

Stravers

Osprey at Red Rock

3 osprey were observed on Red Rock lake on the hole in the ice, which kept open by over 8,000 mallards still wintering in the area.

Dates

Jan 15 from 10:15^{AM} - 10:35 - (2 Birds)

Jan 15 from 2:45^{PM} - 3:05 - (3 Birds)

Jan 16 from 2:30^{PM} - 2:45 - (3 Birds)

Observed - crook in the wings

- banded tail (underside)
- white neck & breast
- fishing over the water with a mature Bald Eagle - also perched with Bald Eagle - showed distinct difference in size and weight.

Area was checked 4 of the following 5 days and no Osprey were seen. (Bald Eagle remained).

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Temperatures both days were below zero and winds were 10-15 mph.

Used both 8 power wide angle glasses and 20 power Bausch & Lomb spotting scope ~~and~~ mounted on old gun stock for reliable flight viewing.

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