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Osprey “Video Stars” Now Have Three Eggs

Rosie and Richmond, the Osprey pair at the center of the Bay Area’s first live Osprey nest cam, are now incubating three eggs that are expected to hatch in early May.

The birds – which are nesting 75 feet above the Richmond shoreline in the Whirley Crane, a decommissioned WW2-era relic – laid their first egg on April 1st. The second egg arrived on April 4th, and the third arrived on April 7th, just after a 19-hour power outage caused by heavy winds and rain.

(A video clip of the second egg being laid is available in the April folder in our online Media Kit at <http://goldengateaudubon.org/osprey-media>.)

“It was both frightening and inspiring watching them protect their eggs during that storm,” said Cindy Margulis, Executive Director of Golden Gate Audubon Society, which sponsors the 24-7 live video feed. “The topmost portions of the nest blew off but they took turns hunkering down to shelter their eggs. Since then they have renovated the top of the nest so it’s in decent shape again.”

Osprey eggs usually require 35-42 days of incubation before hatching. That means the first egg will probably hatch between May 5 and May 12. Until then, Rosie and Richmond are taking turns sitting on the nest. Female Ospreys typically

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do 70 percent of the incubation, leaving the nest for brief periods to eat fish that have been delivered by their mate or to preen themselves to condition their feathers.

Bay Area residents and other wildlife fans can watch the Osprey pair on the nest 24 hours a day at <http://sfbayospreys.org>. That site has a live chat feature where Osprey fans can ask questions and share observations. There are also free downloadable lesson plans for secondary school teachers, using the camera and web site to inspire STEM (science) learning. There have been over 38,000 visits to the site in the two weeks since it launched on March 29th.

Golden Gate Audubon is holding a contest to guess the date and time that the first egg will hatch. People can submit their guess on the Bay Ospreys Facebook page ([@BayOspreys](#)).

Golden Gate Audubon launched the Osprey nest cam in late March, part of a campaign to inspire people to protect these magnificent “sea hawks.” While Ospreys historically nested along Northern California lakes, none had been documented nesting on the Bay’s edge before the 1990s. Their numbers started growing in the 2000s, and by 2016 there were 42 known Osprey pairs nesting and 51 new Osprey fledglings joined the summer population last season.

*For a video clip of the second egg being laid, as well as recent still images showing all three eggs and the two parents, see the **April folders** in our online Media Kit at <http://goldengateaudubon.org/osprey-media>.*

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