THE BLACKGANG THUNDERBIRD

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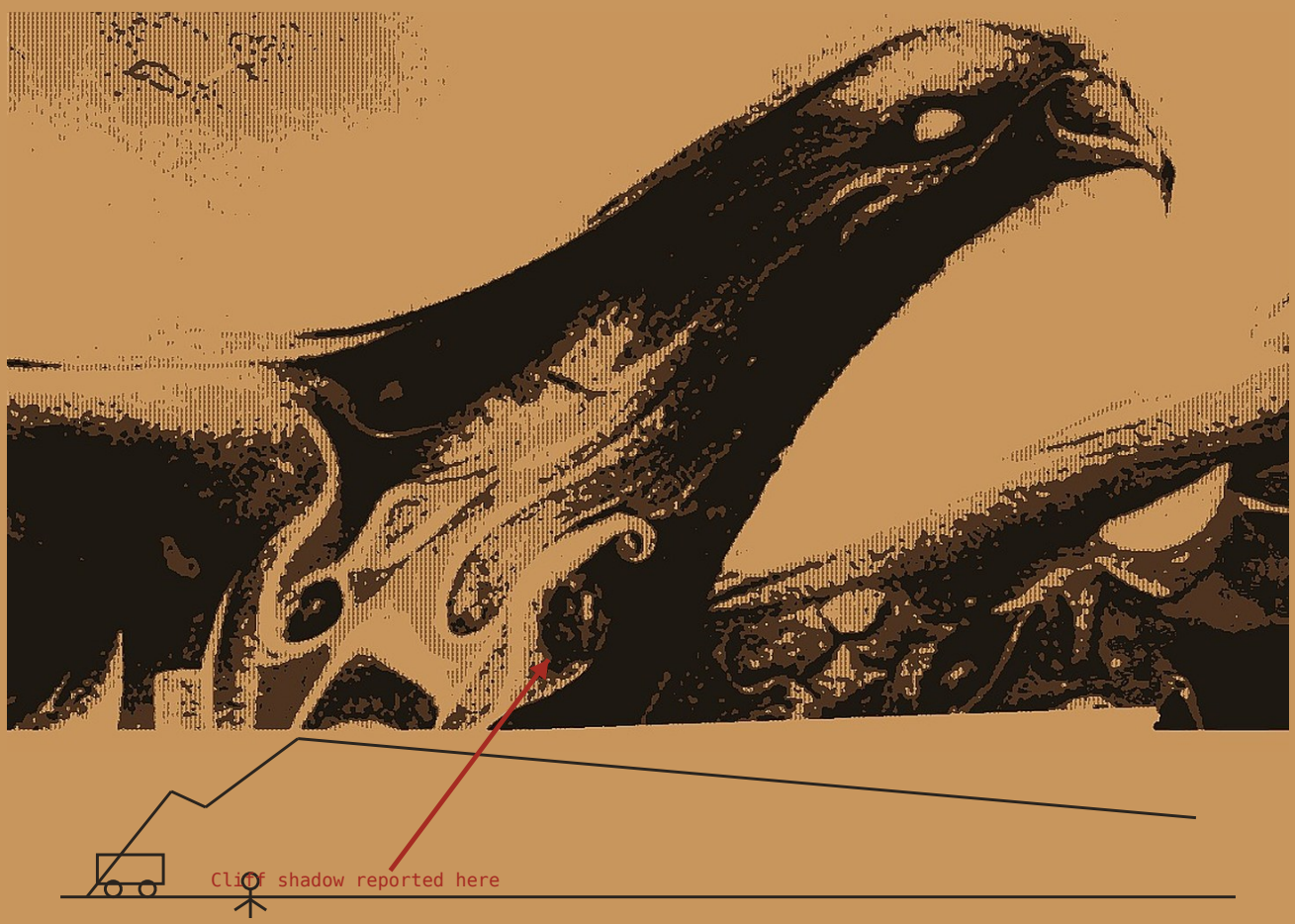

FIELD SKETCH - ESTIMATED WINGSPAN EXCEEDS BLACKGANG CHINE

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MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION

ELEMENTAL AVIAN GUARDIAN

FILE REFERENCE

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STATUS: WATCHFUL | THREAT: STORMS, NOT MALICE

