

Timing and timeliness of tree removal work

- **TIMING:** Due to restrictions outlined within the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, all tree removal work must be completed before April 15th or after July 15th within each calendar year. This is done to prevent destruction of bird nests during the nesting season. On some project sites, the dates may need to be more restrictive as certain species associated with certain habitats (like wetlands for example) may nest even into September. Project descriptions listed on the website will outline the dates during which each individual project may be completed. Contractors and their employees should take care to avoid damaging raptor nests prior to April 15th (Great Horned Owls and Red-tailed Hawks will be nesting prior to that date). If nests of the above or other bird species are noticed during a project, NGPC staff should be made aware of the nests and will visit the project site to determine if the nests are active and if the trees can be removed. Please work with us on this.
- **TIMELINESS:** We have an ambitious goal for tree removal projects between now and next April 15th so we need things to keep moving as much and as quickly as possible. NGPC and partner staff have a pretty good idea of how long projects should take. While there will be circumstances that make a project take longer (equipment problems, weather delays, etc.), we do expect contractors to make every effort possible to complete projects in a timely matter, based upon the size of the project, project design, etc.