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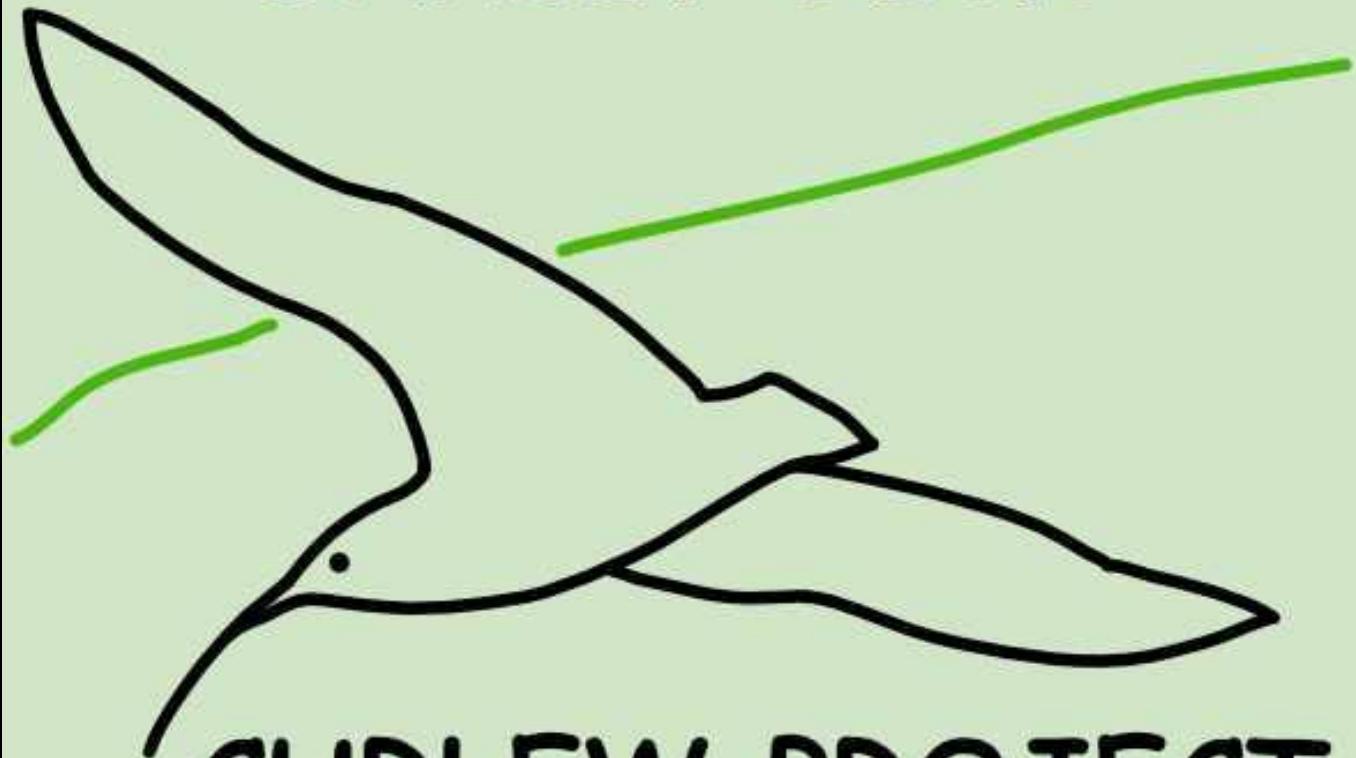
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**Project
Review**

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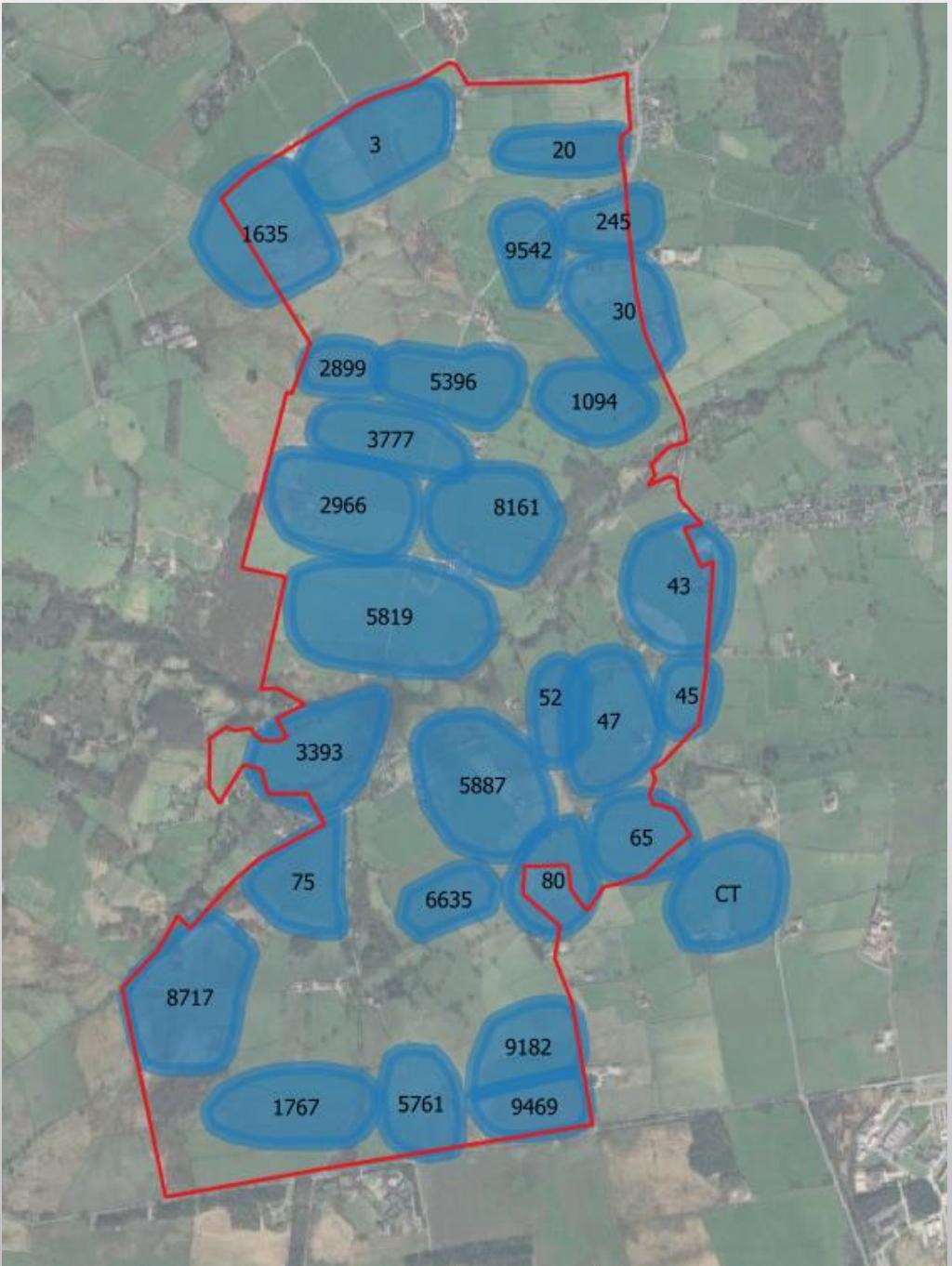
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**Summary of
Results**