WHERE THE THUNDERBIRD FLIES

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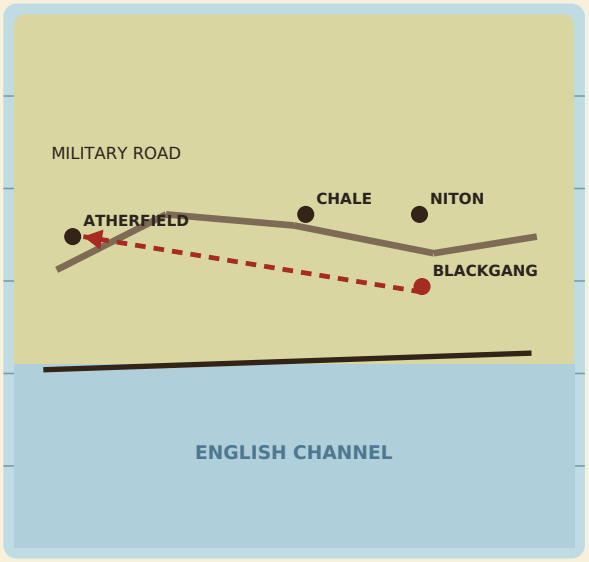
ISLE OF WIGHT - FIELD OVERVIEW

Red route: Blackgang to Atherfield

SOUTH COAST - ZOOMED INVESTIGATION



LOCATION NOTES

Blackgang lies on the exposed south coast, close to high cliffs, deep chines and rapidly changing weather. The Thunderbird is said to patrol the sky above Blackgang Chine, then follow the coast west towards Atherfield.

Key places in the file: Blackgang, Chale, Atherfield, Niton and the sea cliffs. Witnesses most often report sudden cloud build-up, heavy wingbeats and flashes that appear to travel through the bird's feathers.

Investigator caution: this map records reported movements, not a confirmed nesting site. A very large bird may simply be taking the scenic route, although ordinary birds rarely arrive with their own thunderstorm.

KEEP LOOKING UP

CREATURE PROFILE: THUNDERBIRD

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ARTIST'S IMPRESSION - COLOUR MAY CHANGE IN STORMS

IDENTIFICATION

LOCAL NAME
The Blackgang Thunderbird

TYPE
Elemental avian guardian

ESTIMATED HEIGHT
Larger than a double-decker bus when wings are raised

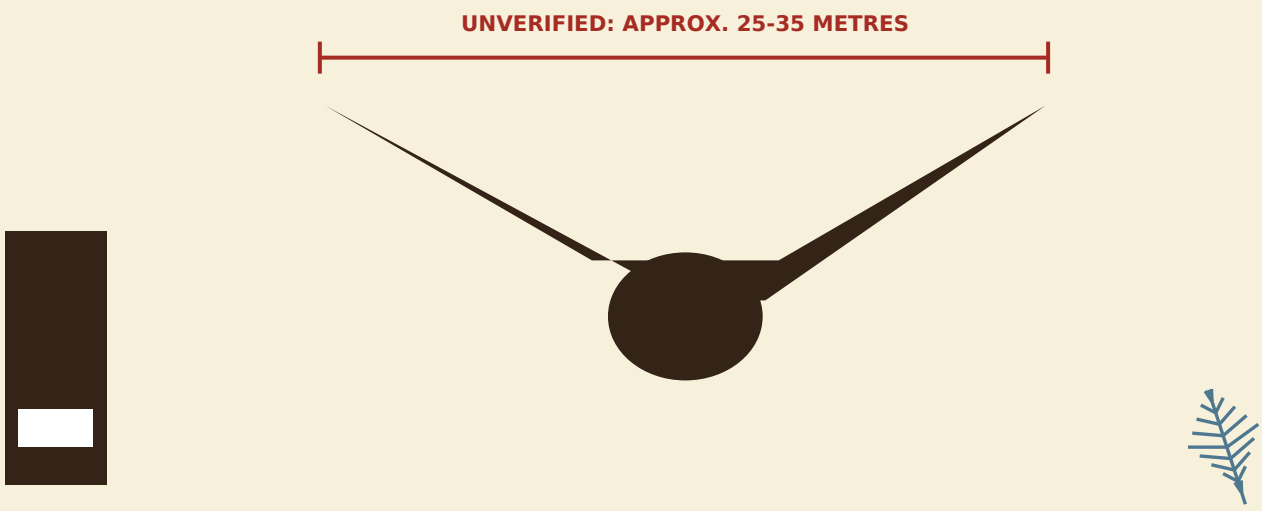
WINGSPAN
Unconfirmed - wide enough to shade a cliff path

PLUMAGE
Indigo, silver, copper and storm-blue

REPORTED SOUNDS
Deep wingbeats, thunder, electrical crackle

KNOWN RIVAL

WINGSPAN SCALE STUDY



INVESTIGATOR CAUTION
Never estimate wingspan while directly beneath a storm cloud. The ruler may melt.

