

Osprey and avian management



Birds perching and nesting on power poles and substation equipment creates a risk of fires and power outages, as well as harm to the birds themselves.

ENMAX Corporation's Avian Management program manages these risks in an effort to protect birds and help ensure electricity reliability.

Our nest management practices comply with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development regulations.

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Our field crews follow detailed procedures when birds and/or nests are discovered, including calling our Environmental Affairs group who are on-call 24 hours a day to help identify the species of bird and recommend the appropriate action.

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Active nests are protected and monitored until young birds leave.

Inactive nests are removed or relocated from power poles, substations and construction sites, when there is significant risk to birds or infrastructure.

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High risk areas where osprey come back to nest year-after-year are identified by our field crews and Environmental Affairs group. ENMAX Power Corporation erects osprey platforms at these locations to encourage nesting on the platform instead of electrical equipment.

To date, 16 nesting platforms have been installed in Calgary.

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From April to September, ENMAX Corporation provides nature enthusiasts with an intimate view of an osprey nest platform located at the Calgary Zoo via live-streaming. Through this video stream, viewers have the opportunity to watch nest-building, egg-laying and incubation, as well as hatching, feeding and maturing of the osprey chicks.