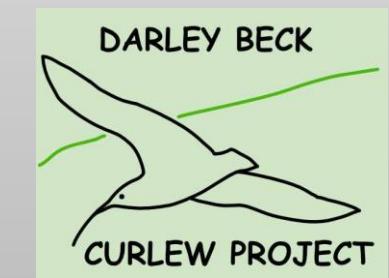
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Territories

29 territories identified at the start
of the season

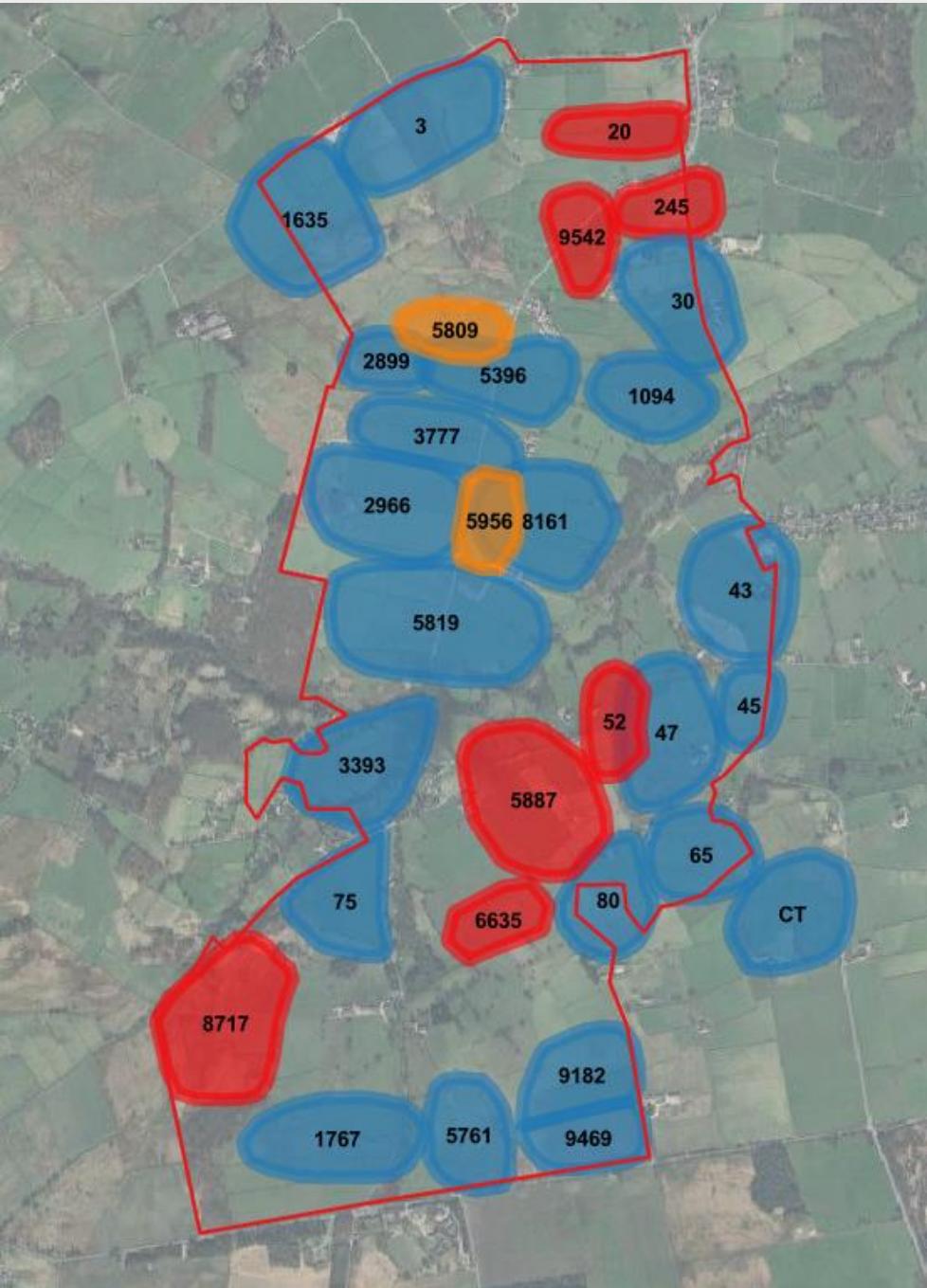
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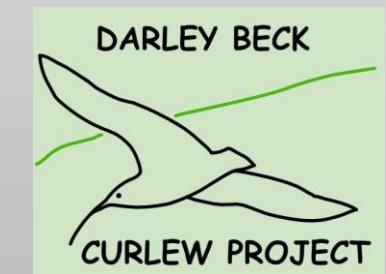
Abandoned/Unoccupied Territories

