

5/2024 Update from COBOL

The Osprey nest which WAS at the Deschutes Fair Grounds WAS moved (because of its proximity to the local airport) to the Juniper Golf Course has been REMOVED, again, due to its proximity to the local airport runway. This all after the FAA and Juniper Golf gave approval for the move. This nest was a local story as it was originally built and re-built by the birds in the early 2000's. After the fairground replaced the huge light fixtures with more efficient ones the bird's nest was placed on a vacant power pole at the end of the parking lot only to be removed by FAA regulations as being in the path of the runway.

This pair of Ospreys raised successful broods for almost 20 years and was a favorite subject of revelers at the Fourth of July fireworks.

Sorry to see them go. My report on Osprey nests along hyway 97/20/26 this year started out with great hope for a banner year as there were two NEW nests and all seemed to be occupied but lately this has changed and now there are at least five nests which are not being used. Hopefully the other pairs have found other lodging in the area.

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