THE MAJESTIC GUARDIAN

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Blackgang is a place of steep cliffs, winding paths and weather that can change its mind very quickly.

According to local accounts, the Thunderbird arrived long ago seeking shelter among the rugged cliffs. Its immense wings carried it over the Chine, and its bright feathers appeared to gather the colours of every storm it had crossed.

Old Mrs Baker told young Timothy that the bird does not create storms simply to frighten people. It guides them, turning the fiercest weather away from homes, paths and boats. When the sky flashes, villagers say the Thunderbird is working.

The creature is respected rather than approached. It may be Blackgang's guardian, but a guardian that commands thunder still deserves a sensible amount of personal space.

WITNESS EXTRACT

"When the Thunderbird flies, the whole sky lights up. When it roars, the thunder is never far behind."
- Report attributed to local residents

REPORTED CLUES

WINGBEATS
Like heavy sails snapping

PLUMAGE
Copper, blue and silver

AIR
Smell of rain and ozone

SHADOW
Crosses paths before storms

HOW A THUNDERBIRD BUILDS A STORM

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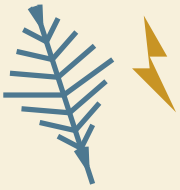
1 CLOUDS GATHER

Wingbeats pull damp air towards the cliffs.

2 FEATHERS CHARGE

Silver and indigo feathers begin to crackle.

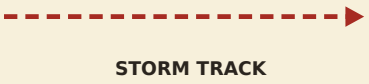


3 THUNDER ROLLS

A roar carries across Blackgang and Chale.

4 STORM IS GUIDED

Rain and lightning are steered away from danger.



FIELD SAFETY - DO NOT TEST THIS THEORY

- OK Stay away from cliff edges during sudden storms.
- OK Do not wave metal rulers at a charged feather.
- OK Never shelter inside an unattended wheelie bin.
- OK Observe from a safe distance and let the guardian work.

THE GREAT WHEELIE-BIN FEUD

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The Thunderbird's most famous problem is not a rival storm or an ancient monster. It is a wheelie bin.

The Jersey Devil of Chale is said to place rubbish in the Thunderbird's bin whenever it wants to cause trouble. The bin overflows, the Thunderbird becomes offended, and a suspiciously localised thunderstorm soon appears over Chale.

Villagers describe the dispute as "mythical one-upmanship". Neither creature admits that the rivalry is entertaining, although both appear to keep it going with remarkable dedication.

INCIDENT TIMELINE

1. **RUBBISH APPEARS** — Jersey Devil suspected
2. **BIN OVERFLOWS** — Thunderbird displeased
3. **STORM OVER CHALE** — Very precise weather
4. **ATHERFIELD PLAN** — New bin sought
5. **MORE MISHAPS** — Problem not fully solved

ONGOING DISPUTE

THE ATHERFIELD DIVERSION

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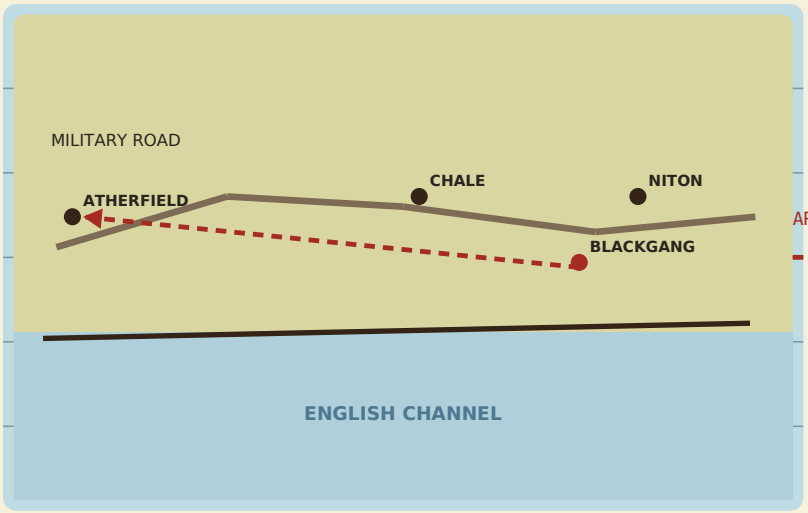
RECONSTRUCTED FLIGHT PATH



ARRIVAL

WHAT HAPPENED?