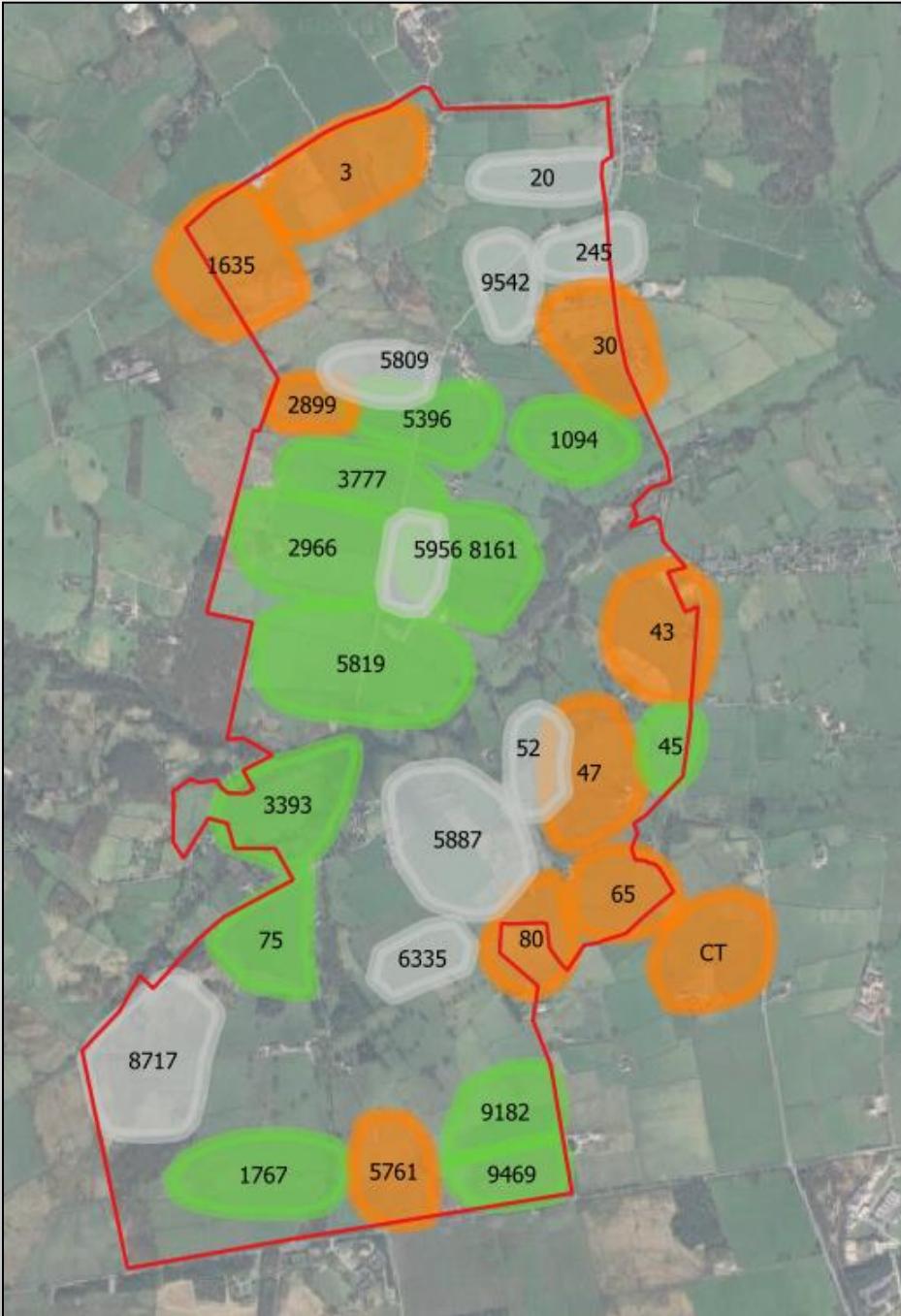
9 territories unsuccessful

- 2 unoccupied (8717 & 6635)
- 7 abandoned during breeding season for a variety of reasons (including 2 new territories that appeared but were subsequently abandoned 5809 & 5956)



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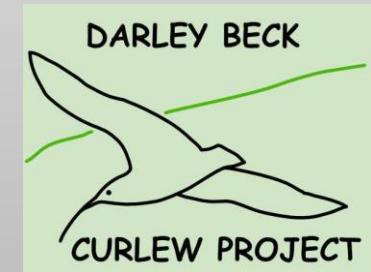


