



Watch out for F11 and her eight cygnets

All year round there are flocks of Mute Swans at traditional gathering places along the coast, for example at Loch Etive, Loch Craignish, and Fort William.

Perhaps surprisingly, many adult swans are at these sites through spring and summer when we might expect them to be breeding. Even more surprisingly, national surveys of the species over the years have repeatedly found that, each spring, more swans are found as non-breeders in such flocks than are recorded on territories as pairs attempting to breed.

Of the minority that do nest, many succeed in hatching their eggs but most of the young disappear while they are still small. By autumn not many pairs have surviving young, and large broods at this time of year are not common. Four, five or six fully-grown young

A Connel man was about to get on a bus in Glasgow when he asked the fare to Partick. '50p' said the driver. The Connel man got off and ran behind the bus until it stopped at the next stop. 'How much now?' he asked. '50p' said the driver. The Connel man ran behind the bus for another four stops. 'How much now' he asked, gasping for breath. '£1.50' said the driver. 'You're running in the wrong direction.'