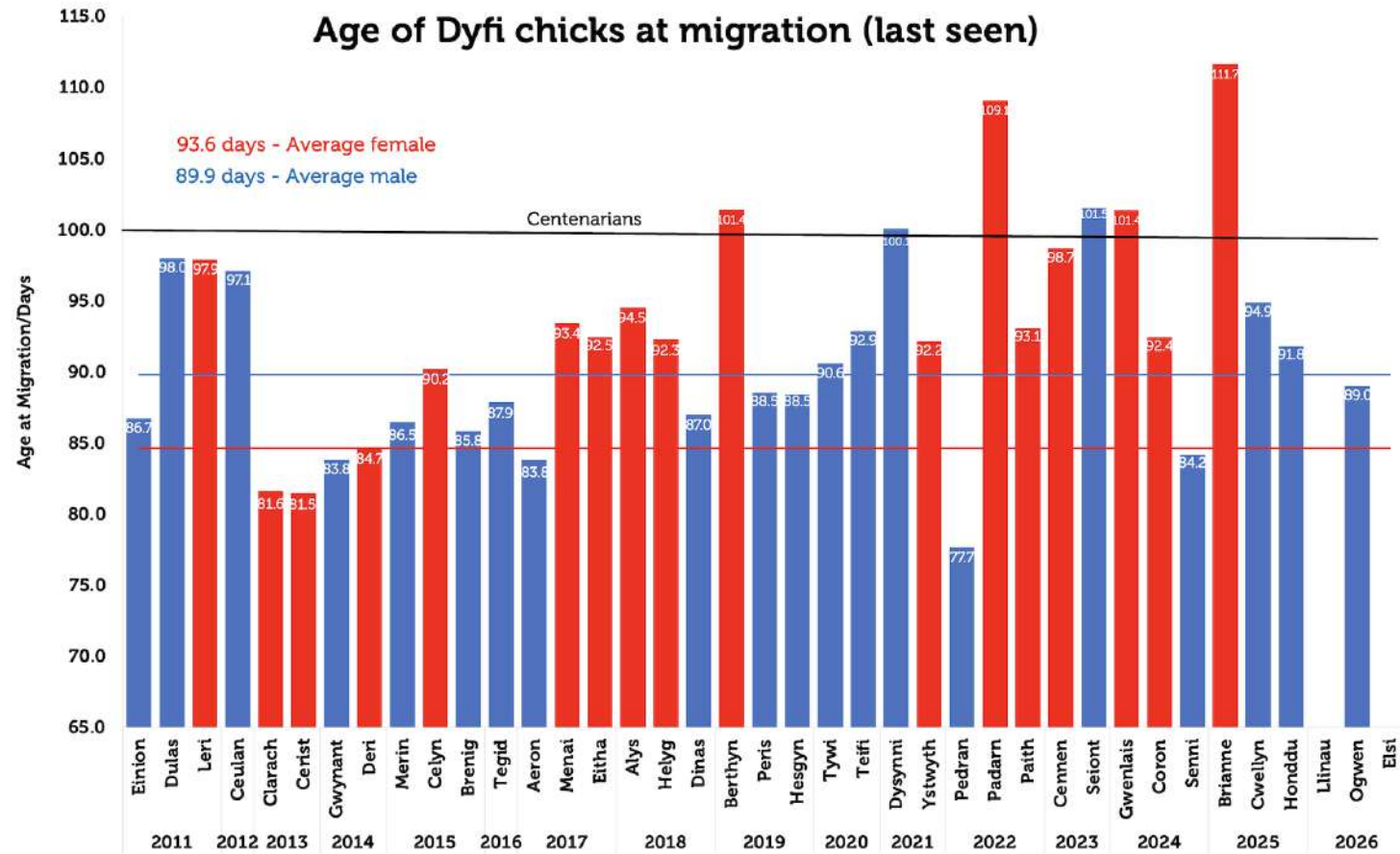
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Congratulations to **Elsi**, she becomes our second fledgling this year to still be with us at 100 days old.

In 16 years of breeding at this nest, this is the very first time we've had two 'centenarians' in the same brood. As you can see, we've only had six 'centenarians' before this year, but never two in one season.





2026 memory.

As we near the end of another osprey season, it has been a record-breaking one for ringed intruders.

Remember that these are the ones that got close enough to make an ID, there will be more in reality.

34 Unique Birds in Wales as a whole and 12 birds at the Dyfi nest - a new record. Excitingly, out of the 34 unique birds, exactly 2 are brand-new chicks born this year:

- 9L8 (Male): Born in Mid Wales at a private Dyfi nest (the eldest of two chicks).
- 3B9 (Male): Born in Kielder, England (named Kirknewton).

More birds each year mean just one thing - ospreys on the whole are increasing in numbers. We're slowly transitioning in Wales from a Recovery Population Status to one of low density.

Some of these birds on this list will undoubtedly be breeding in Wales in the future - either at brand new nests or by having replaced non-returning birds.

You can spot direct genetic connections between birds on both lists by looking at their parents:

- The Glaslyn Dynasty: Intruders 0H1 and 6M9 (on the Dyfi sheet) along with 0H2 (on the other nests sheet) are full siblings. They all share the exact same famous parents: the unringed male Aran and unringed female Elen from the Glaslyn nest.
- The Tweed Valley Connection: Intruders 721 (seen on both lists) and 6J8 (seen on the other nests list) are also full siblings. Their father is the BTO-ringed Oscar and their mother is FS2.

Calculating the ages based on the "Born" column highlights a clear trend in osprey behavior:

- The Hatchlings (2026): 9L8 and 3B9 were born this very year.
- The Sub-Adult "Sweet Spot" (2–4 years old): The overwhelming majority of the birds on these lists were born between 2022 and 2024. Ospreys typically do not breed until they are 3 to 5 years old (although we had a two-year-old breeding on Malltraeth this year!).

These 2, 3, and 4-year-old birds are in their prime wandering years, scouting out potential future nest sites.

Where Are They Coming From?

While many intruders are Welsh-born, a massive percentage are travelers from outside Wales who are looking to expand their range:

- The Scottish Contingent: Birds like 721 and 6J8 from the Tweed Valley, 4B9 from Threave Castle, and veteran PE from Moray show a heavy flow of Scottish ospreys.
- The English Travelers: Ospreys are filtering into Wales from all over England, including Cumbria, the Lake District, Kielder, Rutland Water, Foulshaw Moss, and even as far south as Poole Harbour (5R0).

The intruder population shows a very even balance between the sexes, with a slight edge toward the males:

- Males (M): 19 unique birds (56%)
- Females (F): 15 unique birds (44%)

This is exactly what we'd expect, females are always under-recorded.

Top "Producer" Natal Nests

These 34 intruders originally hatched at nests all over the UK, but a few specific locations produced the highest number of wanderers:

- 1st Place (Tie): Dyfi Offspring (Wales) — 4 unique birds

The birds: LX0 (hatched to Dinas, Blue KS6 from Dyfi), 5M2 and LX4 (both hatched to Tegid, Blue Z1 from Dyfi), plus Tegid himself (BTO only) who returned to look around Glaslyn!

- 1st Place (Tie): Glaslyn (Wales) — 4 unique birds

The birds: 499, 0H2, 498, and 6M9.

- 1st Place (Tie): Cumbria / Lake District (England) — 4 unique birds

The birds: 460, 6C6, 9C9, and 8C4.

- 2nd Place: Tweed Valley (Scotland) — 3 unique birds

The birds: 721, 6J8, and 685.

- 3rd Place: Kielder Forest (England) — 2 unique birds

The birds: 432 (Eshells) and 3B9.

The remaining 21 birds are single intruders from various nests across Rutland, the West Midlands, Lancashire, Foulshaw Moss, Poole Harbour, and various private Welsh nests.

Saturday 22nd August

The record at this nest of ringed intruders recorded in one season is 11 - and we've been stuck on 11 for three months. Until today.

Say hello to Blue 9L8 - he is a fledgling from this summer from a private nest in the Dyfi Valley, the eldest of two offspring in that clutch.

So today we have our elusive No12 intruder - a new record.



A beautifully backlit osprey at dawn this morning, but look at the temperature..

At 6C these are some of the coldest temperatures **Llinau**, **Ogwen** and **Elsi** will have experienced so far in their short lives.

We think all five are still here - as we approach the last week of August.



Thursday 20th August

So far all 5 Ospreys are still with us.

Telyn is fishing quite a bit now, for herself and also providing food to the youngsters.

Telyn has not given any signs of being close to migration, but we keep watching her. She is on day 143 this year, her average stay over the last 5 years has been about 148 days.

The youngsters seem quite settled at the moment.

Average migration age for males is about 89 days, and for Females 93 days.

So we are keeping an eye on them.

Our Beavers Barti and Bramble are doing well this year, having had two kits.

We have no idea if they are male or female, as they are very similar in appearance, both being brown in colouration.

They are growing well and are moving around the enclosure, exploring.

They are starting to come to the feeding platform looking for treats.

Bramble, with one of the kits showing how they are growing.



Chick age in days	Llinau	83	Ogwen	82	Elsi	80
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Nice to see some rain this morning!

Telyn brings nesting material to the nest as Elsi is hoping for something more fishy. But why would she do this? After all, she will probably be leaving on her migration south in the next few days?

The earliest date we've seen Telyn migrate is 13th August, but around 20th - 23rd is more typical - next week.

Both parents are still, just, in breeding mode, so they still express those behaviours associated with breeding, hence the nesting material. As soon as she starts her migration, however, her filial bond to her chicks breaks down, including her bond with Idris and the nest.

Very soon Telyn will be on her own for the next seven months. She needs to look after herself now, as she slowly but surely transitions back to non-breeding winter mode.



Monday 10th August

August is the month when we expect the Ospreys to leave on their migration for the winter.
We have no idea how the weather this year will affect the timing of migration.

The usual sequence is that the adult female leaves first.
Below are the last seen dates for Telyn.

<u>28-Aug-2018</u>	<u>23-Aug-2019</u>	<u>13-Aug-2020</u>	<u>21-Aug-2021</u>	<u>25-Aug-2022</u>
<u>19-Aug-2023</u>	<u>22-Aug-2024</u>	<u>23-Aug-2025</u>		

The adult male will still be feeding the youngsters all the time they are here, and he will usually wait for all of them to leave before he migrates.