Nest Fencing

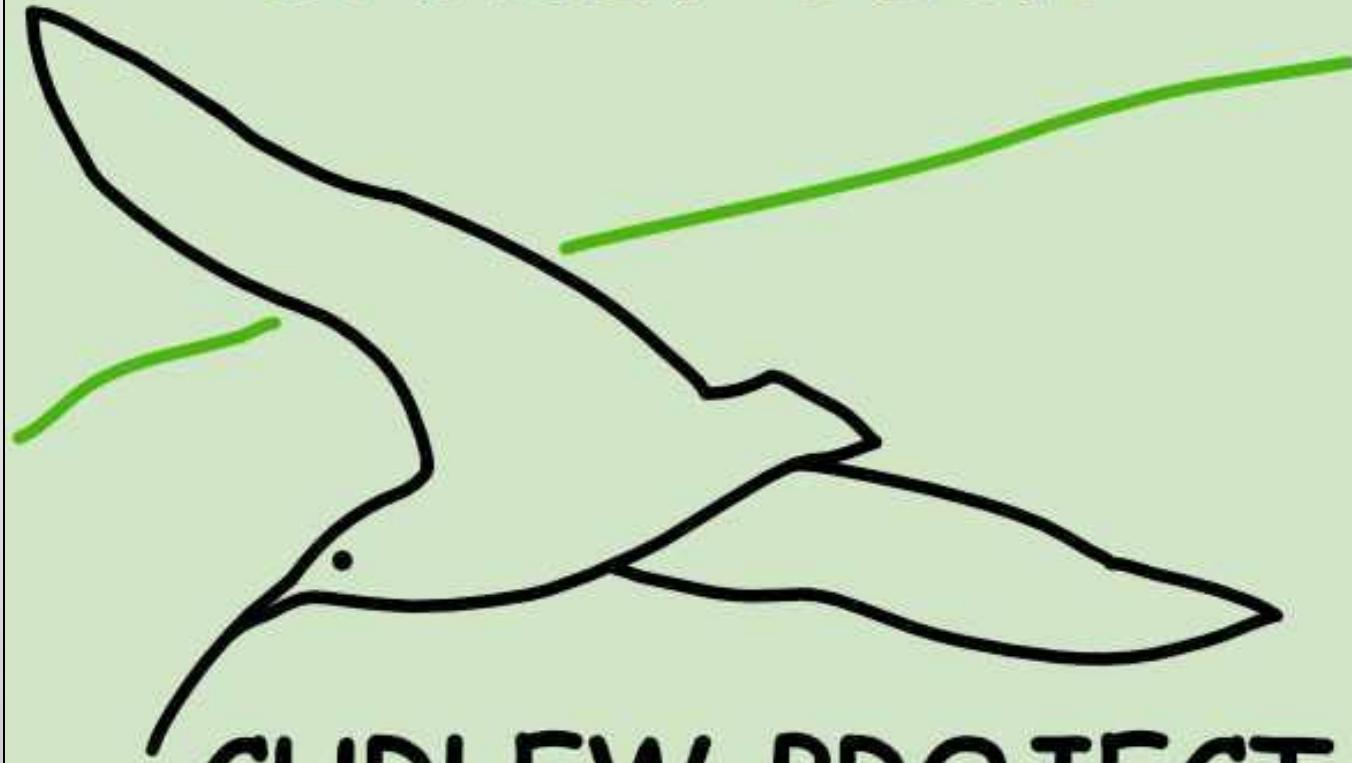
- 12 nests fenced: 10 hatched chicks, 2 (1767 & 3777) predated by birds
- 10 nests unfenced: 6 undiscovered but known to hatch chicks, 2 (2899 & 1635) probably lost first clutch and did not re-lay
- Others displaced or abandoned

Nest Fencing Outcomes

- Of the 12 nests fenced:
 - 5 fledglings
 - 0.42 productivity
- Of the 10 unfenced nests:
 - 2 fledglings
 - 0.20 productivity



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Fledged
Chicks

2025

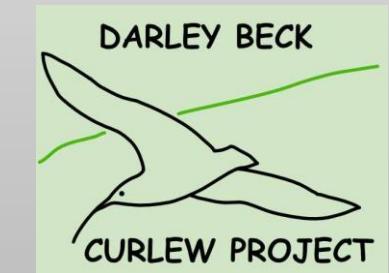


Fledged Chicks

4 territories fledged chicks

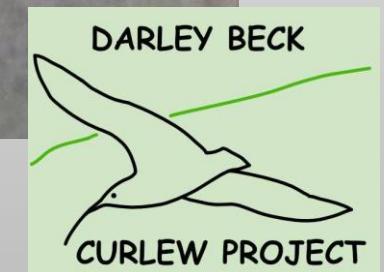
7 fledged chicks in total

6 within 'official' project area



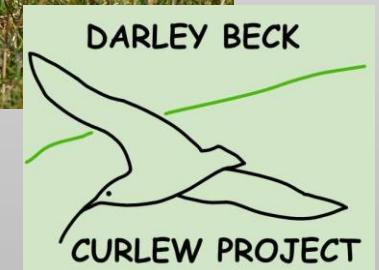
Definition of fledging

- This chick cannot yet fly
- It is 35 days old
- ...and practising to fly



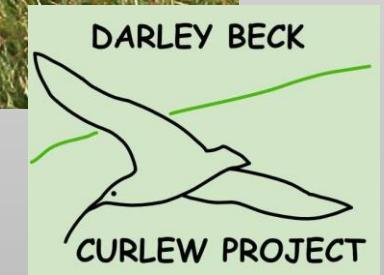
Definition of fledging

- This chick still cannot yet fly
- It is 39 days old
- Black flight feathers just visible beyond coverts



