

Watching Ospreys – Activity Sheet

Introduction

Watching Ospreys not only is enjoyable to us, but also helps with our knowledge and understanding of their behaviour, which is really important in knowing how best to help protect them through our conservation work.

At the Rutland Osprey Project, we have a fantastic team of volunteers who spend their time monitoring one of the breeding pairs of Ospreys at the Lyndon Visitor Centre & Nature Reserve. They note down key details for us including which species of fish is brought back to the nest, the length of time an adult is incubating the eggs and also watching for any signs of intruders, which could be another Osprey coming to have a look at the nest.



Observe

Check out the live Osprey webcam which can be found by following the link below, or alternatively print this activity sheet out and pay a visit to the see the Ospreys in person at the Lyndon Visitor Centre & Nature Reserve. How much of the monitoring sheet below are you able to fill in during your Osprey watch? Why not revisit this activity a few times throughout the spring and summer to see how Ospreys' behaviour changes as the season progresses.

www.lrwt.org.uk/rutland-ospreys

Evaluate

In a couple of sentences, sum up what you have discovered i.e. how many sticks and fish were brought back to the nest.