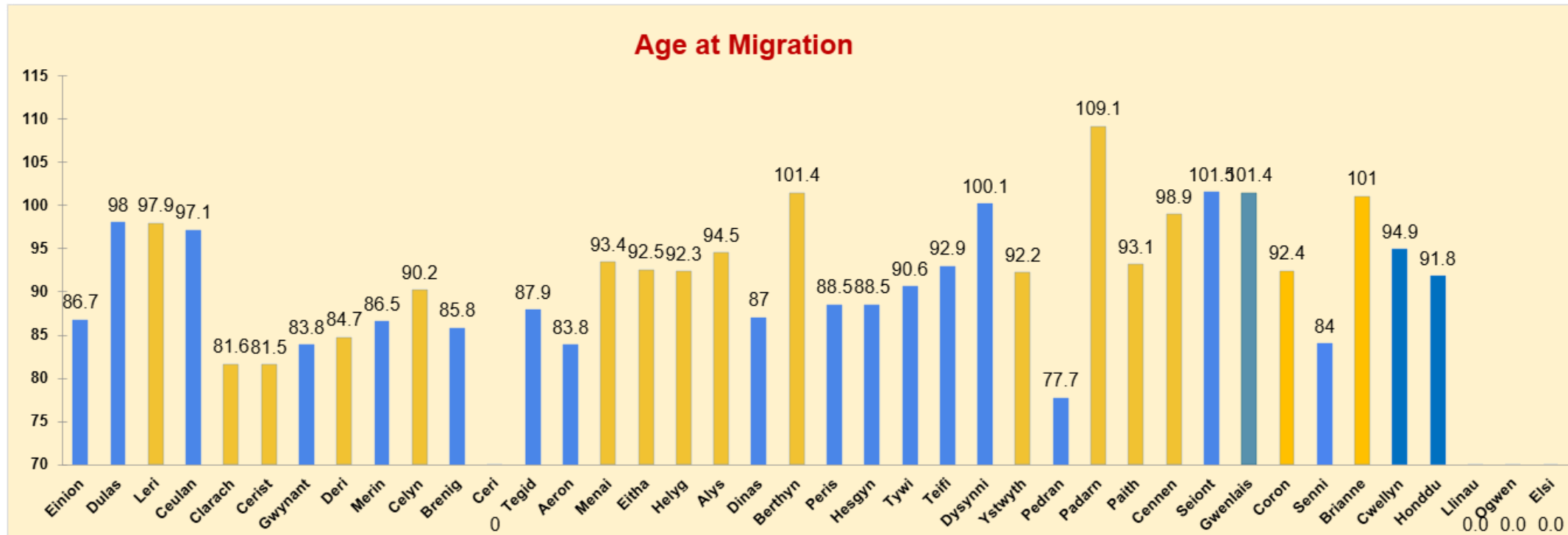
Below are the last seen dates for Idris

30-Aug-2020	30-Aug-2021	13-Sep-2022	04-Sep-2023
01-Sep-2024	07-Sep-2025		

The youngsters will leave after the female.

We would expect Ogwen, as a male chick, to migrate at a younger age than his sisters.

Migration ages of Dyfi youngsters.



The youngsters will spend their first two years away on migration.

We hope to see Telyn and Idris return to the Dyfi nest for 2027.

Elsi, (6B9)



Chick age in days	Llinau	75	Ogwen	74	Elsi	72
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No intruders for months, then two turn up at the same time!

Blue 6C6 - Cumbria female (2022)

Blue 721 - Tweed Valley Male (2022)

Both these birds have visited the Dyfi nest earlier this season - wonder where they've been all that time?



Saturday 1st August

It's a long while since we've seen this: **Idris and Telyn** on the nest.

The kids are all out playing.



Wednesday 29th July

Idris with another flounder.

These are Demersal fish; they live and feed on or near the bottom of seas or lakes (the demersal zone).

Demersal fish are bottom feeders in contrast with pelagic fish, which live and feed away from the bottom in the open water.



Q. When will Llinau, Ogwen and Elsi start to catch their own fish?

A. Once they start their migration. We've only seen a couple of youngsters catch their own food pre-migration over the years.

All three know how to fish successfully, they just don't know it yet.



Monday 20th July

14:04 Elsi returns - over 27hrs later!



Since our youngest chick Elsi fledged yesterday, she has not returned to the nest. She was 54 days old when she left, older than the average fledging age for females at this nest, so she is completely capable of controlled flight. Last night a fledgling landed on a private osprey nest north of the river - was this Elsi? We'll be watching intently today, sometimes young birds do this only to return when hunger takes over

Sunday 19th July

10:39 ELSI FLEDGES!

All three have now fledged, but they will use the nest as their home base until late August or early September.

They probably won't catch their own fish until they've started their migration. And no, Idris will not be teaching them how to fish - they already know.

They just don't know it yet.



Friday 17th July

Llinau (6B7) fledges at 06:19 from the nest perch.



She flew around, then landed on Monty's perch.

Chick age in days	Llinau	53	Ogwen	52	Elsi	50
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Wednesday 15th July

Ogwen (6B8) fledges to the camera pole at 08:47, 52.1 days old



Chick age in days	Llinau	52	Ogwen	51	Elsi	49
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Tuesday 14th July



Beautiful photo of a **harvestman** taken during the ringing last week.

Idris was not the only daddy long legs around that day.

Elsi was a fan too.

Idris brings in two fish



Thursday 9th July

These are the last clouds **Llinau, Ogwen and Elsi** will probably see before they fly.

We're in for another mini-heat wave in the UK - temperatures at the Dyfi will reach over 30C for a few days over the weekend. Keep an eye on the weather bar on the Live Streaming.

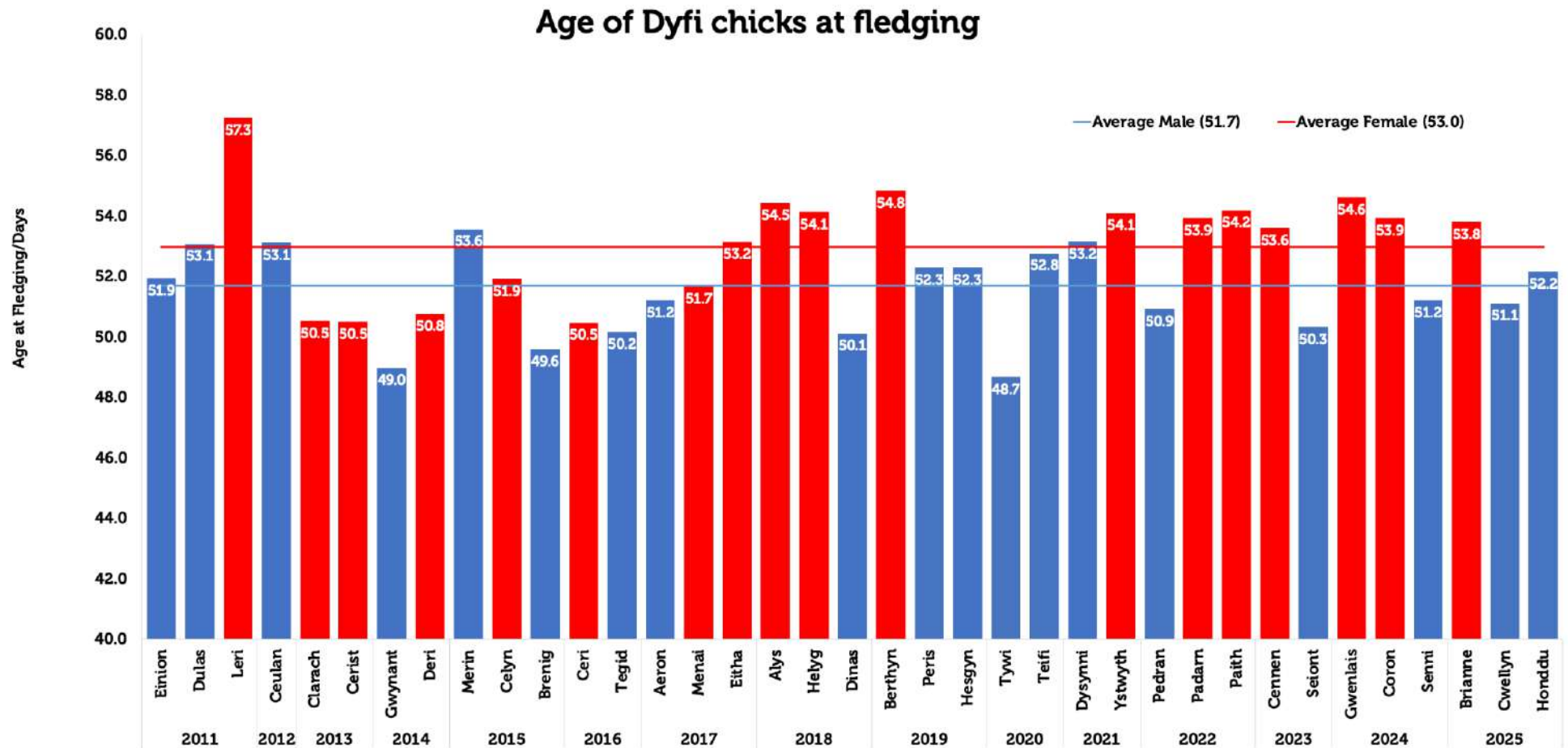
We're expecting all three to fledge next week.



Wednesday 8th July

We expect the chicks to fledge fairly soon now.

We are seeing more wing flapping, but no 'helicoptering' so far.



Chick age in days	Llinau	42	Ogwen	41	Elsi	39
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Saturday 4th July

At what age will osprey chicks start tackling their own food?

Answer from **Ogwen** - 40 days old



Thursday 2nd July

The youngsters show no reaction to their leg rings, as we expect. Their next big adventure will be fledging, which we expect in approximately two weeks' time.



