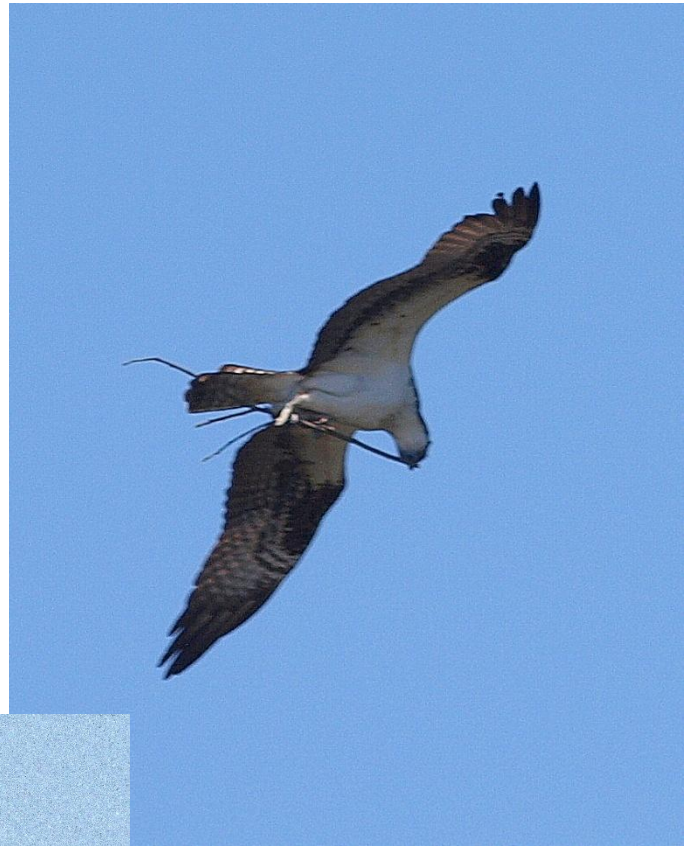
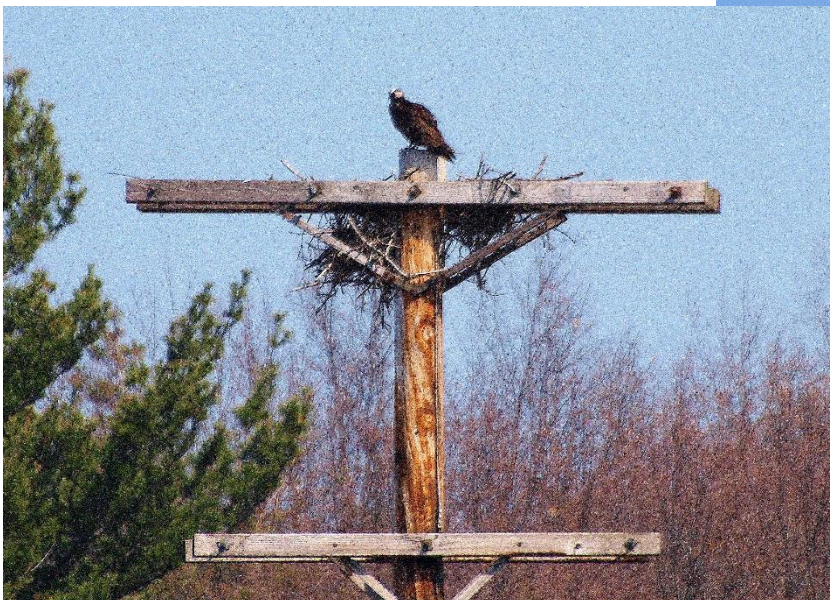




Osprey in flight over Canoe Creek State Park in Blair County. Note how wings are bent at wrists, which are marked by dark patches at the end of white area on wings. Barring on the tail is also evident.



Male Osprey carrying a stick to add to its nest in Moraine State Park. Photo taken in April 2009.



Osprey nest atop a pole across from McDanels Boat Launch at Moraine. This photo was taken on March 21, 2010, on the day this Osprey returned from migration. It was reclaiming this nest site for the season.

