



# Easdale's super swans

A PAIR of swans at Angus Garden in Easdale will go into a second summer with an unusually large family after having seven cygnets.

Last year the female gave birth to eight cygnets but this year's lot prove last year was no fluke.

The male swan has a damaged wing and is a rescue bird staff at the garden introduced to the loch around three years ago.

The female is wild and flew in two winters ago with another male, which was very

quickly chased off by the resident male.

Although swans are supposed to mate for life the female seemed quite happy to stay.

All eight cygnets from last year have survived and were duly chased off by the male just before the female started sitting this time.

A swan expert in the Lorn area said it is exceptional for a pair of swans in the area to have more than three or four cygnets in any one year so the pair at Angus Gardens really are super swans!