

Three Free-flying Fledgling Osprey: On 10 July the authors were studying passerine birds in Oswego County. We were working beneath the high voltage power lines adjacent to NY Route 69, about halfway between Mexico and Parish. For more than 15 minutes five Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) circled overhead. Two of the birds hovered over the three others for prolonged intervals and called frequently. These better fliers, which we assumed were adults, were able to rise nearly vertically, to circle rapidly, and to land on the high tension supports with speed and grace. The other three birds never hovered. When they flew it did not seem as if they could rise as rapidly. Their landing on the supports was awkward. Twice these presumed youngsters missed the support and stumbled on. We watched the birds for a timed 15 minutes. During this time their new progress took them southward past three sets of power supports, probably a distance of 1500m. This behavior suggests that this was a family group with three recently fledged young. This would seem to be a large number of fledglings from an area of New York with relatively few nesting osprey.

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