Trying to end the bin dispute, the Thunderbird flew west in search of a quieter place to leave the offending rubbish.

Atherfield appeared suitable: open fields, sea air and fewer neighbours with a suspicious interest in bins. Unfortunately, the plan became tangled in misplaced lids, sudden gusts and one extremely confused refuse collection.

The Thunderbird eventually returned to Blackgang with the problem still unsolved, but with several new stories attached to its legend.

FIELD CONCLUSION

Finding 1: Even enormous guardians can make a complete mess of household waste.

Finding 2: Atherfield was not the peaceful solution anticipated.

Finding 3: The feud may continue because both creatures secretly enjoy it.

Investigator note: No bin lid has yet agreed to give a statement.

EVIDENCE BOARD - HANDLE CAREFULLY

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EVIDENCE 01

CHARGED FEATHER

A feather said to crackle before rain.

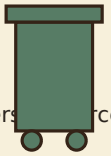
EVIDENCE 02

LIGHTNING MARK

Scorch pattern found near a cliff path.

EVIDENCE 03

WHEELIE BIN



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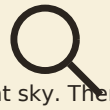
EVIDENCE 04

WITNESS NOTES



"Huge wings. Bright sky. Then rain."

INVESTIGATOR ASSESSMENT

The objects are consistent with the legend, but none proves that a Thunderbird caused the storms. Ordinary weather, human error and one unusually determined seagull remain alternative explanations.

PROFESSOR FOLLIES ASKS

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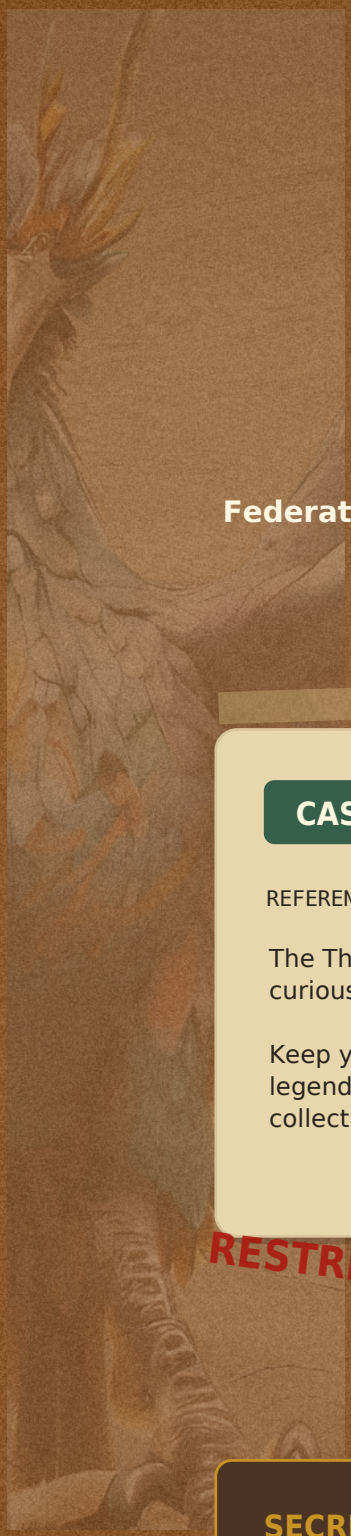
FIELD QUESTIONS

Professor's note:
Good investigators ask sensible questions. Great investigators also ask who moved the bin.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Which clue most strongly suggests that a Thunderbird visited Blackgang?
2. Was the storm over Chale a warning, protection, or a very dramatic complaint?
3. How would you settle the wheelie-bin dispute without using lightning?
4. Why might the Thunderbird have chosen Atherfield for its attempted solution?
5. If one feather could store lightning, how would you examine it safely?
6. How large would the wings need to be to cast a shadow across Blackgang Chine?
7. Is the Jersey Devil truly an enemy, or are the two creatures unusual friends?
8. What new rule should appear on a mythical creature's bin collection calendar?



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The Thunderbird remains unconfirmed, but the storms, stories and curious bin incidents continue.

Keep your eyes on the clouds, respect the cliffs, and remember: even legendary guardians may have very strong opinions about rubbish collection.

RESTRICTED - RETURN TO ARCHIVE

SECRET DETAIL

A Thunderbird feather may glow before a storm.

It may also be ordinary foil. Investigation continues.