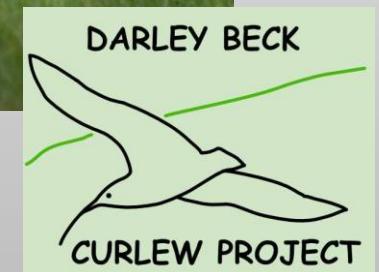
Definition of fledging

- This chick is fully fledged and can fly
- The dark primaries extend to just beyond its tail
- It has reached 42 days old

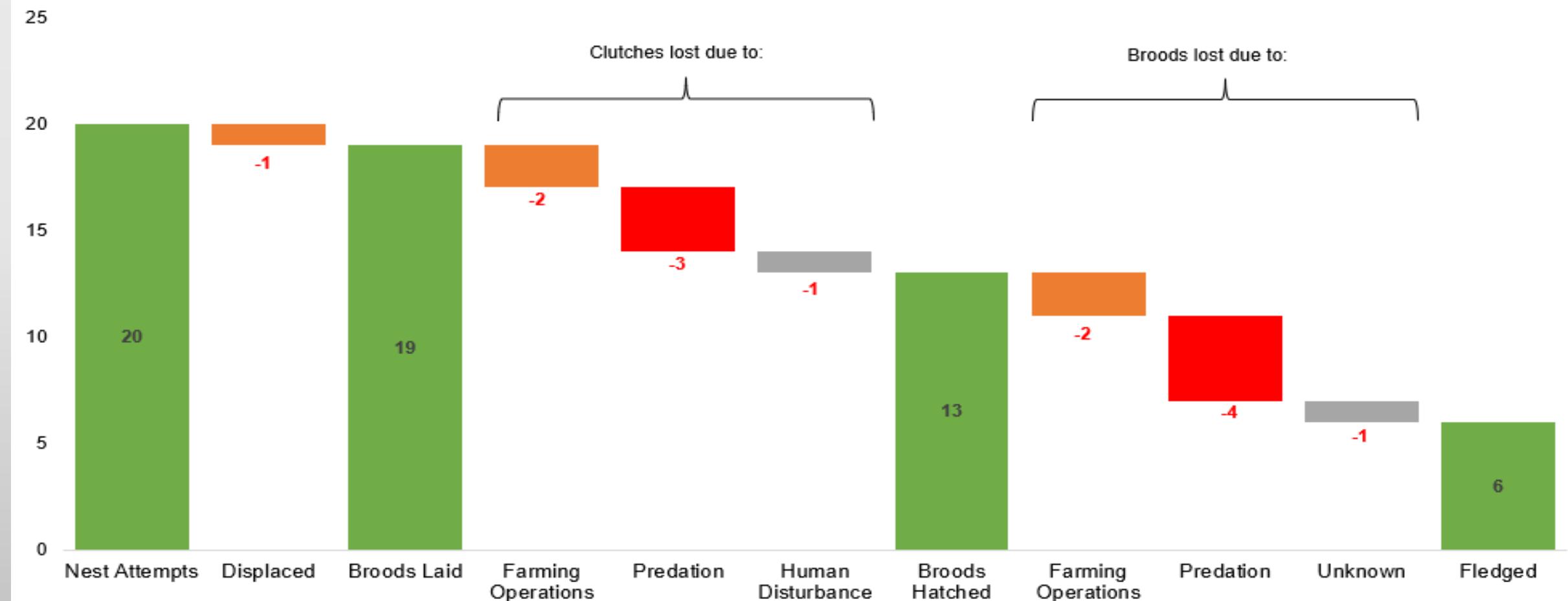
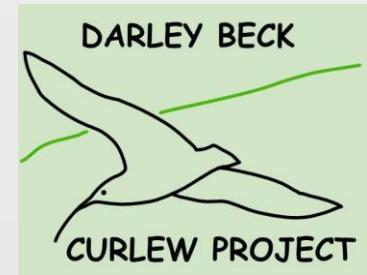


