

Plan 17 Osprey Nest Platform

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

LUMBER:

THREE - 2" X 6" X 10' Pressure Treated Planks
 ONE - 2" X 6" X 4' Pressure Treated Plank
 1-1/4" GAL DRYWALL SCREWS

OTHER SUPPLIES:

One - 45" x 45" Piece of 2" x 4" Welded Wire Mesh
 2-1/2" Galvanized Deck Screws
 3" Galvanized Deck Screws
 Four - 3/8" x 5" Lag Bolts with Washers
 Fencing Staples for Attaching Wire Mesh
 Drill with Screw Driver Bit
 Assorted Drill Bits for Pre-drilling as Necessary
 Adjustable Wrench for Attaching to Post with Lag Bolts
 Brown Stain

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Assemble sides using 3" screws.
2. Install 2 BOTTOM SUPPORTS with 3" screws.
3. Attach CENTER SUPPORT to BOTTOM SUPPORTS with 2-1/2" screws and to front and back Sides with 3" screws.
4. Insert 4 Side Braces. Attach to Bottom Supports with 2-1/2" screws and to Sides with 3" screws.
5. Attach BACK SUPPORT to rear Side with 6 or more 2-1/2" screws. Pre-drill 3/8" holes in back support for lag bolts and attachment to pole.
6. Pre-drill 3/8" holes through CENTER SUPPORT and BOTTOM SUPPORT for lag bolts and attachment to pole.
7. **Attach platform to pole with lag bolts through Center Support and Back Support.
8. **Install Angles Support and Stop Block using 3" screws.
9. Stain Assembly with 2-3 coats of stain.
10. Attach Wire Mesh with Fencing Staples.
11. Some sticks should be wired into nest to stimulate use by Ospreys.

**If another style pole or tree top is used for placement of nest, appropriate modifications can be made.
 A predator guard on post is recommended.