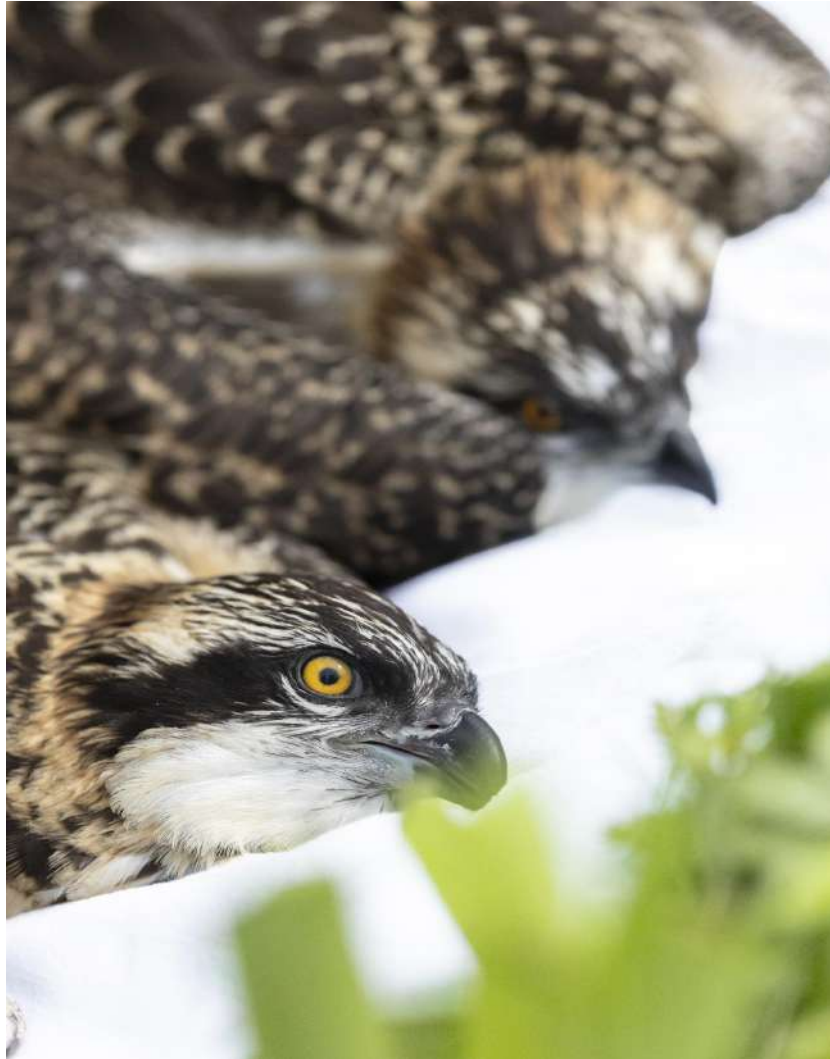
You looking at me?

Chick age in days	Llinau	38	Ogwen	37	Elsi	35
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Tuesday 30th June

Llinau - the oldest of the chicks (female) has significantly paler eyes than her two siblings, **Ogwen** and **Elsi**.

Their eyes do get paler with time, but it's fairly unusual for a chick at five weeks old to have near-adult iris colour 🙄



Monday 29th June

We've ringed all our chicks, we have Girl - Boy - Girl. Here are their names:

Llinau - Chick 1: Blue 6B7 at 1861g (female) 37.3 days

Ogwen - Chick 2: Blue 6B8 at 1552g (male) 36.3 days

Elsi - Chick 3: Blue 6B9 at 1695g (female) 34.2 days



Ringing (banding)

Today, we will fit leg rings to the chicks for identification. A blue “Darvic” ring and a metal “BTO” ring.

While this is done, which takes about 40 minutes, the live stream will not show the Nest cameras.

Also, the screens in the visitor centre and the Observatory will be off.

Later this week, there will be a video of ringing.

During the process, the chicks will be weighed and measured.
From these weights, we can determine if they are Male or Female.
There are no visual differences between the males and females.

The chicks lay still, reacting to an alarm call from the adults who are circling above.
As soon as the ringing party moves away, the adults return to the nest.
The youngsters show no interest in their new rings and do not peck at them.

We will also name the chicks from our list of Welsh lakes and rivers.



Chick age in days	Bob 1	35	Bob 2	34	Bob 3	32
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Saturday 27th June

Family portrait



Monday 22Nd June

Everything is progressing well with the chicks
and Telyn is still looking quite normal after swallowing the fish hook.

The weather forecast for this week is extremely hot during the day.

Ringling was planned for the end of this week.

We will not ring the youngsters in these conditions.

So the plan is to ring them at the beginning of next week when the weather will be cooler - around 17C.

As usual, the exact time and date depend on the weather and availability of the ringer.



Chick age in days	Bob 1	28	Bob 2	26	Bob 3	24
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Saturday 20th June

Chick names

We are opening up suggestions for chick names until **21:00 on Tuesday 23rd June**.

Please note: names will be added to our list and the final choice will be made by DOP managers after ringing.

Suggestions must be Welsh lakes or rivers, using Welsh spelling.

The current list is below, please check before suggesting.

All suggestions are to be made in the chat on the live stream.



Aber	Bidno	Cefnu	Connach	Dulyn	Elsi	Gwendraith
Afonydd	Bodlyn	Cegin	Conwy	Dwyfor	Elwy	Gwenffrwd
Ahafon	Braint	Cegir	Coro.	Dyfan	Ennig	Gwenfro
Alaw	Bran	Ceiriog	Coron	Dyfrdwy	Erwydd	Gwenlais
Aled	Brefi	Ceiriog	Cothi	Dywyn	Evan	Gwernol

Alwen	Bugail	Ceiro	Cothi	Eden	Evyrnwy	Gwril
Amman	Cadair	Ceiswyn	Crafnant	Edno	Fflur	Gwy
Anafon	Cain	Cennen	Cray	Edw	Ffraw	Gwyddior
Angell	Camddwr	Chwefri	Cregennen	Efyrnwy	Ffyddion	Gwyfai
Annell	Camlad	Chweifri	Creuddyn	Egnant	Gafenni	Gwyrfai
Arth	Carerfanell	Claerwen	Crigyl	Eiddion	Gareg	Gwys
Artro	Carno	Cledan	Cwellyn	Eiddwen	Garw	Gwytheryn
Bachawy	Caron	Cleddau	Cych	Eigiau	Geirionydd	Gywdol
Banwy	Carw	Cledlyn	Cywarch	Eira	Geugarn	Hafren
Barfog	Caseg	Cleifion	Ddawan	Eirlys	Gludy	Hepste
Bawddwr	Cau	Cletwr	Dilliw	Elan	Gorlan	Hirwaun
Berws	Cefni	Cneifa	Dinam	Elennydd	Gwaun	Iaen
Iain	Llynoedd	Mwrwg	Prysor	Sychnant	Tryweryn	
Idwal	Llynwenan	Mwyngil	Rhaedr	Syfaddon	Twrch	
Iesyn	Llywenan	Mwyngill	Rheidol	Sylgen	Twymyn	
Irfon	Loghour	Mywyn	Rhiw	Taff	Tyswyg	

Islyn	Maelog	Nedd	Rhosduu	Taliaris	Tywmyn	
Ithon	Maelog	Nefern	Rhymni	Talyllyn	Vyrnwy	
Kenfig	Manod	Nyfer	Ritec	Tanant	Wallog	
Kenson	Marlais	Ogden	Roath	Tanat	Walcyn	
Lisvane	Marteg	Ogmore	Sawdde	Tarennig	Wysg	
Lledr	Mawddach	Ogwen	Seilo	Tarrell	Ysgethyn	
Llifon	Melindwr	Olwy	Seli	Tarren		
Llinau*	Mellte	Onnen	Silyn	Tecwyn		
Lliw	Menasgin	Pandy	Sirhonwy	Terrig		
Llwchwr	Meurig	Peder	Soch	Thaw		
Llwchwr	Milwyn	Peirian	Solfach	Traffwll		
Llwyd	Miwl	Pieran	Stewi	Traffwll		
Llyffant	Morlais	Plysgog	Stwlan	Trefechan		
Llyfni	Morwynion	Pryddyn	Sychan	Trystion		

Table of previously used names

In year order, as that is how we remember them.

Einion	Berthyn
Dulas	Peris
Leri	Hesgyn
Ceulan	Tywi
Clarach	Teifi
Cerist	Dysynni
Gwynant	Ystwyth
Deri	Pedran
Merin	Padarn
Celyn	Paith
Brenig	Cennen
Ceri	Seiont
Tegid	Gwenlais
Aeron	Coron

Menai	Senni
Eitha	Brianne
Helyg	Cwellyn
Alys	Honddu
Dinas	



Chick age in days	Bob 1	20	Bob 2	19	Bob 3	17
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Friday 12th June

It is now a week since Telyn swallowed the fish hook - we've honestly not seen any difference in behaviour.

Whether Telyn has managed to get rid of the hook, and when, we don't know. There are two ways out!

The chicks are getting stronger by the day and being fed by Idris this morning, while Telyn takes a breather.

The weather this week has been awful, and should be getting better from this afternoon onwards.

All three chicks will be ringed in a couple of weeks.



Chick age in days	Bob 1	19	Bob 2	18	Bob 3	16
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Thursday 11th June

Telyn is still behaving normally.

She is eating plenty and has been bringing lots of sticks into the nest.

Possibly getting ready for bad weather that is forecast.

Idris has provided plenty of fish, and the chicks are growing rapidly.



Chick age in days	Bob 1	18	Bob 2	17	Bob 3	15
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Wednesday 10th June

We are continuing to monitor Telyn, and we are pleased to see that she is still behaving normally.

So far, her actions are not showing any problems from the hook that she swallowed.



The three chicks are in a rapid growth phase and doing very well.

We have also had some good views of our female beaver “Bramble”
Her behaviour is different to our previous female so we are still learning.

We have not yet seen any sign of Kits, but we continue to watch.



Chick age in days	Bob 1	17	Bob 2	16	Bob 3	14
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Tuesday 9th June

We are very happy to say that Telyn is behaving quite normally.

We have been watching her closely, and she is just doing all the normal things that we expect.

We will continue to monitor her.

Idris has been supplying plenty of fish, so the Bobs are progressing very well.



Telyn had just been for a bath.

Chick age in days	Bob 1	16	Bob 2	15	Bob 3	13
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Monday 8th June

We have been watching Telyn very closely and as far as we can tell her behaviour is perfectly normal.

We will continue to monitor her for any changes.

The chicks are growing very fast now and Idris is bringing plenty of food.

Over the last few days we have seen several Trout being provided.



Sunday 7th June

Absolutely nothing to report.

Which is a good thing! We can see no negative reactions in Telyn after she swallowed the fish hook - now almost 48 hours ago.

That hook will have to come out somehow, though; we'll keep monitoring.



