

Osprey Safely Relocated to Nesting Platform

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Ospreys typically seek out elevated nesting sites with open surroundings for easy approach with a wide sturdy base and safe from ground predators. According to allaboutbirds.org, nests are usually built on treetops or human-built platforms. What could be taller and sturdier than a metal crane in the middle of a 2400-acre resort surrounded by trees? That's probably what one osprey was thinking when it soared by the Osprey Pointe construction site earlier this week and decided to take up residence on one of the cranes being used for construction.

We're flattered that the osprey chose to make its home at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, but a construction site is no place for a bird and no place for the onlookers it may attract. In fact, since Osprey Pointe is an active construction site, it's a safety violation for unauthorized personnel to step foot on the site. After much research and with the help of the EPA and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, we've built a platform to rehome the Osprey and have done so safely and successfully.

We are fortunate to have expert resources available to allow for a safe rehoming of the osprey, without major delays. We look forward to continuously enjoying the wonders of nature that flourish within the resort.

