



days at  
Dunrovin

April 2019



**Ranch  
Talk**



## Nighttime at Dunrovin

Dunrovin's infrared night lights cannot be seen by the naked eye by humans or the birds or other animals. Only by looking through the eyes of the web cameras are the lights visible. This means we get uninhibited views of the night life around Dunrovin, and at times it can be very exciting!

**The trees are illuminated by the river webcam's infrared light that moves with the camera. The river was bathed in bright moonlight during the early morning hours of April 25, 2019.**



# Closeups of the Ospreys at Night



When Harriet first arrives each year, she rests up at the nest from her long migration flight north, and she spends nearly every night relaxing and sleeping on the perch. Notice how she is standing/sleeping on one foot. This is common for birds to tuck one foot under their feathers to keep it warm.

Now that Hal has returned and Harriet has laid two eggs, she sleeps on the nest while Hal watches over her from the perch. Notice that Hal is sleeping on one foot with his head turned and resting on his shoulder.



In the early days of April in both 2017 and 2018, a great horned owl attacked Harriet, knocked her off of the perch, and attempted to “steal” the nest. Harriet prevailed, but everyone was very worried about her. Great horned owls are fierce predators and are known to catch and eat osprey chicks. In fact, the great owned owl did attack Harriet and Hals’ two chicks one night in 2017, but the chicks were by then large enough to defend themselves.