Saturday 6th June

No news is good news today. We can't see any behaviours in Telyn that aren't normal since she swallowed the fishing hook at 12:10 yesterday. [Blog here](#)

She's a long way from being out of the woods yet, we'll be watching her closely over the next few days 🙄



Thursday 4th June

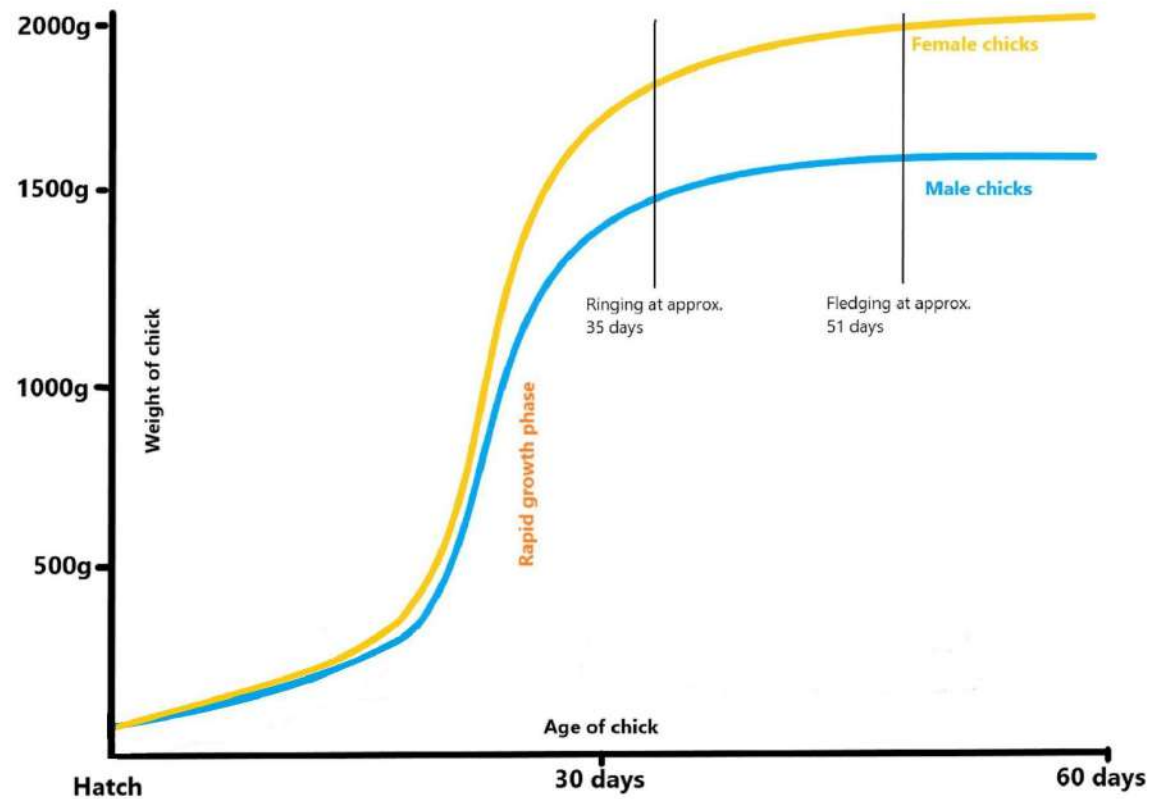
Chick age in days	Bob 1	13	Bob 2	12	Bob 3	10
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The youngsters are now moving into their Rapid growth phase.

The growth of Osprey chicks is not constant. They pass through a “rapid growth phase”

This is an approximately two-week period where they seem to grow overnight. Towards the end of this phase, and by about 5 weeks old when ringing takes place, there is a weight difference between males and females.

This is one of the factors used when determining the gender of the chicks. After this, they will continue to gain weight steadily, storing up energy for their long migration.

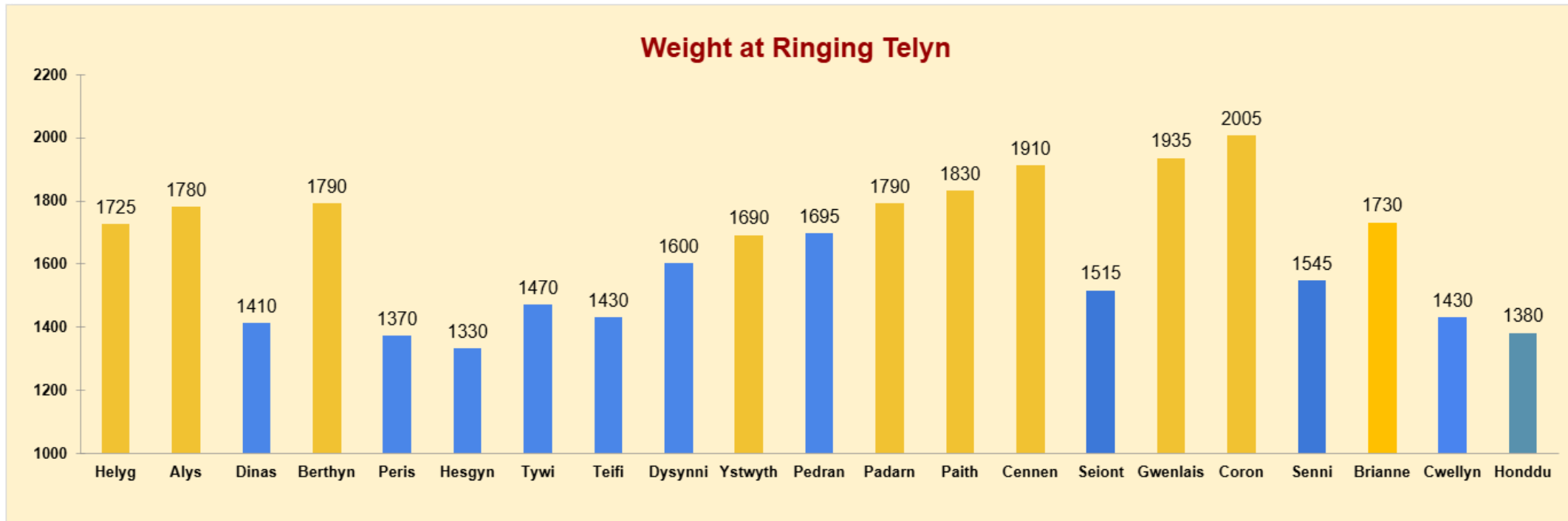


Graph of chick weight in grams / days from hatching
Showing growth rate of males and females

We can see on the chart that there is a significant difference in weight between male and female chicks.

These are the statistics for all of Telyn's chicks.

These weights are taken at ringing, when the eldest chick is close to our ideal of 35 days old.
Yellow is female, Blue is male.



Tuesday 2nd June

Who's who..?

Left: Chick 2 - 9 days old, just starting to lose the downy feathers

Middle: Chick 1 - 10 days old, more bald than 2, adult feathers starting to come through

Right: Chick 3, Bobby Bach - 7 days old, with a mouthful of trout.



Monday 1st June

Perch for breakfast. Idris probably caught this up river or in a nearby freshwater lake.

 Draenog Dŵr Croyw



Friday 29th May

Lovely to have Samuel West & Ade Edmonson here this morning.

Two new DOP fans 🐾 🐾



Thursday 28th May

Sea bass on the menu this afternoon - all three chicks healthy and thriving

 Draenog y môr



Tuesday 26th May

Third egg hatches at 08:46 (35.5 days) [BLOG HERE](#)

 38.5 days vs average of 38.6 days

  36.6 days vs average of 37.0 days

   35.5 days vs average of 36.0 days



Monday 25th May

Rudd on the menu today!

They thrive in heavily vegetated, still or slow-moving freshwater bodies like lakes, ponds, and lowland rivers.

Well done, Idris 🐟

 Rhydden



Sunday 24th May

Second egg hatches at 07:03 (36.6 days)

 38.5 days vs average of 38.6 days

  36.6 days vs average of 37.0 days



Saturday 23rd May

First egg hatches 05:34 (38.5 days)



Friday 22th May

11:38 First sighting of a hatching crack in an egg.



Telyn was born on this day, 22nd May, 2013 at Rutland Water. She is now, officially, a teenager.

🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Penblwydd Hapus

🏴󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 Happy Birthday



Thursday 21th May

DAY 37 We could hear chicks calling from inside the eggs overnight - incredible!
Shift change - Idris taking over incubation duties.



Wednesday 20th May

DAY 36 - this is the first day of the hatching window. Biologically possible today, but probably tomorrow or Friday are more realistic.

Idris has a small gash on his left foot, nothing to worry about, we see these kinds of small injuries quite often.



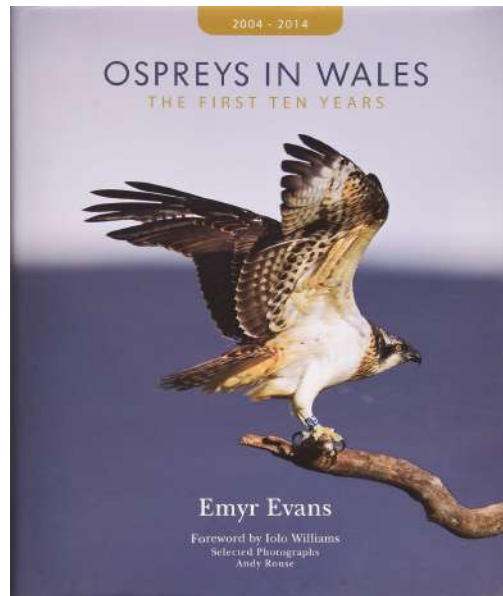
Monday 18th May

Hatching Competition is now OPEN

Please put your date AND time guess on the DOP Chat on Live Streaming. A donation with your entry will go directly to this year's Camera Appeal. Thank you.

The competition ends at 9pm on Tuesday.

