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London Osprey Monitoring – 2025 Season Report

Ospreys in London fledged 19 young in 2025, down from 23 in the record set the previous year. The number of young fledged per active nest worked out to 1.27 vs 1.53 in the previous two years. We had more nests fledge a single young bird, and four active nests failed to produce any young Osprey. Despite the adversity, London Ospreys delivered a healthy crop of young birds to migrate south at the end of the season. The results are summarized in the table below.

Communications towers continue as the preferred nest location, and tower operators removed 4 Osprey nests during the 2024/25 winter season. However, the nests were rebuilt by Ospreys or replaced at new locations. One Osprey died (probably in a traffic collision on Hyde Park Rd), and weather may have been a factor in nest productivity. We had some cold weather in the spring during incubation and hatching days, and then there were two unusual torrential downpours in July that may have been harmful.

One of the new nest sites was on a cell phone tower at Sunningdale and Adelaide in the north edge of the city. It fledged three young, the best result in London. The new nest on a communications tower at Wonderland and Wharncliffe produced 2 young. We had new nests at Hoskins Mill in Komoka and a silo on Clarke Road near Kilally Road. They did not fledge any young this season, but we can hope for success next year.

Many thanks are due to all the Osprey monitors who submitted observations. Some provided regular reports on a favourite nest and others sent occasional (but very welcome) updates from the field, including the discovery of new nests at Sunningdale at Adelaide and another at Wharncliffe & Wonderland. Osprey updates should be sent to Info@naturelondon.ca.

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London Osprey Nesting - 2025 Results

Nest Location	Young Fledged	Notes
Sunningdale & Adelaide	3	Tower, New Nest
River Rd & Gore Rd	2	Tower
Wonderland and Wharncliffe	2	Tower, New Nest
Fanshawe Pk, near Highbury	1	Tower
Fanshawe & Clarke	1	Platform
Clarke & Kilally Silo	0	Silo, New Nest
Rotary Trail, Hyde Park	0	Platform, Abandoned
Hoskins Mill, Komoka	0	Structure, New,
Labatt Stadium	0	Lights
Western Stadium	1	Lights
Adelaide & S Thames R	2	Chimney
Greenway Treatment	2	Platform
Windermere Soccer Field	2	Lights
Windermere Baseball	2	Lights
Hudson Boatworks	1	Lights
TOTAL 2025	19	Last Year: 23
“Active” Nests	15	Last Year 15
Young Fledged per Active Nest	1.27	Last Year 1.53

London Osprey Nesting – Over the Years

Year	Young to Fledging Age	Active Nests
2025	19	15
2024	23 +	15
2023	23+	15
2022	17+	12
2021	23	11
2020	19	10
2019	16 +	8+
2018	16	10
2017	13	8

These figures highlight the ongoing fluctuations in fledgling success from year to year, often reflecting changes in weather, food availability, and broader environmental conditions. The stability in the number of active nests since 2023 suggests that London’s osprey population has established a consistent breeding footprint, with occasional spikes in young reaching fledging age. Notably, the years marked with a plus sign indicate instances of late-season fledglings or unconfirmed counts. Overall, the data show a resilient nesting community, adapting to challenges and contributing to the city's urban biodiversity.