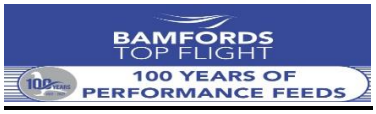
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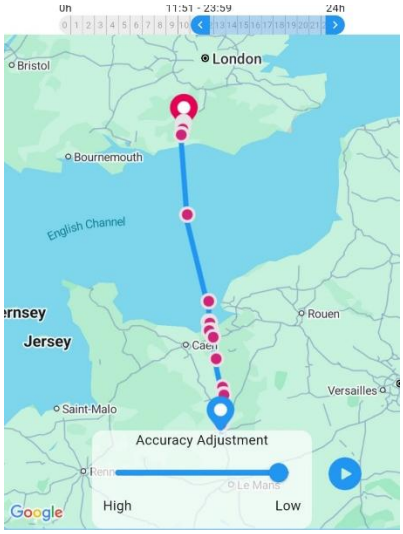
GPS routes from Alencon and Nort-sur-Erdre

Mircea Liviu Dehelean, of Wellingborough, which is slightly north-east of Northampton, placed some GPS rings on the birds that he sent to Alencon and Nort-sur-Erdre. I would like to thank him for sharing this information with the fancy. I think many people will find it interesting and fascinating.

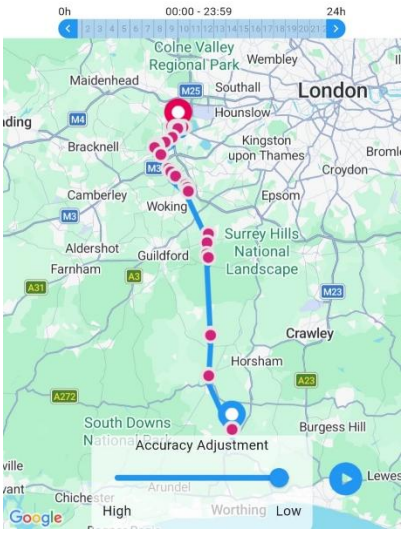
Alencon - liberated at 12 noon on Friday 8th May 2026.

From Alencon, Mircea sent three experienced birds that had previously flown from much further race points at Agen, Pau, and Barcelona. So, they had previously flown some 400 miles further than Alencon. The following is the route that each bird took.

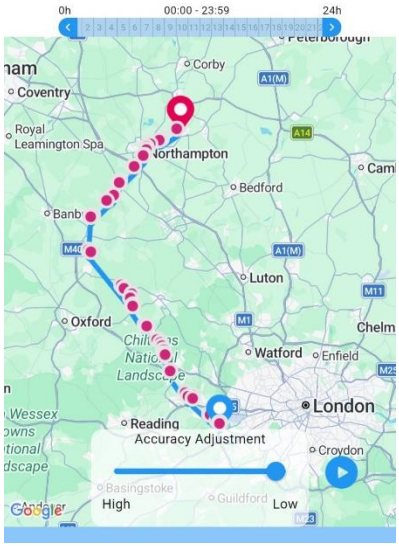
The first pigeon:
Based on the first four photos, the first pigeon made an impressive crossing by flying almost in a straight line across the Channel but then remained on the coast for a full day before continuing home on the third day. The final photo also shows evidence that she had been attacked by a hawk, which may explain the delay before she resumed her journey.