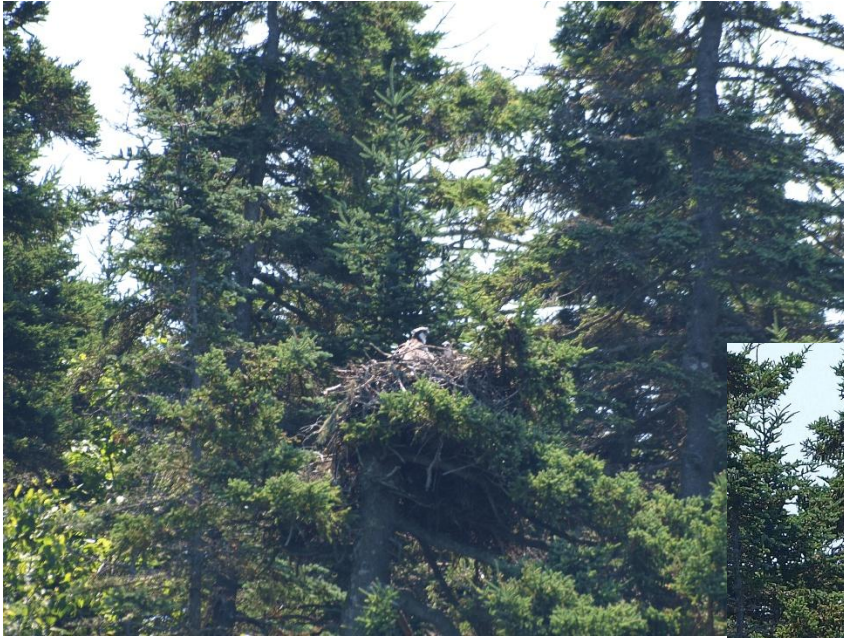
Traditionally, Ospreys build their nests high in dead trees. Here at Assawoman Wildlife Area in Delaware an older nest shows extensive work and additions over years of reuse.

Detail below shows a close-up of this large construction.



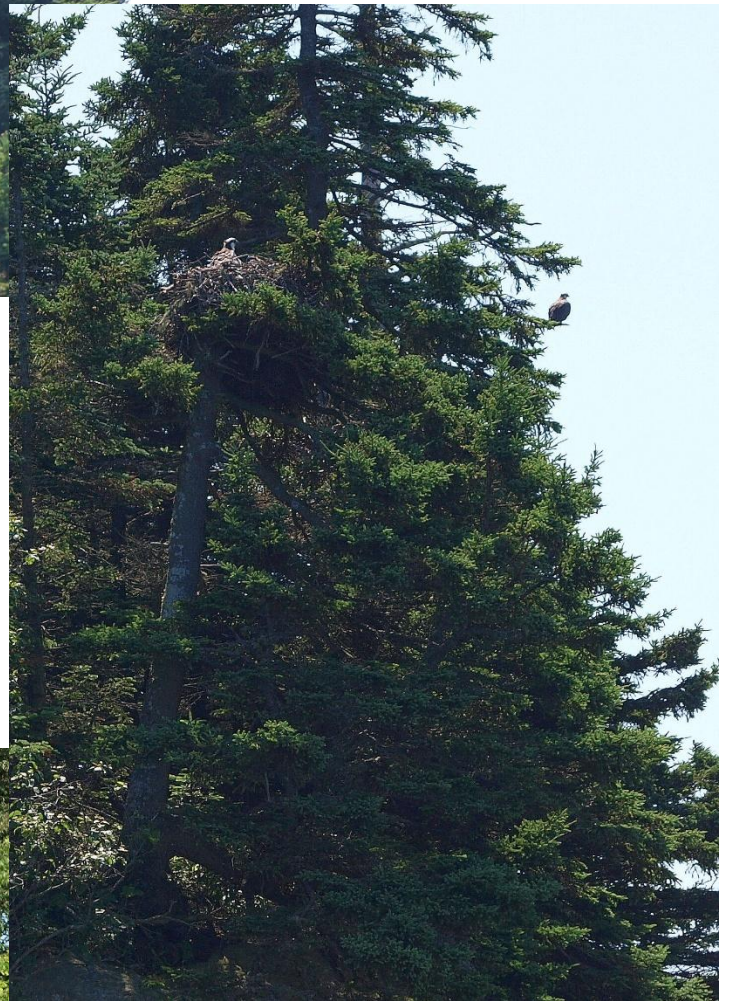
Ospreys use whatever is available near water for their nests. An Osprey sits in a nest constructed on a navigation signal on the Maryland coast.





