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Extra Report In-Flight Edition: The Continuing Saga of George and Jennie

FAREWELL FROM GEORGE AND JENNIE OSPREY

It has been another busy year at the corner of Lake Elizabeth and Craigville Beach Road. For the third year now, we have had visitors attracting quite a crowd watching the daily progress of our feathered neighbors. The nest has gotten bigger with all kinds of sticks and twigs. They have been very busy throughout the season, and you never knew what they would bring back. It seemed like there were three adults trying to get into the nest early in the season. Hundreds of people have stopped to take their pictures and they were, once again, the most photographed birds at Craigville Beach. As the summer progressed, we watched as both George and Jennie would fly off over the ocean and bring back their dinner in their talons. Sometimes they would eat in their nest, and sometimes they would be seen on the light pole near the Trade Winds or at the Southwinds cottages. You could always hear them "talking" to one another in VERY LOUD tones around 5:00 a.m. As the weeks went by, everyone was anxiously awaiting the birth of any new additions... no it was not Prince George, but how many new babies would be in the nest? Soon we heard little peeps and knew something had arrived! It was not until a photographer with high-powered lenses determined only one baby was in the nest. But boy oh boy, could a racket be heard. Even as this final edition is being written, the osprey family is chatting happily to one another and saying "farewell" to all their visitors who have come to visit them this season.

So from all of us on the corner of Lake Elizabeth and Craigville Beach Road, have a wonderful fall and winter and we will see you next spring.

-Maxine Shortman, Official Osprey Reporter