Prize: Book - Ospreys in Wales: The First Ten Years

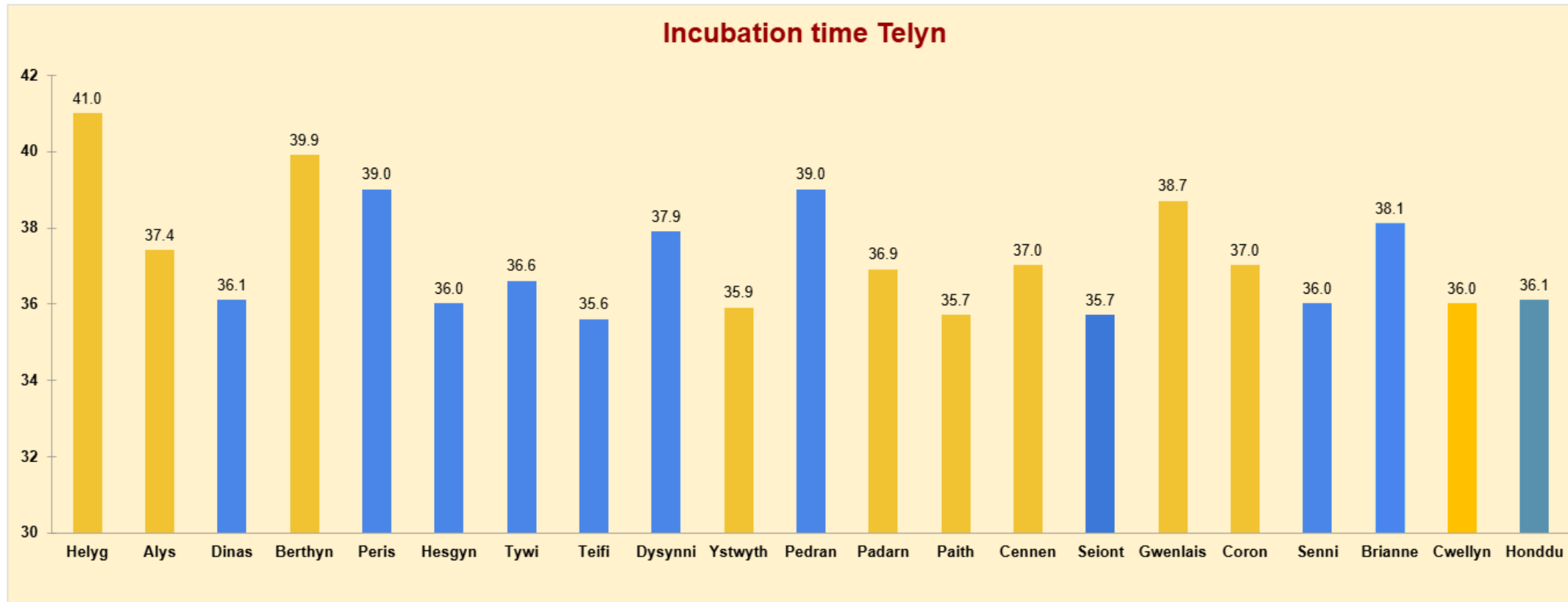


Saturday 16th May

We expect hatching to begin next week.

Egg laying	 14 th April at 16:55	  17 th April at 16:25	   20 th April 14:06
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This chart shows incubation times for each egg that Telyn has laid.



Friday 15th May

Another ringed intruder

5M4 A 2024 bird from a private nest in North Wales - our second two-year-old.



Hope you're enjoying the (now improved) weather bar on the Live Streaming?

It's silly cold here at the moment - the "Feels Like 9.3C" is on the optimising side 

Warming up next week though - just in time for hatching; Wednesday onwards   



Wednesday 13th May

Two intruding ospreys already this morning - one had a leg ring, left leg: Blue 721 - a 2022 male bird from Tweed Valley, Scotland. That's 10 ringed birds already this season - the record for a season (2025) stands at 11.



Monday 11th May

Our ninth intruder of the season - Glaslyn male offspring, 2024 - 6M9

The first of the two-year-olds to be spotted in Wales



On 11th May, 2017, exactly nine years ago today, a huge shout of "INTRUDER" was heard in the Obs. We managed to identify this osprey.

Ringed female from Rutland Water, [Blue 3J](#).



Science Sunday - 10th May

We have another 10 days or so before hatching, due 20th May onwards.

Bird species around the world have a surprisingly similar DNH (Did Not Hatch) rate - it's around 10%.

Telyn has laid 24 (3 x 8) eggs at her Dyfi nest so far with two DNHs - that's a 8.3% DNH rate.

Our other two females had:

Nora: 0 DNH out of six eggs (0%)

Glesni: One out of 19 (5.3%)

Let's hope we get a Hat-trick again this year, this would be the third year running if it happens 🐣🐣🐣



Saturday 9th May

Idris with the best fish he's caught this year so far 🐟

🇨🇪 Draenog y môr

🇬🇧 Sea bass



Wednesday 6th May

Our ospreys tend to bring at least one stone to the nest every year - why is this?

We can think of two reasons:

1. They will use it as a ritual - like a bird's equivalent of Stonehenge, praying to the fish gods.
2. Osprey's beaks are made of **Keratin**—the same tough, fibrous protein that makes up your own fingernails and hair, as well as a rhino's horn.

Continuous Growth: Just like your nails, the keratin sheath grows throughout the bird's life. They naturally wear it down by eating, preening, and rubbing it against branches or rocks (a process called feaking).

They use this stone to manage this continuous growth, keeping their beaks in trim - like Telyn is doing here. How feaking good is that..?



Tuesday 5th May

On Monday we had a visit from a ringed intruder.

0H5 A 2023 male from a private nest in North Wales.

One of the many younger Ospreys moving around Wales looking for a partner and a nest site.



Saturday 2nd May

On Friday, we had a very interesting fish brought in by Idris.
It was a Brown Trout, which was still flapping, so it had been caught in freshwater nearby.
When Idris started eating, it regurgitated four Minnows.

Not recorded here before.



Friday 1st May

Here is the solar chart for April. The DWC generated 9,631 kWh of clean electricity from the sun and used 5,034 kWh of it. The new solar roof on the Photographic Hide generated approx 4.5% of this total.

In summary, the centre was almost 200% energy positive.



Wednesday 29th April

As we approach the end of April, everything appears settled on the nest. Telyn and Idris have three eggs, and she will not lay any more this year. Idris is again providing plenty of fish.

Telyn's average for incubation of the first egg is around 37 days.
So we will be keeping a close watch from the 20th May onwards for any signs of hatching.
Also, if it is quiet, it is worth listening for any sounds from the chicks just before hatching.



Monday 27th April

Other wildlife on Cors Dyfi reserve.

Pine Marten (*Martes martes*)



(Bele'r Coed)

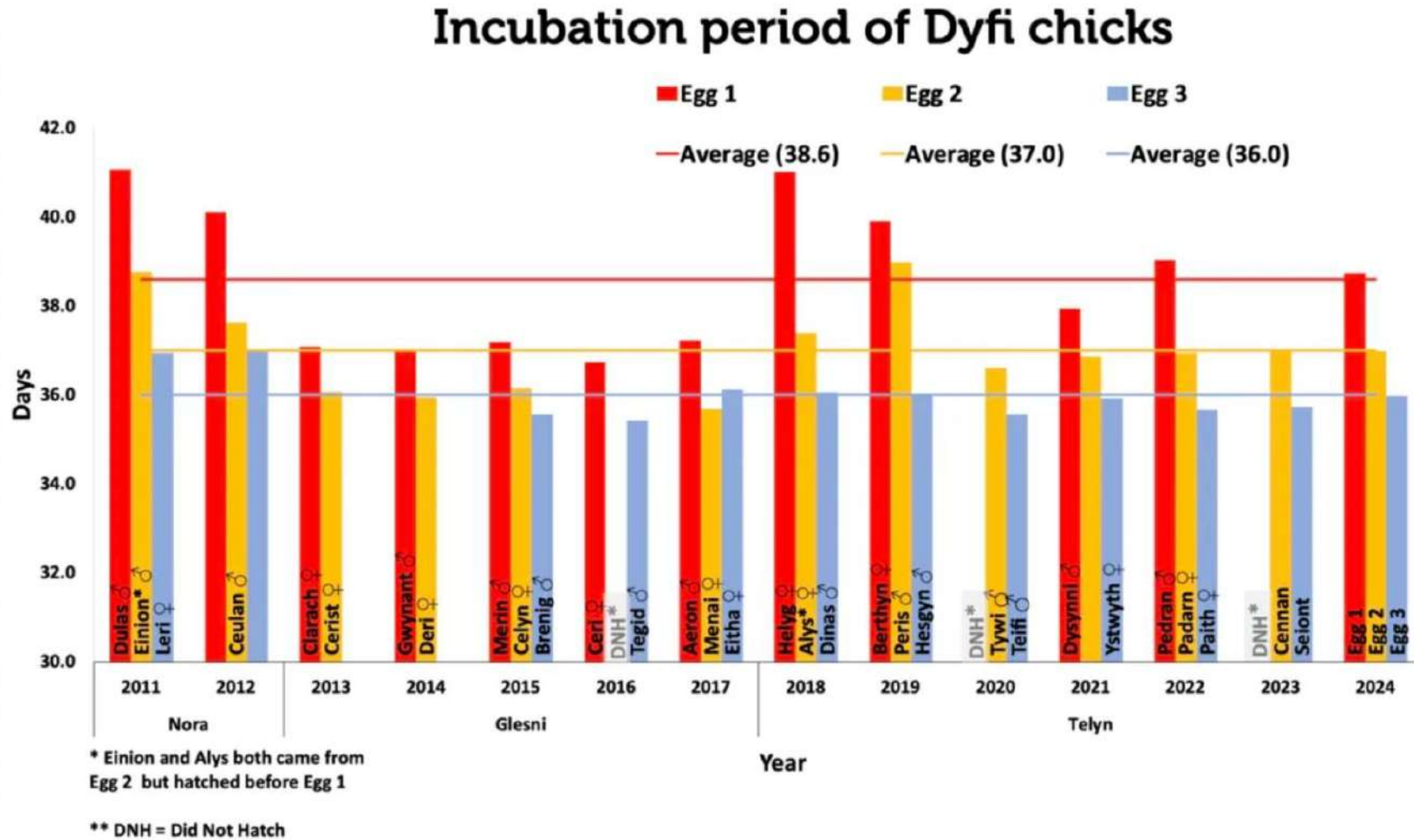




For size, that platform is 6^{ft} x 2^{ft}

Sunday 26th April

Now that we are settled with three eggs, we can think about hatching.



Friday 24th April

We were thrilled today to get a visit from a very special intruder.

White PE (Morven)

A female born in 2003!

