



SATELLITE OSPREY “JUKKA” BEGAN HIS AUTUMN MIGRATION

During the past few years, many ospreys have been tracked by the Finnish Osprey Foundation and the Finnish Museum of Natural History with the help of satellite systems. In autumn 2009, the Finnish Museum of Natural History, the Finnish Osprey Foundation, and UPM started to collaborate on a new project to monitor the life of a male Osprey called “Jukka”. Jukka started his autumn migration on 24th September 2009.

Professor Pentti Saurola is the scientific manager of the satellite tracking project. An important partner in the project is also the Finnish forest company UPM. UPM takes care of the costs of the Argos-GPS satellite transmitter.

Jukka the satellite osprey has been nesting in the region of Häme, close to the City of Valkeakoski. The age of Jukka is unfortunately unknown, because he was not ringed until he got the transmitter. Jukka was equipped with the satellite transmitter in July 2009 by Helmi-Irene Saurola, Pertti Nikkanen, Harri Koskinen and Juhani Koivu. For identification purposes, he was also given a red ring on his left ankle with letters PS.

The transmitter is the same that was used for the satellite Osprey Pete in 2007-2008. As we remember, Pete perished in April 2008 in Morocco during the spring migration from Africa to Finland. (The story of Pete and the searching the satellite transmitter is on the Osprey Foundation’s Research -page.)

After the ringing, Jukka continued his normal life in August-September 2009 in his nesting area. During this time, he was also a regular visitor at Pohtiolampi Osprey Center. Since then, he has been tracked every three hours in order to test the satellite system.

Now Jukka’s migration has lasted about one week. You can follow the migration of Jukka on the website of the Finnish Museum of Natural History:

<http://www.fmnh.helsinki.fi/english/zoology/satelliteospreys/index.htm>

The Finnish Osprey Foundation will also carefully follow the migration on its website at <http://saaksisaatio.fi/en/tutkimus2/tutkimus.htm>

Also UPM will follow Jukka’s story at <http://w3.upm-kymmene.com/upm/forestlife/index.html>

Photos of Jukka can be found at: <http://www.dataeura.fi/kuvia/saaksi/>

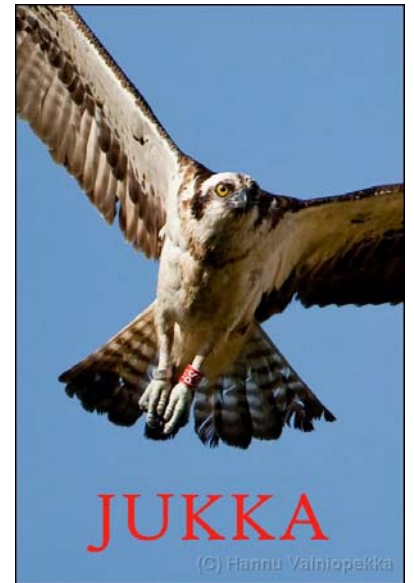


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