

New Osprey Nest Installation



Size & Shape *

Ospreys are very large, distinctively shaped hawks. Despite their size, their bodies are slender, with long, narrow wings and long legs. Ospreys fly with a marked kink in their wings, making an M-shape when seen from below.

Color Pattern

Ospreys are brown above and white below, and overall they are whiter than most raptors. From below, the wings are mostly white with a prominent dark patch at the wrists. The head is white with a broad brown stripe through the eye. Juveniles have white spots on the back and buffy shading on the breast.

Behavior

Ospreys search for fish by flying on steady wingbeats and bowed wings or circling high in the sky over relatively shallow water. They often hover briefly before diving, feet first, to grab a fish. You can often clearly see an Osprey's catch in its talons as the bird carries it back to a nest or perch.

Habitat

Look for Ospreys around nearly any body of water: saltmarshes, rivers, ponds, reservoirs, estuaries, and even coral reefs. Their conspicuous stick nests are placed in the open on poles, channel markers, and dead trees, often over water.

On Wednesday, October 25th members of the Friends Project Committee and Park Staff installed the long-awaited Osprey Nest in the cove, directly across the lake from the Nature Center. The nesting platform was donated by the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society and the 22' hemlock pole was donated by Vincent Petteys, Petteys Sawmill in Gansevoort. You can access the nest from the Torquoise Trail (NA - Nature) next to the recycling barn. Check it out!!

