



F9 'Arrow' Life History

Kite ID: WT F9	Name: Arrow
Wing Tags Left: Pink	Right: Yellow
Gender: Female	Tag Date: 10/6/13
Born Year: 2013	Location: Lintzford Garden Centre
Parents Male: WT A7 Icarus	Female: WT B0 Excalibur
Siblings: WT F8 and one untagged chick	

BaK School: Rowlands Gill Primary School

Sightings History:

When F9 was tagged the nest in a Spruce tree contained a black builders glove.

Arrow was one of three chicks for Icarus and Excalibur this season. A second chick was tagged F8 and the third chick was too small to tag. (F8 has not been recorded since being seen on three occasions in November 2013 at the main winter roost from the Nine Arches Viaduct, in Gateshead's Derwent Park).

Arrow was also noted on two occasions in November 2013 and once in February 2014 at the same main winter roost, on one occasion in the company of at least forty other kites.

In April 2014 Arrow was noted over Rowlands Gill with four other kites. In December 2014 Arrow was identified at the pre-roost with up to a further 19 kites at our second main roost near Victoria Garesfield.

Arrow was also seen in March 2015 from the Rowlands Gill Viaduct, and again in April 2015 perched in a garden at the west end of Rowlands Gill.

In January 2017 Arrow was identified on one occasion at a pre-roost near Hollinside Manor perched on a pylon with WT A7 Icarus and WT L2.

In June 2017 Arrow was identified with another kite in the vicinity of a territory in Rowlands Gill, but we were unable to confirm whether Arrow was one of the parents from the nearby nest that went onto successfully raise two untagged chicks.

From February 2018 Arrow was again seen in the vicinity of the nest in Rowlands Gill. The pair of kites were seen regularly, with nest building in March and incubating in early April 2018, when we were able to confirm that Arrow is a female. By mid May she was brooding chick(s) with the untagged male in regular attendance.

Sadly by the end of May the local residents, who were keeping an eye on the nest, reported that following ferocious battles with crows, the nest now seems to be deserted. Predation by crows is not uncommon - but it is most likely she was the female here last year that successfully raised two chicks, and hopefully Arrow and her partner will be back to try again next year.

Arrow has been seen in January 2019 in Rowlands Gill near her nest site from last year. We hope she will be more successful this year.

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