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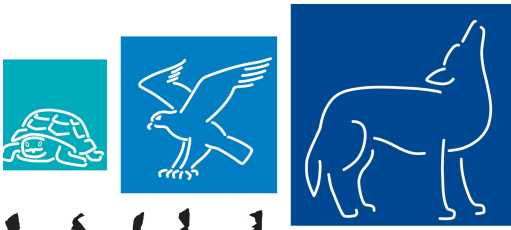
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Wild Care Rescues Osprey Dangling from 60 Foot Tree in Orleans

Eastham, MA. On Friday, August 5th, Wild Care, Inc., a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center in Eastham, responded to a call for an adult Osprey seen “dangling” from a 60-foot tree near the Linnell Rd. marsh in Orleans. The bird was thought to have been there for 3 days, prior to Wild Care being notified. Wild Care Wildlife Rehabilitator, Amy Webster, responded to the scene along with the Orleans Police Dept. Also notified was local tree worker Scott McLeod, who had already cleared a 50-foot trail through the thick brush, and was standing at the base of the said tree when Amy and the police arrived. McLeod proceeded to climb to the top of the tree and was successful in removing and lowering the treetop from which the bird was dangling. Once the Osprey was lowered to the ground, Amy Webster quickly examined the bird’s condition. “I was relieved that her foot was not fractured, and there was no necrosis or lacerations,” stated Amy Webster. “The bird was caught in silt fencing, and it was entangled around all 4 toes and ankle. Fortunately for the bird, all of her toes were bound with equal pressure, preventing her from worse injury.” Amy swaddled the Osprey in a blanket and placed her into a special laundry basket used for containing large raptors safely. The bird was transported to Wild Care and given supportive care, and is expected to make a full recovery. The entire rescue operation took 3 hours. “This is an incredible example of the wonderful service that Wild Care provides to the community and to the wildlife of Cape Cod,” says Wild Care’s Executive Director Stephanie Ellis. “Wild Care is the only local wildlife rehabilitation facility that conducts rescues. Osprey are large and feisty birds. This is not a bird that we would ask the public to attempt to rescue on their own. We are so fortunate to also have the assistance of the Orleans Police Department, Scott McLeod, and the caring individuals who contacted us about this bird. It was truly a team effort, with a great outcome.”

Osprey are back from the brink of near extirpation from Cape Cod, after their population plummeted in the 70’s due to DDT. With the ban of DDT in 1972, and the development of programs to monitor and install nesting platforms for Osprey, the species has once again reached a sustainable population on Cape Cod.

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WILD CARE's wildlife rehabilitators treat birds, mammals and reptiles brought to the center, with the goal of releasing them back into the wild when they are capable of independent survival. Through public education, WILD CARE works to prevent wildlife casualties and works to engage the community in conservation through volunteerism. Since our founding WILD CARE has accepted over 25,000 wild creatures, representing over 275 species of native birds, mammals and reptiles. If you encounter injured, orphaned or ill wildlife please call the WILD CARE of Cape Cod helpline at 508-240-2255. Visit WILD CARE's website at www.wildcarecapecod.org to make a donation.

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