True or False?...

1) Kites prey upon lambs and game birds.

2) They steal clothes from the washing line.

3) They are noisy birds.

4) Kites will eat worms and beetles.

5) Kites will attack pets.

6) They are a large bird so need a lot of food.

Can you find all the words about Red Kites in the word search?

GYREDKITESZG
IXPJMFCQXLOQ
SMROWNHTRAEWD
PWRABBITSRIS
PHRURALRATSD
INERHAREWOOD
GPOAYYYZXZF
ERIKSYSKAR
OXQKNAGCROWS
NMSSTENITQTY
SVOLESATJRRCZ
ITTHOPLPSNDW

Red Kites

How many Red Kites were you lucky enough to see today?

Can you find all the words about Red Kites in the word search?

Harewood
Rabbits
Rats
Pheasants

Pigeons
Crows
Earthworms
Voles

Nests
Rural
Yorkshire
Red Kites
Pairs

You could colour in this picture when you get home!

Mainly for 7 - 11 years with an adult’s help

Use this trail to discover....

Red Kites

Draw, find clues & write...

Harewood Family Trails

This trail is funded by proceeds from Harewood Second-hand Bookshop
Scientific Name: Milvus Milvus

Length: 60-65cm (the males are smaller than the females)

Wingspan: 175—195 cm

Weight: Up to 1.2kg

Lifespan: Can live up to 25 years but their life expectancy is 8-10 years in the wild.

Red Kites can be seen all over the Harewood Estate. If you live close, you may even be able to see one at home!

They mainly eat dead animals as their feet are too weak to kill. Red Kites feed on chicks, beetles, earthworms and other small animals, although they only need the same amount of food as a small rabbit each day.

A Red Kite has a grey/white head with a reddish-brown body and a forked tail. When looking for food, it flies by pushing its wings forward and its tail is always moving. They commonly live in pairs.

The red kite makes a call that goes: “weoo-weoo-weoo” Can you have a go at making the sound?

Red Kites usually breed at age 2-3. In March they will find somewhere for their nest, which they make from large sticks and line with wool. The female lays up to 4 white eggs in April.

Red Kites adapt to their surroundings and can live in a variety of types of countryside. There is a law in the UK which means that they are protected at all times.

The Red Kites are monitored by tags on their wings. These tags are different colours to give information. On the left wing is a tag to show the location, orange means Yorkshire, England. On the right wing is a tag to show the year of release, black means 1999.

UK Red Kite release Project Areas

North Scotland (Black Isle)

Central Scotland

Southwest Scotland (Dumfries & Galloway)

Northeast England (Northern Kites)

Yorkshire (Harewood)

Northamptonshire (Rockingham Forest)

Existing Kite population in Wales

The Chiltern Hills

Re-introduction
The Map shows the areas of the UK that Red Kites were released into.

What year were they released in the Harewood Estate?

1989

1996

2004

2001

1999

1995

1989

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Fact File

1) False

2) True

3) False

4) True

5) False

6) False

True or False answers...