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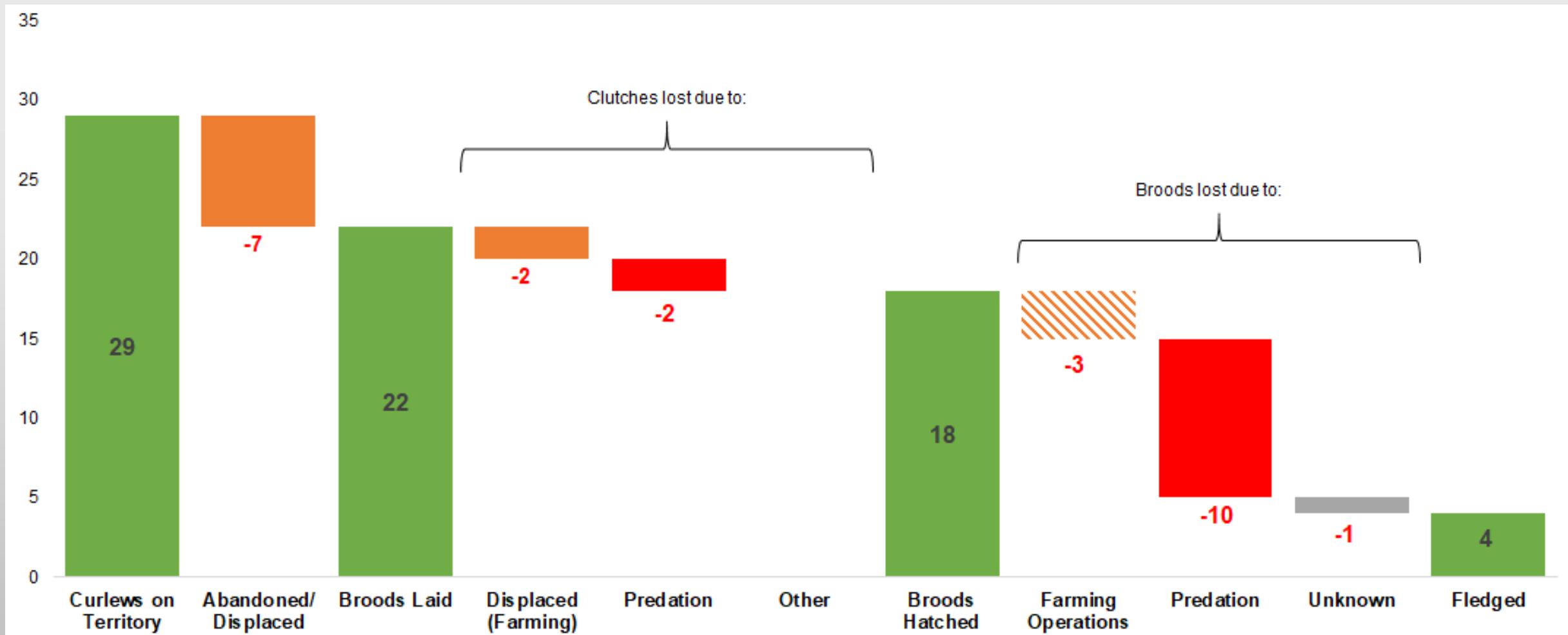
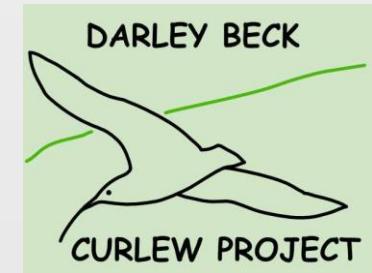
- This is an independent juvenile
- It is 50 days old



