

**2013 Nesting Notes**



**7/22/2013**

**Young Osprey Banded!**

Although the young osprey is capable of flying, we were able to catch and band her on the afternoon of July 22nd! Oconomowoc High School's biology teacher, Bill Stout, expertly captured the young osprey around 1pm Monday afternoon. She was banded, weighed and measured; coming in at over 1400grams we are positive she is a she, as males rarely surpass 1200g.



**7/20/2013**

**Busy Weekend for the Osprey. Young has Fledged!**

There was a lot of activity on the nest since the young Osprey fledged at some point early in the weekend of July 20th. A typical nesting period lasts 50-55 days and it is estimated that this bird hatched 7 to 8 weeks ago. Based on observations from the lake she is still an inexperienced flyer and gets tired quickly. Adults are bringing back fish more regularly as they young continues to grow and is still learning to fish.



**7/14/2013**

**Osprey Bring Goldfish Back to Nest**

In the early morning of July 14th, an adult Osprey snatched a goldfish out of a local resident's pond for a small breakfast snack to share with the nestling. Both adults have been routinely bringing back small fish for their young chick.



**7/13/2013**

**One Young in Nest!**

While the Live Streaming OspreyCam is still in testing, OspreyCam 1.0 was relocated to the current nesting platform on the afternoon of July 13th. One young was in the nest, based on its size, we estimate the nestling hatched around June 6th and will fledge in early August. Things are changing fast! Check back often! [More...](#)



**4/24/2013**

**Confirmed: Osprey are Nesting on Alternate Platform**

Both Ospreys were observed on a nearby platform, where the female was spotted sitting on what appeared to be nesting material. Generally Osprey do not sit on a nesting site unless they have laid eggs. The City is working on setting up a live streaming camera on this platform, hopefully before this nesting season ends.



**4/17/2013**

**Osprey Mating**

The Ospreys copulated on the nest on the morning of April 17th. It is unclear if they were successful; keep an eye out for nesting materials and the first egg! [More...](#)



**4/16/2013**

**Osprey May Be Using Other Platform**

Both Ospreys were observed on an alternate nearby Osprey platform in the afternoon of April 16th. Although the Osprey are very active on the monitored platform, it is possible they may nest on the other platform. Keep an eye out for nesting material!



**4/7/2013**

**Osprey Eats Bullhead On the Nest**

One of the Osprey returns to the nest with a Bullhead in talons on the morning of April 7th. [More...](#)



**4/3/2013**

**Osprey At the Nest**

Two Ospreys were observed on the nest just before 10:30am on April 3rd. Whether or not this is the pair from last year is unclear. It is difficult to distinguish between male and female Osprey, however females usually show a dark necklace across their white breast. [More...](#)