

Ospreys make yearly Westford appearance

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WESTFORD — Old visitors, the ospreys, are back fishing at Forge Pond, en route to their usual winter southern habitat. For many years, this majestic bird was not seen here; only recently has it chosen to return to Westford.

This season there are three birds hovering over the pond, according to Fire Chief George Rogers, who lives on the eastern shore of this 212-acre lake which is partially in Littleton.

The osprey is also known as a fish hawk and has a wing spread of four and one-half to six feet. It resembles a large eagle. On the endangered species list, trigger-happy hunters are warned not to shoot at this stalwart bird.