

Movements of Corrie in 2010

31 August 2010: First two months

The nest was below a large overhang so that solar battery was not charged while the eaglet was in the nest, so the first good GPS signals on 17th July almost certainly indicated the date of first flight. Movements within the initial month out of the nest were within one square km around the eyrie, from mid August he wandered a little more in a range of 10 square km.

30 September 2010: September

Corrie started to explore more in September, probably following his parents, which would have been feeding part of the time on red deer grallochs, shot by estate hunters. On 9th September he flew about 10 km to the SE and returned that day. On 26th, he flew west as far as Ben Hee and again returned. His range during the month extended to 150 square km centered on the eyrie.

31 October 2010: Leaving home at times

Corrie was wandering more during October, although he regularly returned to his parents' home range. He was living in an area of 860 square km. In the second week of October, he went to the north and on 10th at 1pm was 4 km east of Tongue; between 14th and 24th he was in the Ben Armine to Glen Loth area of east Sutherland, and by 28th he was again to the north just SE of Syre.



Corrie's range in October

18 November 2010: Mid-November

He was around his parents' home range in early November until 16th November and then set off to the SW. On 18th November he was SE of the Cromalt Hills, SE of Inchnadamph.

06 December 2010: Travelling widely

Corrie's transmitter is on the older schedule of hourly GPS fixes, which fails to provide good data during the short winter days of Northern Scotland when the solar panel picks up little energy. (The latest transmitters just collect GPS data three times a day). In consequence we have to rely on the non GPS signals.

On 18th November Corrie was SW of Loch Urigill, on 20th between Alladale and Loch an Daimh, then flew SW to Ledgowan in Wester Ross. He stayed there until 26th when he was further south near Achnashealach. Corrie then turned back north to Achnasheen and then eastwards into Rosshire. On 6th was in the hills to west of Fairburn, where a windfarm is being built in an area we consider is ecologically unsuitable due to its potential effects on golden eagles and red kites.



November 18th - 6th December

31 December 2010: Still exploring

After visiting Strathconon, Garve and Fairburn areas on 6th December, his next location was roosting in woods in Glen Calvie on 10th, then he went off back west, being in the hills west of Lael Forest and the road to Ullapool at midday on 22nd. On 24th December, he was at the west end of Loch Fannich at 2pm and on the 29th/30th December he roosted overnight in the east of the Heights of Kinlochewe.



Locations 6th to 30th December