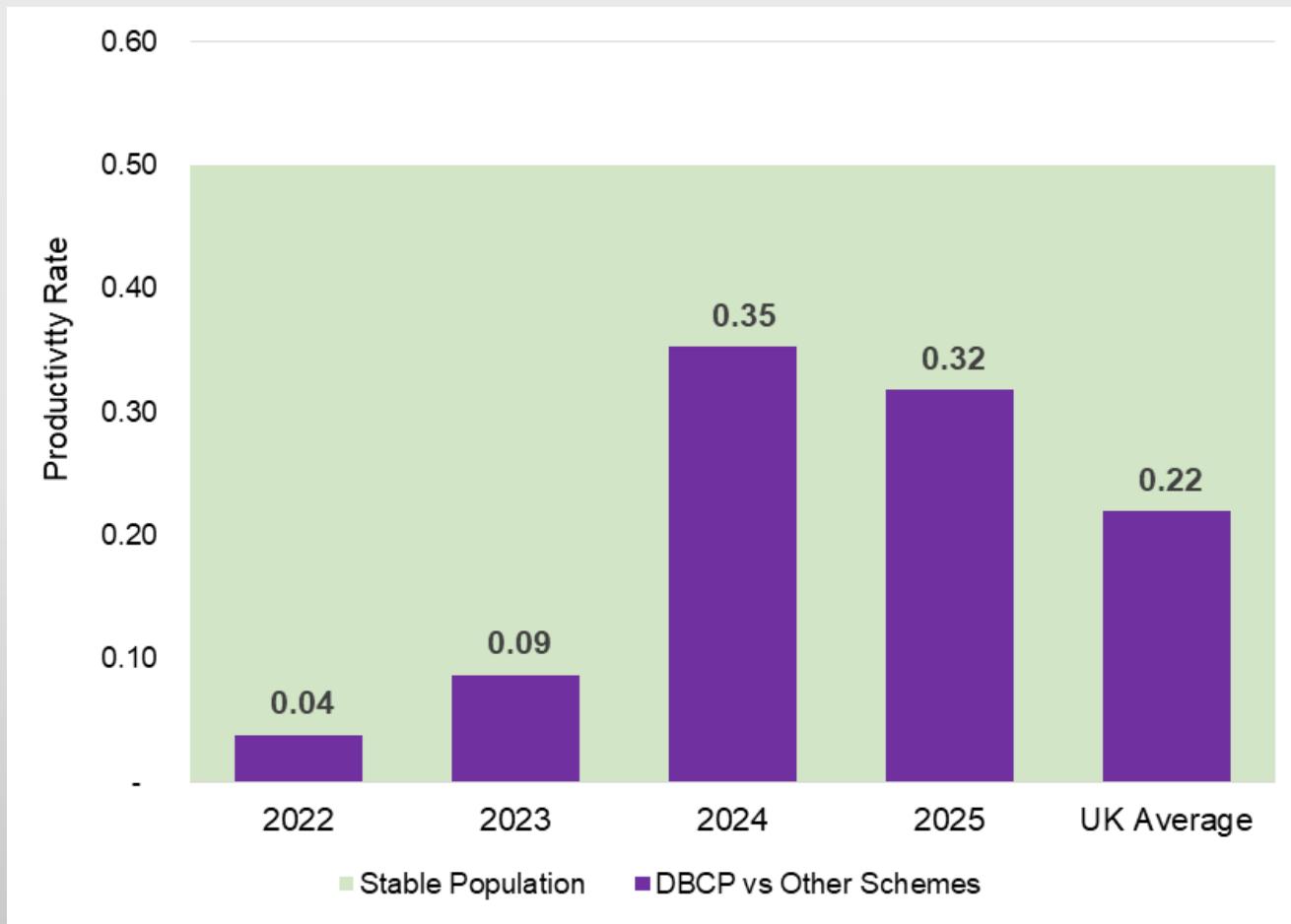
Results Summary - 2024



Results Summary - 2025

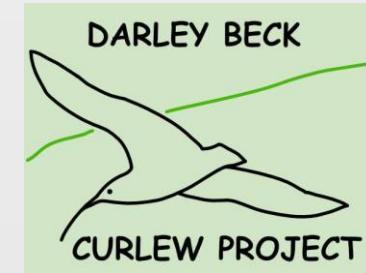


Productivity

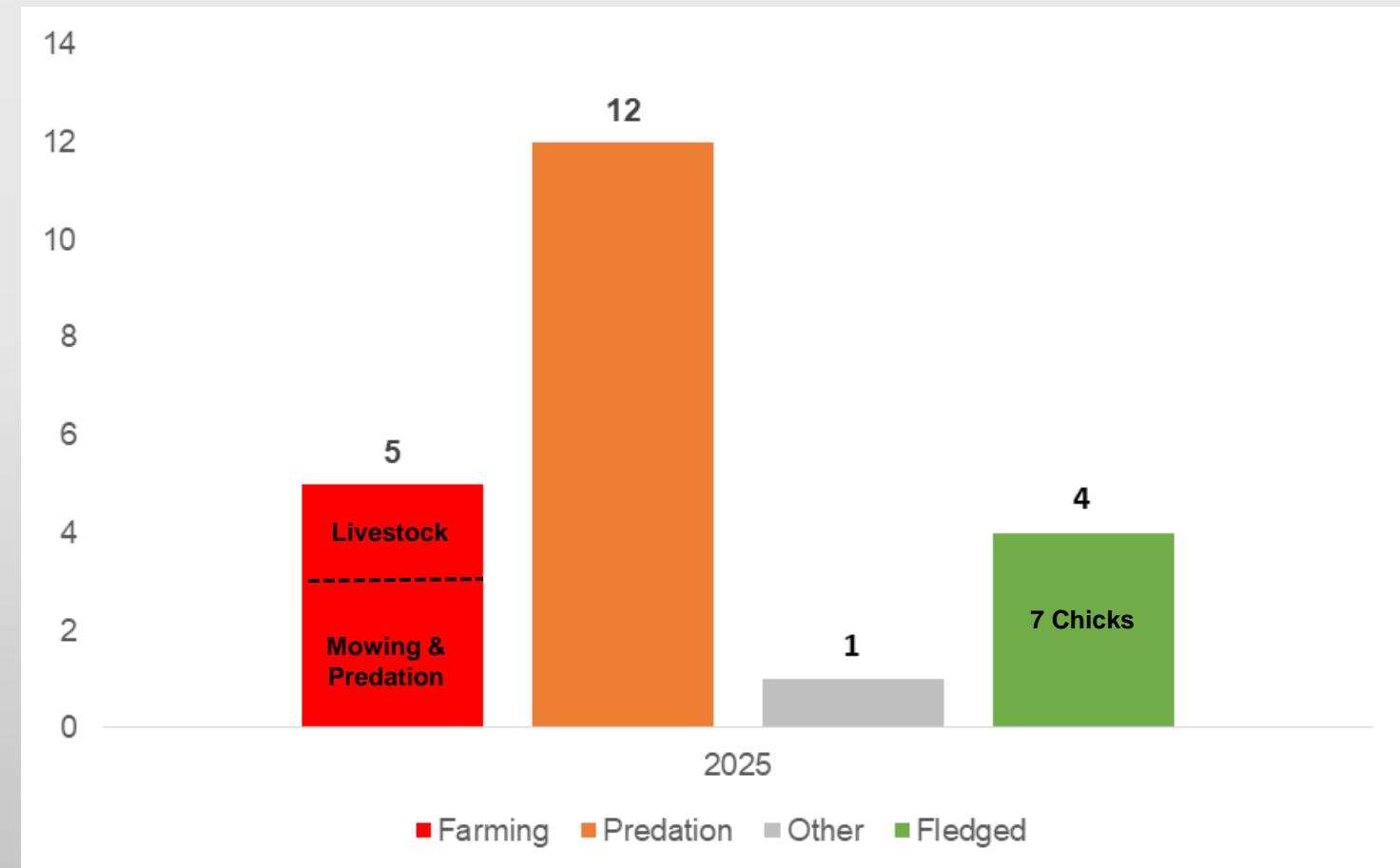


7 fledglings
out of
22 breeding pairs
= 0.32 productivity

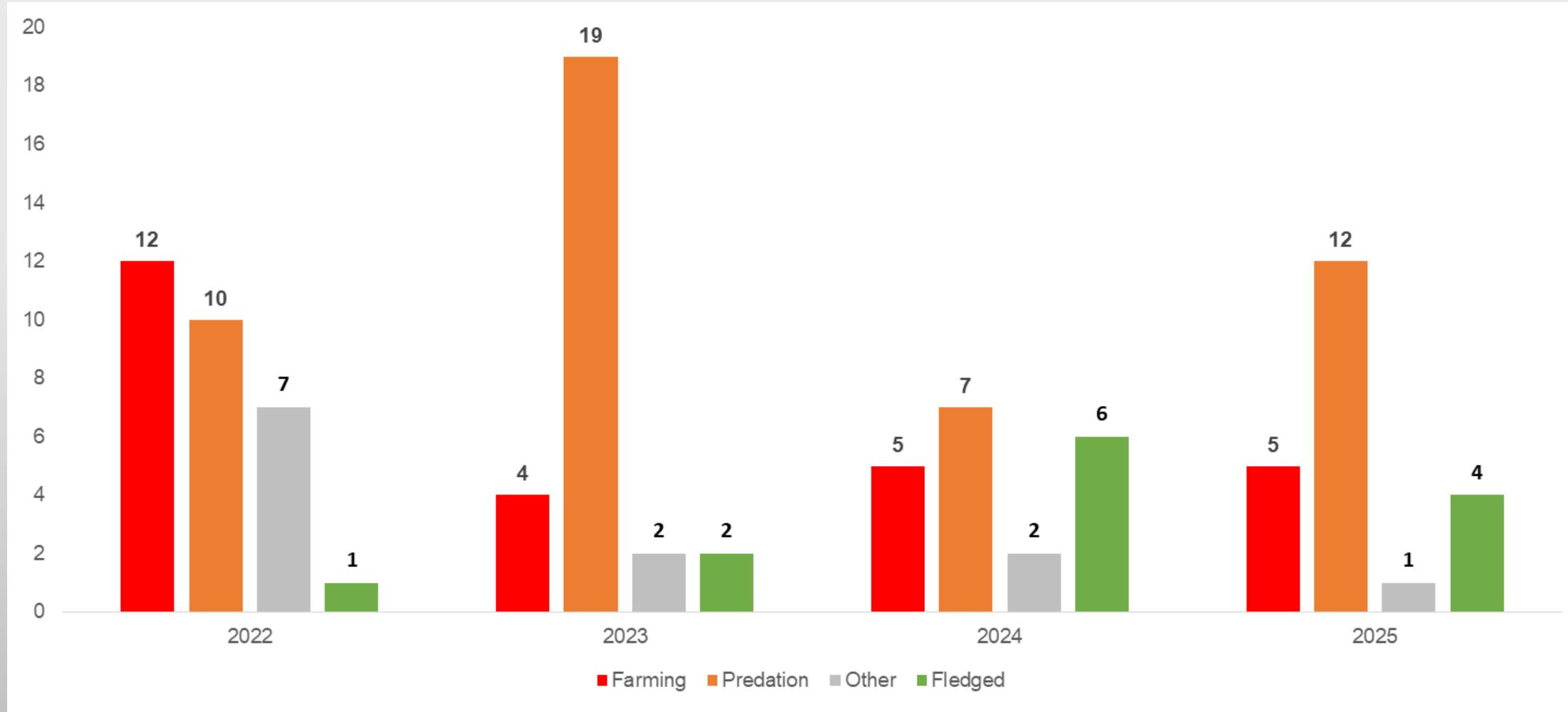
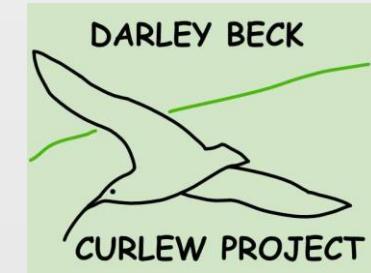
Nest Outcomes in 2025



