



Answer Key

The correct answers for each question are bolded.

1. What do ospreys mainly eat?

- A. Insects
- B. Mice
- C. Fish**
- D. Carrion (dead animals)

2. What caused ospreys in New Jersey to land on the Endangered Species List in 1974?

- A. Hunting
- B. Egg poaching
- C. The insecticide DDT**
- D. Natural predators

3. How many broods per year do ospreys have?

- A. One**
- B. Two
- C. Three

4. How many eggs do osprey lay per brood?

- A. 6-10
- B. 5-8
- C. 9-13
- D. 1-4**

5. Ospreys live in New Jersey year-round.

- A. True, ospreys live in New Jersey year-round and can be spotted during any month of the year.
- B. False, ospreys are only in New Jersey during their breeding season, roughly March to September.**

6. What makes ospreys unique?

- A. They are the only birds with yellow eyes.
- B. They have a reversible outer toe.**
- C. They are the only birds that hunt for fish.
- D. They nest primarily on rooftops.

7. What are ospreys preferred habitat?

- A. Nearly any body of water: saltmarshes, rivers, ponds, reservoirs, estuaries, and even coral reefs.**
- B. Very dry and windy deserts that don't get much rain.
- C. Treeless tundra where the climate is cold and windy.
- D. Mountain-side caves that are moist and secluded, with very little sunlight.

8. What do ospreys use to make their nests?

- A. Sticks
- B. Grass
- C. Bark
- D. All of the above**

8. Ospreys are nicknamed "Fish Hawk" because of their diet.

- A. True**
- B. False

10. At what age do osprey chicks fly?

- A. They can fly immediately after hatching.
- B. 1-2 weeks after hatching.
- C. 4-5 weeks after hatching.
- D. 7-8 weeks after hatching.**