

Movements of Ozwald in 2012

14 January 2012: 100km flight north and back

At 1pm on 7th January he was flying north over the sea and headed 100 km over the bay to two islands in an inlet on north side of Banc d'Arguin, where he stayed two before at 1pm on 9th flew NW to the coast north of Cap Ste Anne. At 4pm was heading back south to roost that night on the coast near Cap Arzaze. Next day crossed the bay to the coast south of Arkeiss (Bedouin settlement) and at 10am was perched near Iwik, the HQ of the National Park. At 3pm he was back in his original location and roosted that night back in familiar haunts. Interesting exploratory flight by young osprey wintering in Africa for first time.



21 January 2012: Settled again

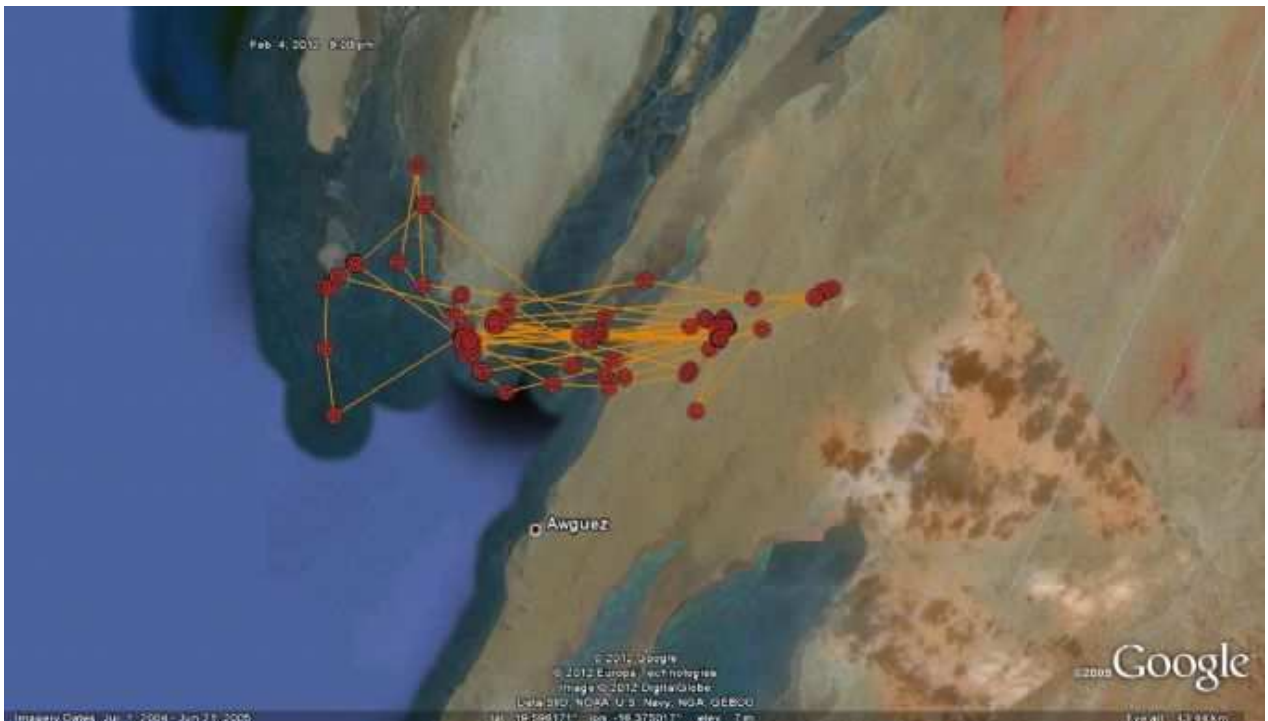
Ozwald has settled back in his normal haunts.



Jan 14th-19th

05 February 2012: No change

Ozwald well settled on the coast although he is ranging a large area of 115 square kms compared to the very small winter ranges of the adults.



Jan 23rd – Feb 5th

25 February 2012: Well settled – no change

Continues to live in same area with flights to fish and back.

11 March 2012: No change

Ozward still living in same area.

18 March 2012: No change

10 April 2012: No further news is probably bad news

Ozward was in his usual wintering area from March 12th to 21st. On 21st at 1000GMT he was flying south at 36km/hr at 110 metres altitude and two hours later was tracking down the Atlantic coast at 38km/hr at 190 metres altitude. He stopped about 7 kms south of Morven's wintering area and was on the coast between 1300 and 1600 hours, before moving a few kms inland to roost overnight in the desert. Next morning 22nd, he was perched about 7 kms inland at 0700-0900GMT.

The next signals were at 2300 hrs on 23rd March when Ozward was 38.5 kms back north and 650 metres inland in the sand dunes. Next day his signals were from exactly the same spot at 0700-0900hrs and 1600-1800hrs. The place seemed to have been a dune with a few sparse bushes. Checking the data shows that transmission occurred on 25th March, which gave the previous data, but the activity meter showed no movement at 1013, 1111 and 1512 GMT. No further signals have been received. I am afraid it looks as though Ozward is dead - how is impossible to say especially as there was a big gap between received GPS data on 22nd and 23rd - maybe he was killed by a jackal at night while roosting in the desert.



March 12th – 24th



Last known location in desert

No further signals have been received - I have been waiting just in case. Very sad to lose him after his earlier exploits when I thought he might die in Scotland.