# **Osprey**

# Pandion haliaetus



Osprey have a white head with a black eye stripe and a black, curved and very sharp beak.

Also called Fish Hawk because Their diet is almost entirely live fish.

They live near shallow bodies of water so that they can catch their prey with their feet without diving deeply under water.

When diving for prey their nostrils close, but their eyes stay open.

Osprey can live to be over 20, but most live 7-10 years in the wild.

Osprey have large feet with scaly soles and fish hook-like talons. They have reversible outer toes to better hold fish.

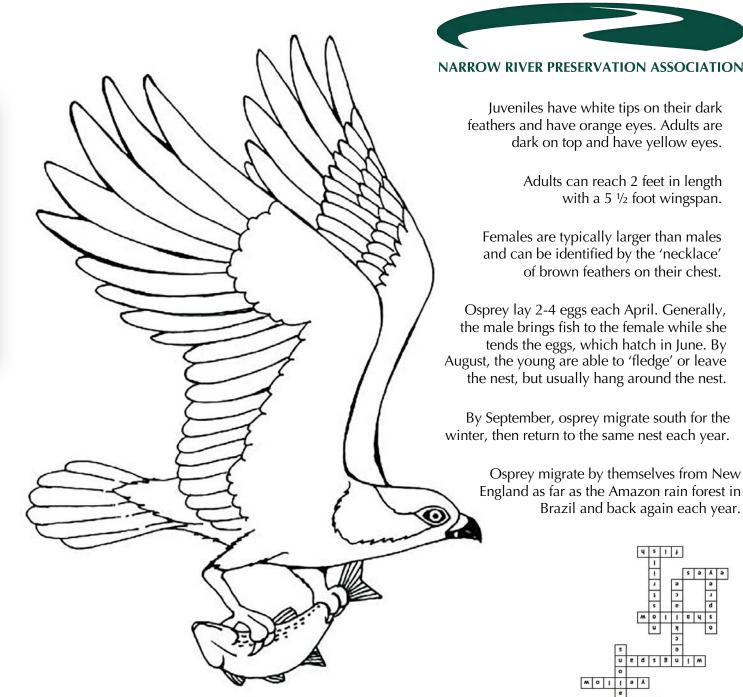


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Adults can reach 2 feet in length with a 5 ½ foot wingspan.

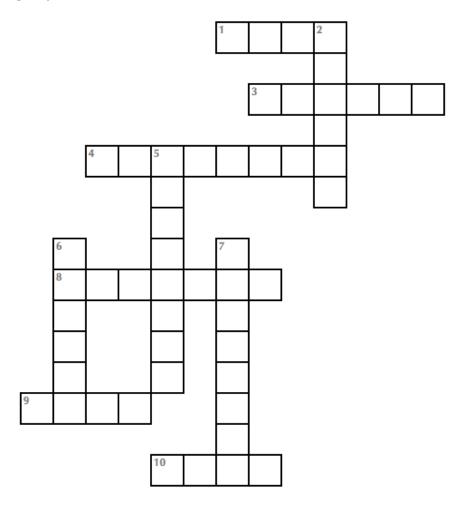
of brown feathers on their chest.

Brazil and back again each year.

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Solution to crossword puzzle:

## **Osprey Crossword Puzzle**



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Where osprey lay their eggs
- 3. Color of adult osprey eyes
- 4. Adult osprey have a 5 ½ foot \_\_\_
- 8. Type of water osprey catch their prey in
- 9. Osprey keep these open underwater
- 10. Osprey's favorite food

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- 2. Claws on osprey feet
- 5. Female osprey have this
- 6. Also called Fish Hawk
- 7. Osprey close these under water

### **Keep Learning About Osprey**

# Check out the live webcam of an osprey nest on Narrow River!

at narrowriver.org/ospreycam

In 2019, Narrow River Land Trust and Narrow River Preservation Association placed a platform for osprey to nest along the Narrow River south of Middlebridge in South Kingstown. In 2020, with the support of many donors and volunteers, we placed a webcam on the nest for all to watch and learn.

You can learn more about osprey at narrowriver.org/osprey. Those interested in watching the osprey webcam and recording their observations can download an electronic form from our website. Have fun watching.

#### Visit an osprey nest near you!

- Narragansett Elementary School Parking Lot
- By Sprague Bridge along Route 1A in Narragansett
- Old Mountain Field, Wakefield above the baseball dugout
- Across the street from the Narragansett Town Beach parking lot in Narragansett



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