



Beaver Update

June 2026

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Beaver Population Summary

Year 1 releases – 18

Year 2 releases – 15

Year 3 releases – 7

2024 wild-born kits – 2 (from 2 families)

2025 wild-born kits – 18 (from 8 families)

2026 wild-born kits – 9* (from 6 families)

Total of 69 (including possibly 2 beavers outwith the National Park boundary – Fochabers/ Spey Mouth).

*running total, population monitoring is underway in July/ August to confirm 2026 breeding

Activity

- Rothiemurchus (Lochan Mor/ Lily Loch): Beavers still active on the site. No kits seen during this months' kit watches.
- Kinrara 1: Beavers are still active on this site. 3 kits seen on camera.
- Kinrara 2: Beavers are still active on this site. 2 kits seen on camera.
- Kinrara 3: Limited activity on site. No beavers seen on site this month
- Kinrara 4: Limited activity on site. No beavers seen on site this month
- Glen Tromie: Some fresh feeding found, lots of birch coppicing. Fresh feeding activity upstream from the release site on the Tromie
- Insh Marshes: Beavers still active on site and have explored nearly all of the reserve. Single kit seen on camera from one site and two well-grown kits seen at the end of June at another site.



- Inshriach: Beavers are still active on the site. Vigorous coppice regrowth of willow and White poplar stumps. Single, well-grown kit seen.
- Loch Morlich 1: Beavers are still active on the site. Two reports of a kit in late May from a local. No kits seen during this months' kit watches.
- Loch Morlich 2: Beavers not seen this month.
- Aviemore area: Camera to be deployed in July – area relatively inaccessible.
- Kingussie Grazings: Some fresh feeding activity, no videos from the trail camera.

Sites outwith Kingussie to Aviemore

- Cromdale beaver: No activity seen on the last two visits, site presumed abandoned.
- Garmouth beaver: One report of two beavers at Garmouth – yet to be confirmed.
- Laggan Bridge: Fresh felling of Rowan on site.
- Boat of Garten: No recent activity. Beaver not seen on the trail cam this month.
- Grantown between the A95 bridge and the Cairn Distillery. A single beaver was seen twice this month during watches.

Monitoring and Mitigation Plan Actions

- Monthly patrols of release sites undertaken.
- Weekly patrols of high impact areas have been undertaken.
- Beaver dam removal site. No activity.

Raising Awareness and Understanding

- Beaver and Aspen Group meeting, 10 June.
- Cairngorms Beaver Group meeting, 23 June.
- Monitoring and Mitigation Group meeting, 24 June.

N.B. *If beavers are found in an area where the landowner was not previously aware of their presence, the Park Authority will contact that landowner. The Park Authority does not routinely contact landowners with general updates; this monthly update does that. There are WhatsApp Groups for landowners around releases sites and also in any high impact areas, which have beavers present e.g. Laggan.*