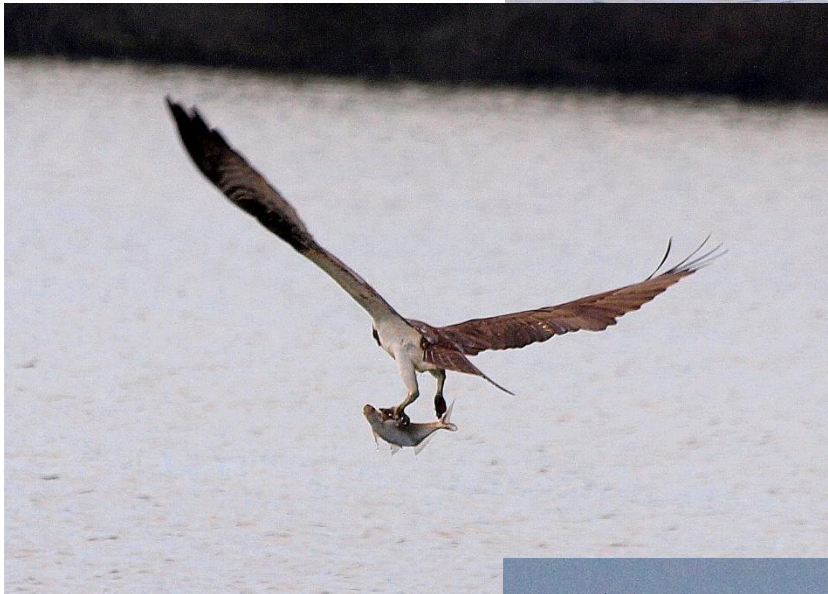
On Douglas Island on the Maine Coast, a female Osprey watches her chick high in a pine tree nest.

For more perspective, the nest is very high in the pine. To the right, the male Osprey perches in another tree close to the nest.



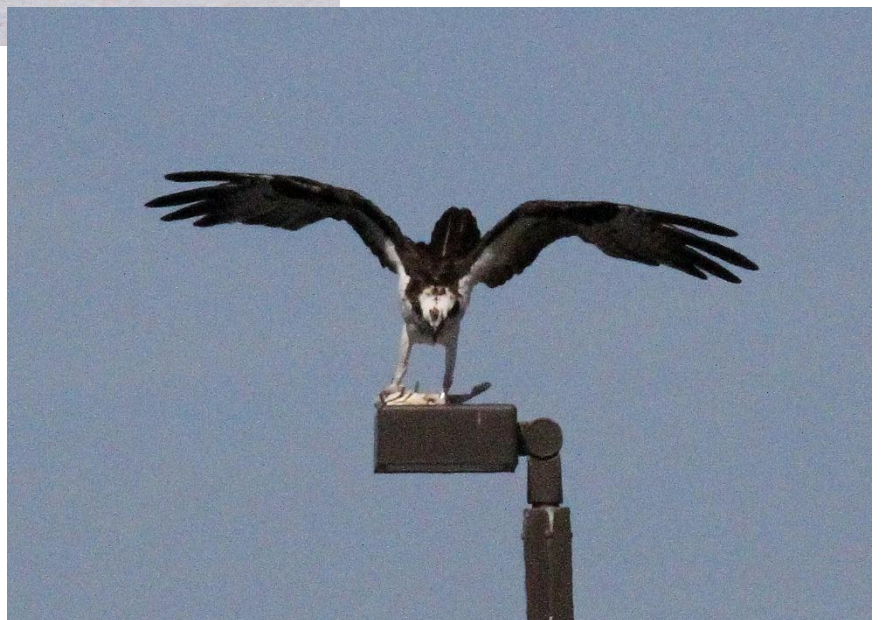
Although placed on a leaning platform on Shenango River Lake (north of Pittsburgh), this nest itself has a level top, a feature seen on other nests built on uneven platforms.

