

## When the adults are away, the chicks will play

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The osprey parents keep a close watch on their brood. Photo by Lillooet Naturalist Society

Three osprey chicks have been spotted in the nest atop the Old Bridge.

When he checked the osprey nest webcam June 28, Scott Bodaly reported, "I just had a look at the nest and the adults were off fishing. I see three little heads looking back at me. The next refresh shows an adult shading the brood."

Thanks to a new camera from LyttonNet, it's possible to see the chicks in their nest this year.

The idea for the osprey web cam was first proposed by Brian Barker in 2012. Technical glitches and problems with the cameras have hampered efforts to broadcast regular updates of the ospreys and their chicks in the nest.

Barker said then that monitoring the birds' progress can be addictive.

"You get up every morning to see how the nest is coming . Then they lay the eggs. And pretty soon, you're almost part of the family. You watch the eggs hatch and how they behave and then of course, you have to see the end of this, how it all plays out. And there's drama, there's tragedy, there are all the components of a great story."

The webcam can be viewed and refreshed at:

<http://www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org/news-ospreycam.htm> (<http://www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org/news-ospreycam.html>)