Crosses the Channel in a virtual straight line



Stays on the coast and remains there for a day



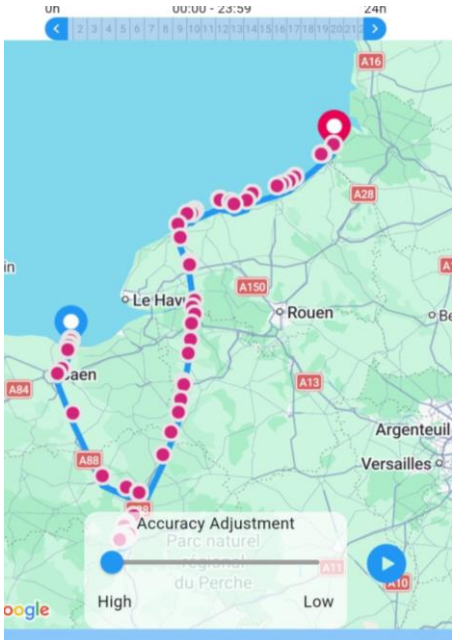
She flies home on day 3



Evidence of hawk attack

The second pigeon:

The second pigeon appears to fly to Caen on the French coast but comes back and then flies east along the coast to cross. He then rests for 2-3 hours before crossing and makes it home on the first day at 8.30pm.



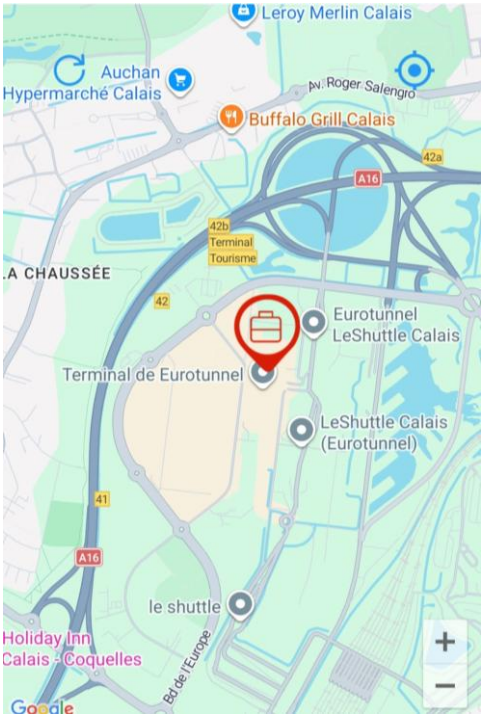
2nd bird flies east to cross



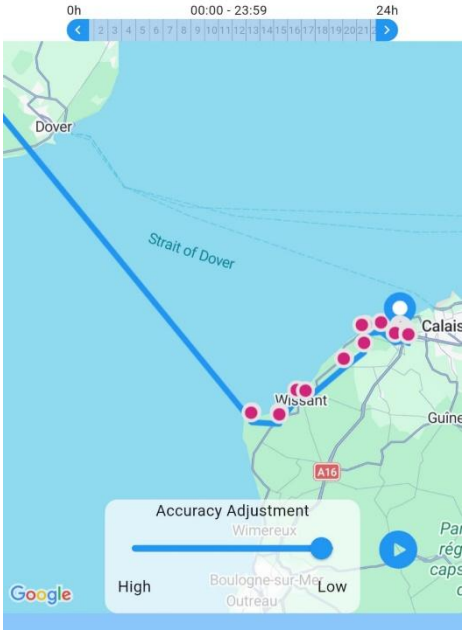
Crosses and returns on day 1 by 8.30pm

The third pigeon:

The third bird flew to the ferry port in Calais on the first day and, as Mircea says, he couldn't get a ticket, so he crossed after flying along the coast for a short distance. He arrived close to Dover and made it home on day 2.



The ferry terminal at Calais



Flies back along the coast before crossing



Makes home on day 2

Nort-sur-Erdre – liberated on Saturday on 23rd May at 5.45am.

Mircea took 4th North Centre Section, 136th Open over 337 miles. The pigeon who flew this line was his 5th bird home who arrived at 19.26 on the day.



Crosses between St Malo and Roscoff



Makes home by 19.26

These GPS records provide a fascinating insight into the different routes and decisions made by the pigeons from both Alencon and Nort-sur-Erdre, showing just how varied and remarkable their journeys can be. I would like to sincerely thank Mircea Liviu Dehelean for fitting the GPS rings and for kindly sharing this valuable and interesting information.

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