- **Farming:** 2 losses were attributable to livestock and 3 were caused by predation enabled by mowing.
- **Predation:** loss from predation alone was reduced from 19 in 2024 to 12.
- There was 1 nest where the cause of loss was could not be attributed.



Nest Outcomes Year on Year

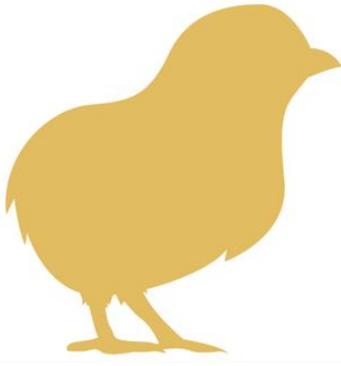




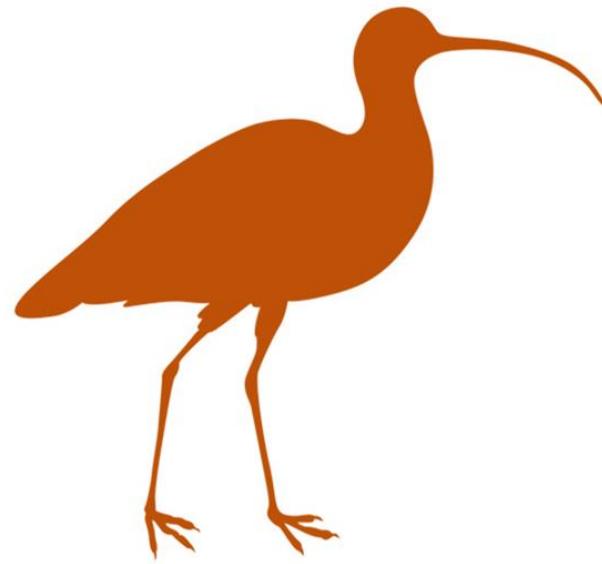
88
eggs laid



16
eggs lost



72
chicks hatched



7
chicks confirmed
fledged