

# OspreyWatch



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## A Volunteer Citizen Science Program

Ospreys made a tremendous comeback after suffering productivity loss due to the pesticide DDT. Osprey are found worldwide and are very recognizable. Many Osprey in the western hemisphere migrate while some portions of the Florida population do not. Ospreys nest in live pines, dead pines and artificial structures such as cell towers. They are extremely 'adaptable' and comfortable around human activity so nests are often found on light structures in busy parking lots and even on dangerously low roadside signs. Often they are found nesting on power poles or transmission towers. The future well-being of the Ospreys depends upon the quality and quantity of fish as well as the availability of suitable nesting habitat.

## OspreyWatch volunteers help to:

- Count Osprey nests throughout Pinellas County
- Monitor particular nests
- Identify threats to nests
- Keep year to year records of nests
- Count young produced annually
- Compile data to analyze current trends
- Compile data for publication to educational and conservation groups
- Determine migration percentages among various groups of Osprey
- Share educational information about Ospreys
- Report Osprey mortalities
- Additional opportunities will be available in Fall 2009 for [www.DunedinOspreyCam.com](http://www.DunedinOspreyCam.com)
- Expand awareness statewide about Osprey behavior

To volunteer please contact Barbara Walker at the Clearwater Audubon Society by emailing [barbibird@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:barbibird@tampabay.rr.com) or calling at 727-789-0183 or 727-431-2856.

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