This Osprey has just caught a fish at Moraine State Park. Notice it caught its prey with one foot.



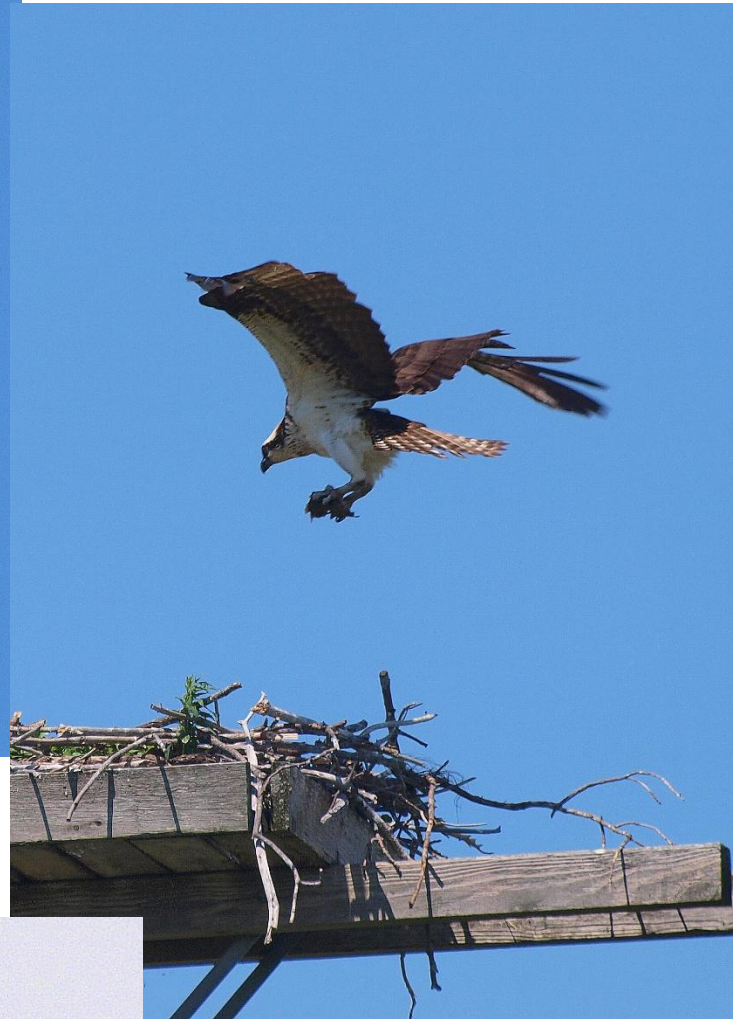
The same bird flying off with its prize still holding it with one foot but adjusting the fish to be more aerodynamic in flight.

A male Osprey in San Jouguin Marsh (Irvine, California) lands on a light fixture in the park to begin eating its portion of the fish. The remainder will be delivered to the nest.





At Rankin River in Ontario, Canada a female Osprey is returning to the nest with a small fish. Perhaps it is the remains of the male's lunch. The necklace of dots around her neck shows this bird to be a female.



She is coming in for a landing on the man-made nesting platform, wings and tail fully spread.



She is feeding one of her nestlings, whose head can be seen under the large stick. The nestling's eye is red-orange, while the adult's eye is yellow.

Another Osprey returning to a nest with a fish in Salineño, Texas. It is carrying the fish in an aerodynamic position (fish's head forward).



A Duquesne, PA Osprey patrolling the Mon near Duck Hollow. Its head is down scanning the river for the glint of fish scales.

This Osprey in Elk County, PA is soaring with wings fully outstretched. Such a soaring posture can make an Osprey look like an eagle.





This Osprey landed in the mudflats on South Padre Island (Texas). It was standing on a fish it had just caught.

Ospreys use any convenient place for a nest. This light fixture in Byram Park, CT on Long Island Sound has been a nesting site for years.



Three adult-sized Osprey sit on a nesting platform at the Wetlands Institute (Stone Harbor, NJ) in late August. They are most likely fledglings getting ready to make their long migration to South America.
Note camera on the left.

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