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# NEWSLETTER

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in the French Pyrenees

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to restore endangered and extinct populations  
achieved the first milestone

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speaking at Wingspan2024?

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Photo: Climber near the nest to capture juvenile red kites for tagging  
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## 7 RED KITES TAGGED IN THE FRENCH PYRENEES

This year in June, several red kites were once more equipped with GPS transmitters in the French Pyrenees.

The goal of the tagging action, which began last year with the tagging of 10 red kites, was to tag 20 red kites in total. This will help us to better understand the breeding and wintering habits of red kites born in this region, which is crucial for the conservation of the species in France.

It should also enable us to better understand the mortality factors affecting this species, by finding the bodies as quickly as possible, so that they can be analyzed.

Unfortunately, 3 of the tagged juveniles died within 3 weeks after the operation, including 2 already flying birds from the same nest. Thanks to the telemetry data, the bodies were recovered quickly, and analysis in the coming weeks will tell us more about the cause of death, which is currently unknown.



Photo: Tagged red kite in the nest  
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*Photo: Tagging of the red kite in Spain*  
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## REINFORCEMENT PROJECT TO RESTORE ENDANGERED AND EXTINCT POPULATIONS ACHIEVED THE FIRST MILESTONE



*Photo: Tagging of the red kite in Spain*  
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The action "Reinforcement of red kite populations in SW Spain", which AMUS is implementing within the scope of the LIFE EUROKITE project achieved the first milestone. This year we have detected 2 breeding pairs and a third one occupying a territory without breeding.

This last pair, which occupies a territory but has not yet bred, is made up of two individuals released in 2022. The other two pairs that have managed to breed successfully are made up of released individuals joined by a wild pair.

One of the chicks born from this pair has been equipped with a GPS device to follow its dispersive movements and identify potential threats. This tagging has been done in collaboration with the Work Group of the Natural Environment Agents and Technicians from the General Directorate of Sustainability of the Regional Government of Extremadura, also a partner of the LIFE EUROKITE project.

In the coming years, with the increase in the number of maturity birds, we hope that the number of pairs will increase, and that the presence of the released birds will also be an attraction to individuals that otherwise, without the released birds in the project area, would most probably not have stayed in the southwest of Spain.



CONFERENCE  
**WINGSPAN**15 - 17 October 2024  
Brussels

# Our speakers

**Tris Allinson,**  
**Senior Conservation Scientist at BirdLife International**

Renewables  
Grid InitiativeTB Raab  
Technisches Büro für BiologieSafeLines4Birdselia group

We've been eagerly awaiting this moment, and we're thrilled to announce the agenda for the Wingspan Conference 2024!

Our first Keynote speaker will be Tris Allinson, Senior Conservation Scientist at BirdLife International. He will give an enlightening presentation on the potential impacts of grid and wind energy infrastructure on bird species.

Tris brings a wealth of insights, working closely with governments, financial institutions, and the energy sector to ensure biodiversity is considered at every stage of development for a bird safe energy transition.

## WHO ARE THE EXPERTS SPEAKING AT **WINGSPAN 2024?**

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WILL BE SPEAKING AT WINGSPAN 2024?  
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This is a fox.

**CARBOFURAN.**

Animals die while fully conscious  
in pain and convulsions.  
In doing so, they cannot breathe,  
birds spread their wings  
and clench their claws.

Poisoning is an illegal,  
extremely cruel way  
of killing animals.

Photo: Graphic design for CPEW

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## JOIN US FOR THE PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE

This autumn, we are launching an important Campaign Against Criminal Poisoning of European Wildlife (CPEW) to combat these illegal activities across Europe. Illegal poisoning is not only threatening many rare and protected species of birds and mammals, but it is also endangering the public and their pets. This is an environmental crime, and it must be investigated, prosecuted and taken seriously by the judiciary.

To strengthen our campaign, we are seeking first-hand experiences from those whose pets or privately kept animals have fallen victim to illegal poisoning.

If you have videos, pictures, or stories to share, please send them to us [here](#).  
Your contributions can help us to raise awareness and make a difference.





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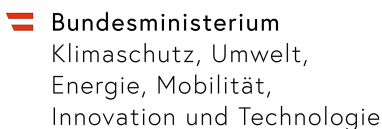
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