

Camera on Maine island streams gray seal video

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A camera that records seal-pupping activities on a remote Maine island has begun live streaming in what is believed to be the first live camera installed on an East Coast seal-pupping site.

The camera 20 miles offshore on Seal Island is mounted on a tower. It provides a view of gray seals that migrate to the island each fall to give birth.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration biologist Stephanie Wood says the camera provides scientists with a firsthand look at seals during the pupping season from December into February. It also allows the public to view the activities from the comfort of their homes.

The project is funded by explore.org, a philanthropic organization in Santa Monica, Calif.

More information: <u>explore.org</u>

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