



Tales from the Trails at Dunrovin

October 7, 2019



Bird Feeders on the Ospreys' Nest

It's a work in progress!



This Year

The Bird feeders on the East Side of the Nest



Previous Years

The Bird feeders Hanging from the Perch



In dealing with nature or animals, it seems that all new developments are subject to trial and error. There are too many unknown factors to consider before permanently installing new structures, such as bird feeding stations. How will the birds react? How well will the web cameras cover the action? How will everything look under different sunlight and weather conditions? These questions can rarely be answered without a full season of experimenting.

Dunrovin changed the position, design, and height of the nest bird feeders to try to hide some of the messy ropes needed for the pulley system used for raising and lowering the feeders to clean and refill, to bring the feeders above the top of the nest, and to clear the southern view from behind the perch. Only time will tell if our scheme provides us with enhanced winter viewing. If it works, we will make the changes permanent next year.

The Ospreys' Nest In Winter

The Years have Brought Many Changes

2011 The electrical company moved the ospreys' nest from an electrical pole onto a new 47 foot high pole. A webcam was then installed and operated by the University of Montana. The webcam was turned off during the winter.



2012 Dunrovin bought and operated a new webcam all year. Electrical wires needed for the ranch webcam were laid.



2013 The ranch webcam was installed on a 36 foot high pole for views of the osprey nest from afar.



2014 The perch was built in the spring and bird feeders were added in the fall.

2015 — 2018 Bird feeders remained on the perch and gave us some wonderful close-up views of many different beautiful bird species, both big and small, over the years.



2019 Dunrovin modifies the nest bird feeding station in the hopes improving the views and creating a more uncluttered background for bird photos. We shall see!

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