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28/BGK

APHA Ref. No. 28-B0112-07-24

Date Received 31/07/2024

Submission details as supplied by the customer

Sender's Ref. W/24/18

Welsh Government (Aberystwyth)
Wildlife Management Unit
Rhodfa Padarn
Llanbadarn Fawr
Aberystwyth
Ceredigion
SY23 3UR
Email:

Previous Ref Not Given

Owner TREFEGLWYS

CPHH Not Given

Date of Sampling 29/07/2024

Case Vet [REDACTED]

Species / Breed Kite / Red Kite

Sex / Age Unknown / Unknown

Wildlife@gov.wales
CC: wjis@fera.co.uk; wildlifediseases@apha.gov.uk

Samples Animal Presented Dead x 1

Animal IDs SN97191

Sub. Reason Diagnostic Casework

REPORT 1 (FINAL)

The test result applies to the sample as received. A sub-sample of the item may have been tested where appropriate.

Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme - APHA Report on samples received and examination performed.
Regional incident N° 035019

HISTORY

A member of the public attended the RSPB stall at the Royal Welsh Show on Monday 22nd July and made staff aware of a dead red kite in his garden. RSPB officer attended site on 23 July and found the red kite face down and dead for a number of days with maggots visible. The sample was seized. Bird taken for x-ray officer, no evidence of shot found. Sample stored frozen at RSPB offices address. Arrangements made for Topspeed couriers to collect sample on Monday 29 July for next day delivery. The bird was received by Camarthen VIC on 31/07/24.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Specimen 1, a red kite, was received doubled wrapped in 2 clear plastic bags within a cardboard box labelled W/24/18. Attached to the outer bag was a slip stating: ID ref: Nj03. Description: Dead Red Kite. Time/date seized : 13:50 23/07/24. Seal no: RSPB-1234665. Where seized: Trefgglwys, coersws. Seized by [REDACTED]. Ref W/24/18.

Identification	Sex	Weight (kgs)	Body Condition	Degree of Autolysis	Submitted Live/Dead/Frozen
Red Kite	Unknown	Not Weighed	Unable to assess	Severe	Frozen

The charge for this laboratory work is **£0.00** plus VAT if applicable. This will be included in your monthly statement.

Service Charge Code(s):

Additional Service Code(s) performed: TC0575 x 1, TC0691 x 3

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On 31/07/24, the bird was noted to have an excessive number of dead maggots present and the carcass was severely autolysed. 3 swabs were taken for AI surveillance. On 07/08/24 after negative results were reported on 06/08/24 the bird was examined but was unsuitable for postmortem examination as no tissues were remaining.

LABORATORY FINDINGS

Virology

Sample	Influenza PCR Overall Result
W/24/18 (Brain Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected
W/24/18 (Cloacal Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected
W/24/18 (Oro-pharyngeal Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected

COMMENT

Negative results for avian influenza testing are reported above.

This bird was not suitable for postmortem examination and there were no viable tissues to collect for further testing. As such, it is not possible to determine a likely cause of death in this animal. Given the history of this bird being suspected as dead for several days with evidence of myiasis at the time the bird was seized, this specimen was unlikely to yield meaningful results.

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<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/postcode/pme.asp>

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