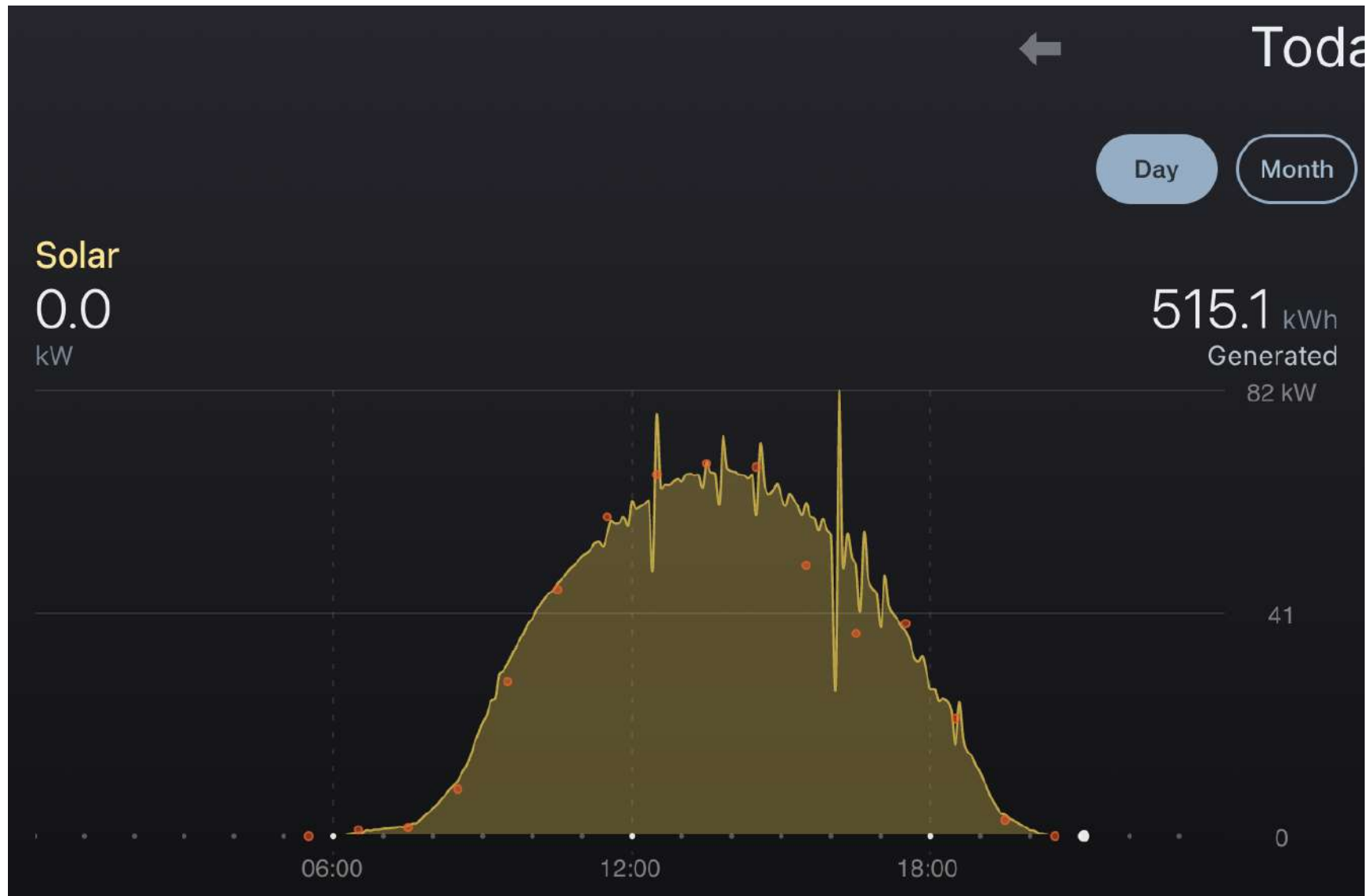
[Her story is in this Blog.](#)

Roy Dennis archive about her, including tracking on this link

[Morven on Wayback machine.](#)



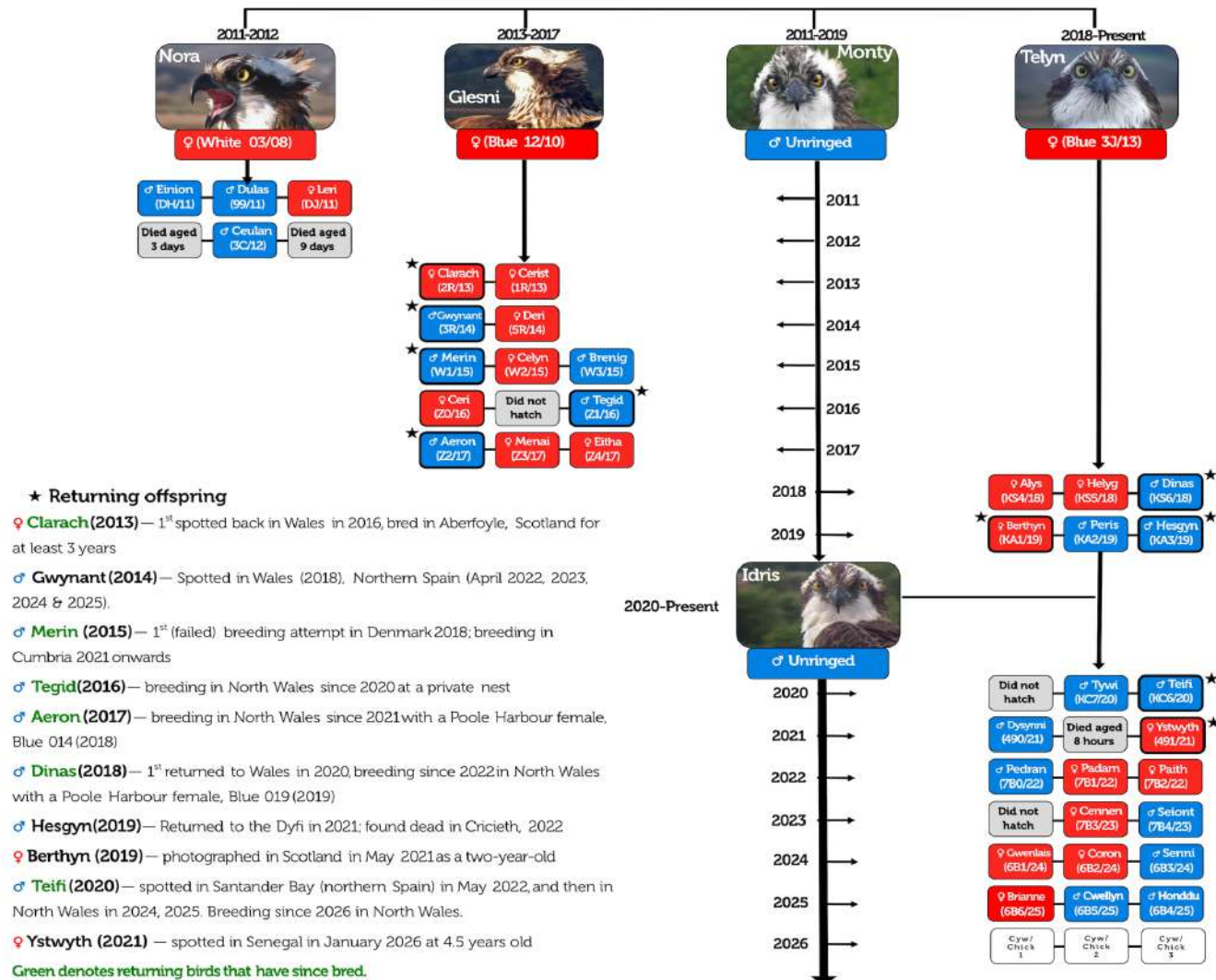
Today the Dyfi Wildlife Centre generated over 500kWh of clean electricity from solar for the first time this year



Thursday 23rd April

Updated family tree.

Dyfi Osprey Project Family Tree 2011-Present



Wednesday 22nd April

Tonight's intruder - Blue KC1



Tuesday 21st April

Listening to your feedback, we've made some improvements for you on our DOP Live streaming:

1. Weather bar is now slimmer, intruding less into the video, but the text size remains the same
2. Better wind direction compass, easier to read
3. Tide times have been changed to BST (local UK time)
4. More cameras added to the suite of live stream angles, including smoother transitions between camera changes



Not only can Idris catch big fish (this is a mullet), he can hang on to them!



Monday 20th April

... HAT-TRICK ...



An intruding osprey this morning
6C6, a 2022 female from Lancashire who also visited in 2025



Science Sunday 19th April

The Welsh skies are currently home to many non-breeding ospreys.

These are young birds who have not yet paired up and are still prospecting for nest sites and mates.

Here's such a bird that intruded over Telyn and Idris' nest yesterday, thankfully we just about managed to get his ring number – Blue KA9.

He was born in Llyn Brenig in 2022 and he's a bird known to us. Gelert has been seen on other nest platforms we've put up on other reserves we have in Montgomeryshire, both this year and last.

But watch the video to the end – did you see that food transfer – like peregrine falcons do..?

We've never really seen this behaviour in ospreys before. Was it really a bonding gesture, a deliberate act of gifting his fish to a potential female – or did he just drop it?

What do you think?

Intruder/ Blue KA9

Saturday 18th April

It's at this stage that we try to find diagnostic differences between the eggs – but why is this important? Once the first egg is laid, the clock for the season starts. Biology governs egg production timescales, chick development, and hatching timescales, and so on.

Therefore, it is important that we are able to identify which chick is which so that we can monitor them for age, gender, and development over the next few months.

And that process starts with egg identification.

● (nearest the camera), ● ● (in the background – one big splodge on the fat end and a whiter eggshell, but this may change over the next few weeks).

Friday 17th April
Egg 2 laid at 16:24





Thursday 16th April

On Thursday evening, we had a good view of our female Beaver (Bramble)
She is the replacement that arrived here last year after our original female died.

We believe from observations that she is pregnant.

If so, she will have kits in the lodge (probably in May)
and keep them inside for about a month before bringing them out.

She could have between 1 and 5 kits.

They enjoy pears, apples, and carrots as treats to attract them in front of the cameras.



