



## Audubon Connecticut Launches New Osprey Cam

### **PRESS RELEASE-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Greenwich, Conn. — March 2, 2017 — Audubon Connecticut (ACT), the state office of the National Audubon Society, has launched a new feature on its website—the installation of a camera that streams live video from an Osprey nest in Greenwich, Connecticut. The real-time video from the camera can be found on the ACT website at [ct.audubon.org/act-osprey-cam](http://ct.audubon.org/act-osprey-cam).

Ospreys are common harbingers of spring in Connecticut, returning to the platforms and tree nests along the coast, and inland in the state in late March or early April. They are returning from wintering grounds in Florida, in coastal Mexico, and in the northernmost areas of South America.

In the 1940s, Ospreys were fairly common in Connecticut, with some data suggesting there were over 1,000 active nests. By the late 1960s, coastal development and the use of DDT reduced the Osprey population dramatically—there were fewer than 150 active nests by 1969, and the number dropped to fewer than 10 active nests in the state by 1974.

The good news is that since the 1970s, and the banning of DDT, a steady increase in the Osprey population has taken hold in Connecticut and in other states where the species breeds during the summer. There are approximately 400 active nests in Connecticut today, and the number is growing.

The ACT Osprey Cam will provide video content that can be used for several purposes—scientific observation; nature education (including at the Audubon Center in Greenwich); and also just to watch this amazing species as it spends the spring and summer on our coastline.

Our “virtual” opening of the Osprey Cam is today, and it is our hope that the nest in Greenwich Harbor will be occupied later this month or early April.

The installation of this camera was made possible by a generous private donor, John Ametta of Atlantic Marine Construction, and the Riverside Yacht Club. Audubon is thrilled to offer this exciting feature on the ACT website for all to enjoy.

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