



Family Resources

OSPREY

Pandion haliaetus

WATCH

“On The Water & In The Field, Ospreys - They’re Back!”

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/kTXZAJRFw6A>

It is spring and the Ospreys are back. In this video, we look into the plight of the Osprey, where they were, and where they are now.

Have a chat

Use these talking points to start a conversation with your family about the video you watched.

- What does it mean to migrate? Do you know any people who migrate south for the winter?
- What kind of food do you eat and how is it similar or different from the food ospreys rely on?
- What impact do human actions have on the osprey population?
- What can we do as a family to protect osprey and other wildlife?
- What could you do if you saw an osprey in danger?

Have a look

Explore these osprey and bird cam websites and see what you can find in the footage. If it is too early to see active cams, look through the years of archived footage.

Long Island Footage: ospreyzone.com

National Footage: Cornell Lab of Ornithology - Bird Cams

Georgia - www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/savannah-ospreys

Montana - www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/hellgate-ospreys

Look for these beautiful moments captured on film:

- Osprey landing in the nest
- sitting on eggs
- bringing food to the nest
- chicks hatching
- other bird species using the nest



Have a Listen

Turn on an osprey cam, close your eyes, and listen. Or, leave the sound on in the background while you go about your day.

- What do ospreys sound like when they call to each other?
- Do you hear any other sounds besides an osprey?
- What images or feelings do the sounds evoke?

Check out these sound clips of osprey calls and see if you can recognize them in the video footage.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Osprey/sounds>

Have an adventure

****DISCLAIMER**** Due to government regulations in place to stop the spread of COVID-19, we do not advise that you participate in this activity at this time. Please take all precautions to continue practicing social distancing and help keep our communities safe.

Go for a walk with your family in a local park and use your senses to track the ospreys migrating back north for spring and summer. Listen for calls. Look for nests in tall places. If you see an osprey, is it alone or a mating pair? It is usually the male that comes back first to build or tidy the nest from the year before.

Check back each week for a new species spotlight!

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