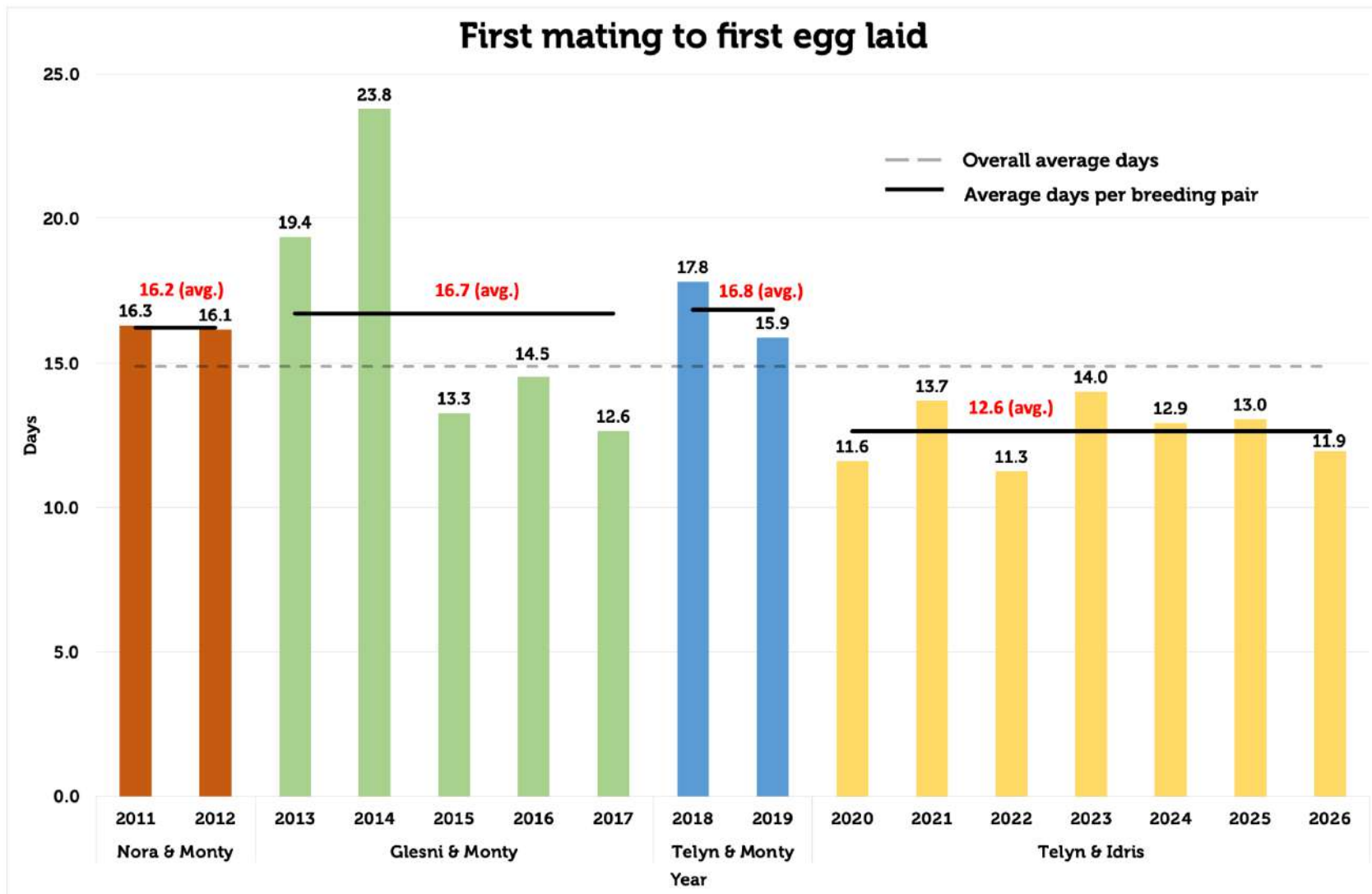
Why Idris, and not N0, is the father of Telyn's egg

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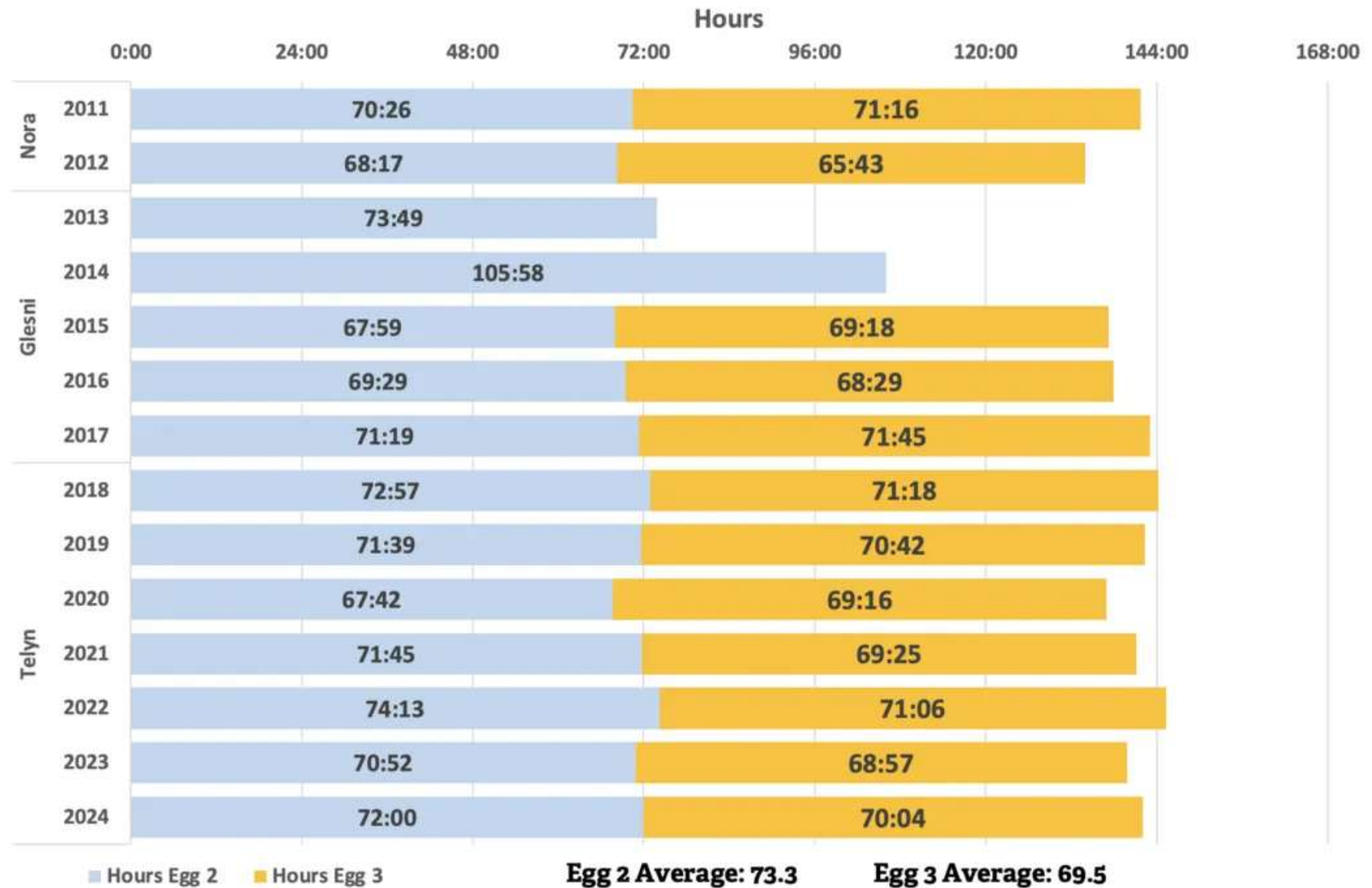
Wed 15th April

We have our first egg for the 2026 season.

Telyn incubated all night, so there do not seem to be any signs of delayed incubation this year. The charts below show (i) days from first mating to first egg, and (ii) how long a Dyfi female osprey takes to produce each egg, from egg two onwards



Time between eggs laid



Tuesday 14th April

Egg 1 laid at 16:55



Today's intruder is an unringed male, he's been around for a few days now.

Almost certainly a young bird, he will be prospecting for a nest site and mate.

How do we know it's him every time?

Look at the moulting pattern on the right wing - two gaps, a primary and tertiary feather is missing (moulting). Until they grow back, this helps us identify this individual as the same bird every time.

He also has blue feet - just like the Victorians used to like painting! No egg yet.



We have been asked a lot why Telyn stayed on the nest during the recent strong winds.
This camera angle shows how sheltered she was there.



This is actually Idris, but it shows how protected the nest is.

Monday 13th April

Today we opened our new Photographic Hide.

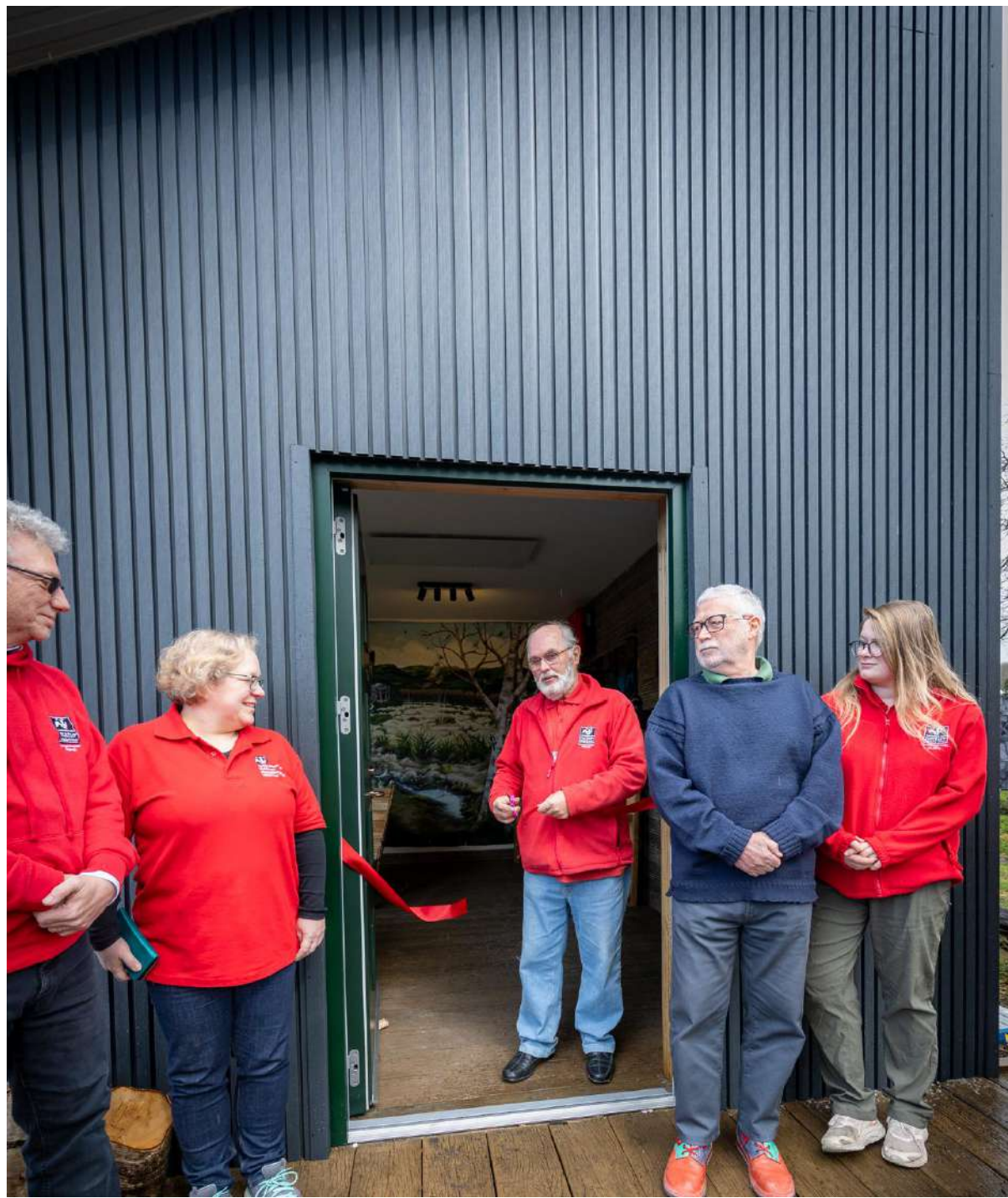
This replaces the old hide we used to view the ospreys before we built the 360 Observatory in 2013. The Dyfi Osprey Project was born in this hide.

