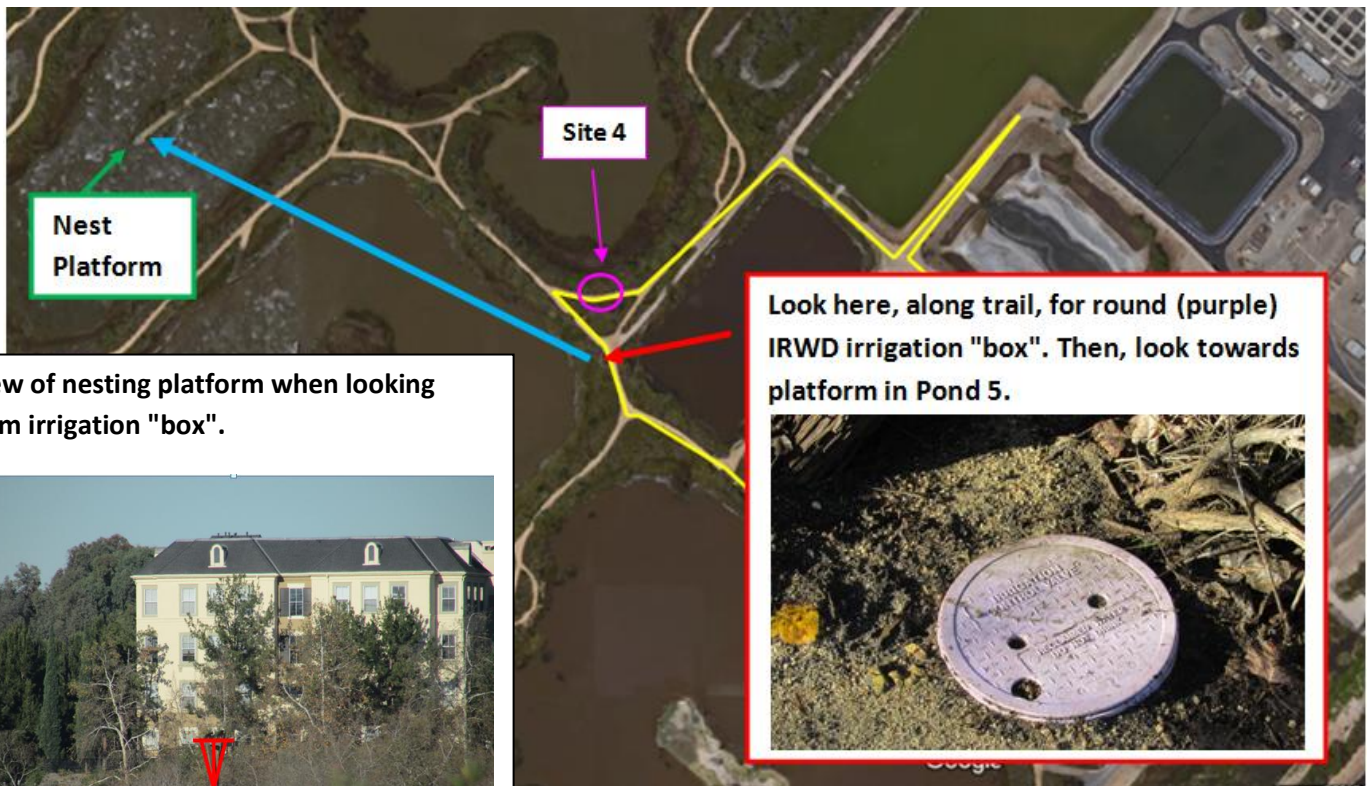


During our Bird Seasons Surveys, several Osprey have been observed flying in and around the marsh. One pair of birds seems to be "settled" and using the nesting platform in Pond 4. However, despite this "advanced" display of nesting activities, the platform in Pond 5 continues to occasionally see activity. These activities include branches on the nest platform as well as bird(s) calling from atop the platform.

This means we will need to investigate potential activities on the platform in Pond 5 during our surveys. In order to facilitate this, we have come up with a way to view the platform from our EXISTING ROUTE. Please DO NOT veer from the established route in order to observe the Pond 5 platform.

The platform (in Pond 5) can be viewed if you follow these steps:

After leaving site 4, almost immediately past the intersection of Ponds A, 3, 4 look along the right side of the trail, for a (round) IRWD irrigation "box". Place your toes at the edge and look towards the platform in Pond 5. You should be able to see the platform from that vantage point. The time spent for this observation should be part of your "walk" time to Pond 1. If you see activity on or related to platform 5, make a note of your observations on the data sheet. If appropriate, reflect the observations in your count figures, but be careful not to double count individual Ospreys.



View of nesting platform when looking from irrigation "box".



Brian pointing at location of "box".

