

Video transcription with timings for Kielder Water Heritage Project

Changes in Forested Landscape and Wildlife in Kielder

Time	Speaker	Discussion
0.00	Philip	They were a lot more open in those days, quite a lot more farmland, the riverside trees weren't as big, the banksides were grassier and then we went through a period with the trees becoming much larger, established, quite a lot of growth of the riverbanks. [0.25] And it wasn't until recent years after that felling, after the harvesting cycle when trees had been cut down that people started to take an interest again in the riverbanks and a lot of scrub was cut back and I would say it's starting now to get back.
0.37	Philip	As a child we saw otters and water voles and again it was difficult to register because probably at that time you weren't that interested in water voles and otters. [0.49] But certainly through the late sixties and seventies there was water voles, small birds, otters. And then there was absolutely nothing again until otters started to reappear up and down the valley, late nineties, early two thousands.
1.07	Sally	And do you see mink now?
1.09	Phil	No
1.10	Sally	You don't?
1.11	Phil	We had a real period through the eighties and early nineties where there was mink up every river and stream, feeding off the rivers.
1.19	Sally	Really, gosh.
1.20	Phil	Very, very big explosion of mink at that time, for several years. But probably again since the year 2000, 2002, 2003 very few mink and certainly in the last four or five years I haven't seen any mink at all.