Accessible to all, including wheelchairs - this new hide is perfect for photographing small birds, mammals and lizards on Cors Dyfi reserve.

What size lens shall I bring? Anything 400mm or longer and you'll get excellent results.

Blog with more details coming later in the week.

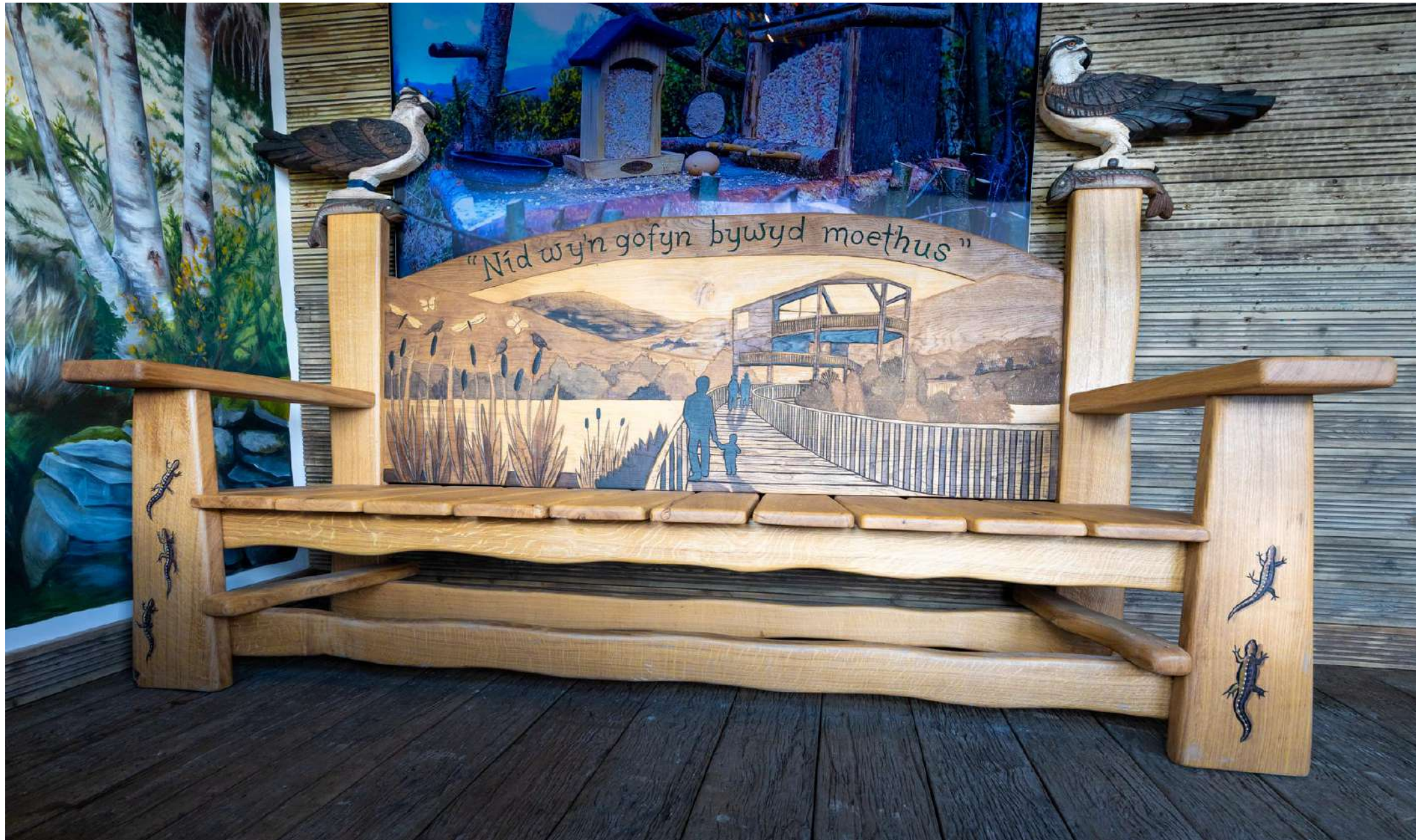
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Sunday 12th April

Telyn seems attached to the nest this morning, preferring to deal with the strong headwinds stood up on a flat nest.

Birds that have toes for feet don't like standing on flat surfaces like we do - preferring instead to perch on round things like branches.

Is she eggspecting something to happen?



Wed 8th April

On Monday, we had reports of four Dyfi males on cameras in the Glaslyn area.

Tegid Z1 (although he has lost his Darvic ring)

Aeron Z2

Dinas KS6
Teifi KC6

All remains quiet on the Dyfi nest with Telyn and Idris settling down into a routine.

We have a new Blog giving an introduction to the 2026 season.

Telyn and Idris Return in 2026 - Finally.



Monday 6th April

460 departed on Sunday morning after Telyn lost patience with her sitting on the nest. She was unharmed.



Sunday 5th April

Ey up - Another Northerner!

Today's visitor is **460.**

She is **W1** Merin's (2015 Dyfi) daughter, Monty and Glesni's granddaughter and Telyn is her step-grandmother.

Born in 2021 in Cumbria, she also visited this nest in 2024.

We know No is still around, they would make a great pairing!



Sat 4th April

On Friday, we were waiting to see developments between Idris and NO.

Thankfully, everything appears to have gone smoothly.

NO did appear on the nest in the morning, but then was not seen for the rest of the day.

Idris was closer, but did spend some time trying to shelter from the very strong wind.

During the day, Idris brought two large fish to Telyn. He attempted mating on several occasions but was rejected. This is normal for Ospreys, Telyn is testing him to confirm that he will be a good food provider. The nest has received a lot of work and is now a deep cup ready for the early season.



Fri 3rd April

With Idris back home, we will monitor any interactions with NO today.
Note, there will be no eggs from the matings that NO had with Telyn,

08:36 Idris brought in a large fish, which he passed whole to Telyn.

We have not seen NO this morning so far.

Update, NO to the nest at 10:38, Idris not in sight.

Thu 2nd April

2nd APRIL: IDRIS arrives home 18:23



The male NO (N zero) is still around and is bonding with Telyn.
He has brought two fish to Telyn. He has also brought material to build up the nest.
There have been several matings during the day, and Telyn has been receptive to him.

This is a perfectly normal situation.

Telyn is making sure that she will have a suitable partner if Idris does not return.

If Idris returns, the two males will sort things out, and the dominant one will stay with Telyn.
This can be anything from sky displays for dominance up to fighting.

Telyn is doing a lot of food soliciting. She isn't necessarily hungry.
This is classic pair bonding behaviour, she's assessing that the male can provide for chicks.

If eggs were laid, and then Idris returned and won any battles, he would most likely kick them out of the nest.
Telyn then might lay more eggs and raise them. It would depend on how late it happened.

We look forward to having Idris back,
But for the population, the most important thing is that we have a breeding pair on the Dyfi nest.
If he stays, DOP will name him.





Wed 1st April

Telyn is settling in well and has caught several large fish.
She has also started bringing sticks and grass to the nest.

The male **NO** has been around, trying to bond with Telyn.
This morning she accepted a fish from NO and mated with him.



Mon 30th March
14:20 Telyn arrives



The day started well with a visit from two intruders. At 10:40 an un-ringed female and Blue **NO**, a male born at Foulshaw Moss in 2017, who has visited Dyfi before.



Fri 20th March

No Ospreys at Dyfi yet, but Glaslyn have an unringed female, possibly Elen.
Lovely male Kestrel visiting the nest.



Great start to the 2026 season

Reported by [Nature et Oiseaux Sénégal](#)



Female Osprey ring number **491**

This is “Ystwyth” hatched 24th May 2021 at Dyfi. Parents Idris and Telyn.
Approaching 5 yrs old now and hopefully a breeding female somewhere.

Dyfi Wildlife Centre.

We will be reopening the visitor centre on Wednesday 4th February.

Times will be 10:00 - 1700 Wednesday through Sunday.

The reserve and observatory will be open (subject to the weather)

Caffi Ty Maenan will be open for food and drinks.

Full reopening will be from around the 20th March.

The live stream will also restart around this time.

2025 Key dates

Egg laying	 9 th April at 13:48	  12 th April 13:37	   15 th April 13:52
Hatching	 May 17 th at 16:22	  May 18 th at 13:15	  
Ringing	BRIANNE (female) 6B6	CWELLYN (male) 6B5	HONDDU (male) 6B4
Fledging	10 th July at 11:48	8 th July at 16:12	12 th July
Last see.		21 st August at 11.00	21 st August at 11:20
2025 Timeline	• 21st March - IDRIS Returns at 18:44 • 27th March - TELYN returns at 12:41 Last seen 23rd August at 07:52		

