

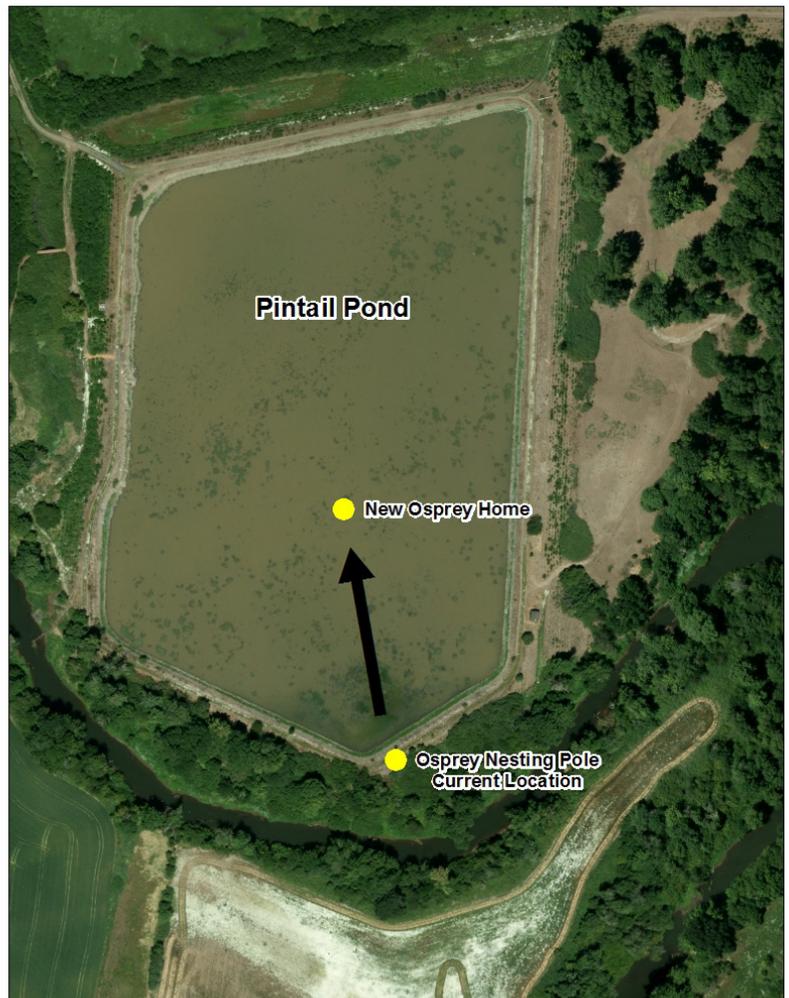
Osprey Outreach Information - Summer 2017

Wetlands Restoration & Nesting Osprey at Jackson Bottom Wetlands

Wetlands restoration at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve (JBWP) has been ongoing since 2007 resulting in hundreds of acres of restored native plant communities that were once dominated by invasive reed-canary grass. These restored habitats now support numerous wildlife species, such as bald eagles, ospreys, great blue herons, muskrats, beavers and pacific tree frogs.

To continue with these successful projects, JBWP will be initiating a 270 acre wetlands restoration project in summer, 2017. The restoration will be accomplished by re-constructing degraded wetlands into emergent marsh habitats and planting the site with native vegetation that will provide wildlife with food, water, shelter and a place to raise their young.

Some of this work will be taking place near the osprey nesting platform and will include moving the osprey nesting pole into the middle of Pintail Pond after chicks have fledged and left the nest. This will provide the osprey with a more quiet area to raise their young while still providing a viewing opportunity for the public. It is unclear how the nesting pair, who began occupying the nest in mid-April, will react to the construction activity. We hope and expect the pair will show great tolerance for the construction activity and every effort will be taken to minimize potential impacts.



Osprey have nested at Pintail Pond since 2013 and each year have successfully raised two offspring. The eggs typically hatch in late May and by mid to late June the chicks are visible in the nest. Chicks are usually fledged and leaving the nest in early August. JBWP staff will monitor the osprey pair and chicks to document the response to construction and restoration activities. We hope our osprey pair is successful in raising healthy chicks and benefit from all the restoration work we are doing at JBWP.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 503-681-6206.