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## Build an Osprey Nest

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There are several good plans available for constructing your own osprey nest platform.

A few key features:

- Base of nest platform should have multiple drain holes to prevent flooding during heavy rain.
- Platforms build on land should include a predator guard to protect eggs and young from ground predators.
- The nest should have at least one perch pole.
- The nest platform should be able to support the weight of 300 lbs.
- The nest platform should be at least  $3' \times 3'$ .



Platform design recommended by the International Osprey Foundation. OspreyWatch nest 1156

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## Available plans:

- 1. International Osprey Foundation
- 2. New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife



V platform design recommended by the State of New Jersey. OspreyWatch nest 820



V platform design recommended by the State of New Jersey. OspreyWatch nest 389



Nest constructed as part of a class project. OspreyWatch Nest 488



Wood pallets were used as the base of this nest platform. OspreyWatch nest 206



Basic square platform with side perch. OspreyWatch nest 461



A plastic dish with drain holes is frequently used in Florida. OspreyWatch Nest 176

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