

OSPREY NOTES/SUMMARY 2005

Return of Birds:

- April 4th to 7th SX resident female and Red 02 male on site-no mating attempts recorded
- April 7th No ring resident male returned and he and SX female assumed their partnership once again.
- Mating attempts therefore commenced from April 7th

Days to Egg laying:

- **2004** -13 days to egg laying from when both birds back at the nest & 82 mating attempts up to egg laying
- **2005** - 14 days to egg laying from when both birds back & 73 mating attempts up to 1st egg

Egg laying:

- **2003 & 2004** It took 6 days to lay the full clutch of 3 eggs
- **2005** 1st egg at 11.40 20th April
2nd egg at 0545 23 April
3rd egg ?? (1808 27 April) or finished on 26th?

6 days (if same criteria used in 03/04 [Time birds not on eggs]) OR 7 or 8 days to when egg visible

Hatching:

1st chick

Other ospreys

Apr 4th-April 7th Red 02 male at nest site

Apr 4th- Observers at protection recorded another female with no rings on nest-she was given a fish by Red 02

For other ospreys and intruders refer to Intruder sheet (section H)

Fishing BehaviourAVERAGE DAILY FIGURES

RED 02 = 2.5 (4th to 7th April)

To egg laying (20th April)

NO RING = 2.2

During egg laying = 2.7

Total Mating Attempts

2004	2005				
107	97				

Other Osprey sites

Rutland	1 breeding pair incubating 3 eggs
North Wales	1 breeding pair incubating 3 eggs
Mid Wales	No news
Loch Garten	Female had paired with a new male and was incubating eggs until last years male returned and removed all the eggs from the nest. Both female and new amle have departed the nest. Last years male is trying to attract a new female to nest.
Wigtown	1 breeding pair (same pair as last year)