

## ISLANDS

The Islands in Osprey Lake are man-made and are covered by succession vegetation. They serve primarily as nesting islands and enhanced shoreline for Osprey Lake. Since the islands are original silt soils it is the roots of the plants that hold the soil of the islands in place.

As the trees growing on the island grow taller, they should become attractive to nesting by herons and possibly even egrets. Currently they draw Canada Geese to breed on the islands in the understory. Canada Geese nesting in the understory provide additional protection from predators for the herons when the trees get big enough for nesting. They act as sentries against ground predators not already discouraged by having to swim through the water to reach their prey.

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