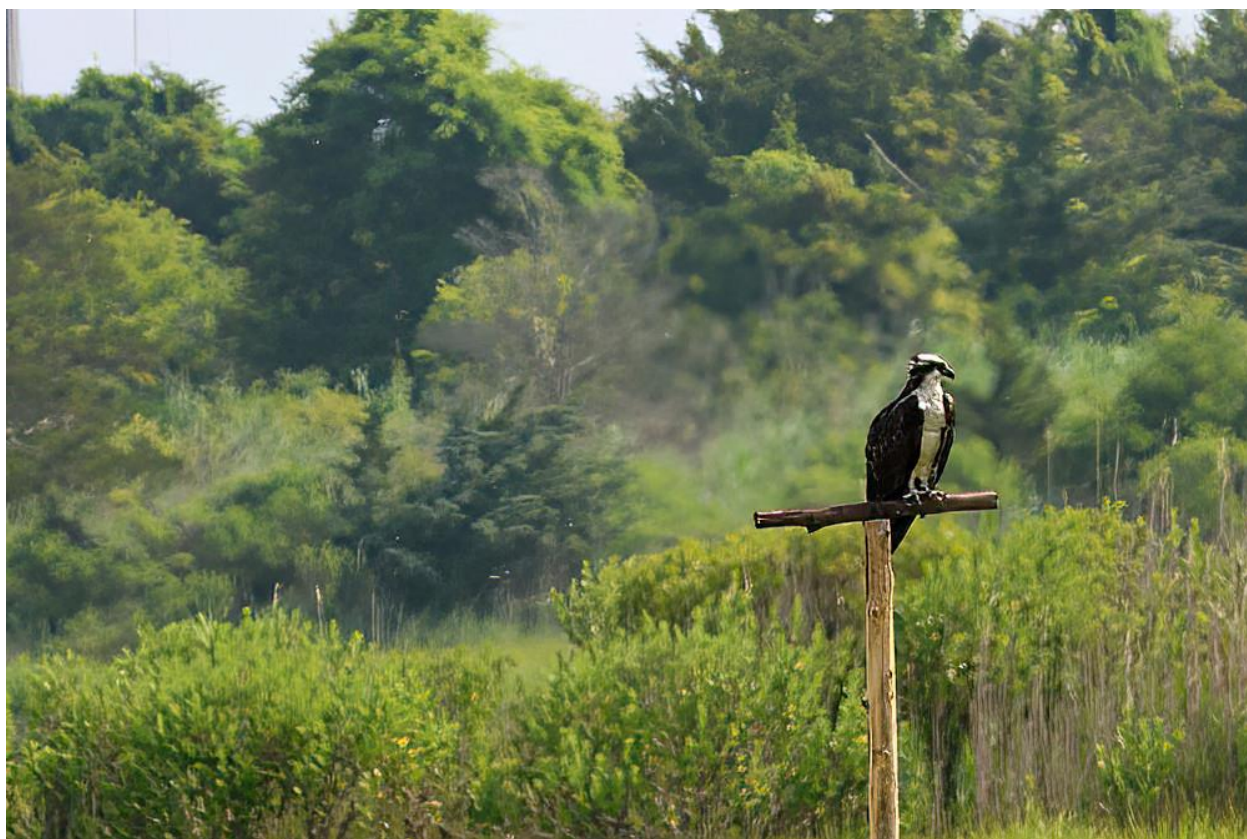


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Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

New Jersey ospreys are preparing for their migration south (the breeding females are likely all but gone at this stage). The bird in this photo is “Duke” of Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey’s Barnegat Light Osprey Cam fame. Duke is a 17-year-old male banded as a chick at a nest site not far from his current territory. This summer in late June many coastal ospreys suffered from a persistent northeast wind that lasted several days, making it difficult for males to find prey for the females and recently hatched young. Many nests in South Jersey didn’t make it or lost chicks as a result. Duke and his partner, Daisy, lost two of three chicks, but their one remaining chick did successfully fledge.

Her name is Dorsett, and she was banded with a federal band and a red auxiliary band identifying her as from New Jersey.



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