

Bald Eagles



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Introduction

Did you know bald eagles can swim? Did you know 68% of bald eagles deaths are caused by humans? They have a habitat, which means where they live. Their diet means what they eat. Their offspring means their babies. The traits are facts about the animal's body. Their adaptations are how they changed to survive their habitat.

Habitat

First, the bald eagles habitat is where they live. Cliff ledges offer very good protection from bad weather and hungry animals. They live in marshes, lakes, and rivers. Their nests often measure 10 feet or 3 meters across and weigh over 1 ton or 1 metric ton. Their nests are made out of sticks. On June 8 1940 people made a law with no killing bald eagles or any eagles. In 1778 the bald eagle became the national bird. The bald eagle was chosen for the symbol in 1782 a long time ago. In 1767 they declared the bald eagles as an endangered species. A bald eagle can live in Alaska if it chooses to. Did you know Florida has the most bald eagles? Bald eagles have the biggest nest in North America. Some bald eagles live near the coast. All bald eagles use the same nest year after year.



Diet

Second, the bald eagle's diet is what they eat. An eagle can swoop down and grab its prey then take it away. When eagles dive down for their food it can reach a speed of 100 miles per hour or 161km/h. Bald eagles search for its prey in the day and stay in their nest in the night. Their beaks help them tear into its prey. Bald eagles live 2 miles away from its prey. Bald eagles eat reptiles like lizards and rattlesnakes. Bald eagles mostly get their prey from an osprey. An osprey is like a sea hawk. When it gets food sometimes a bald eagle will steal it. If a bald eagle sees a hawk or a falcon with a meal it uses its large size to take the prize. A bald eagle can spot a fish from 1 mile or 1.6km away. A bald eagle eats rodents, salmon, catfish, ducks, and muskrats.



Offspring

Offspring is when you marry somebody. A bald eagle mates for life but when one dies the other one finds a new mate. When a bald eagle brings food to the eaglets they feed it to them then fly away. Baby bald eagles stay in their nest for 8 to 14 weeks. The mother bald eagle chews the food up then feeds the baby. When baby bald eagles hatch they can be white or gray. It takes 35 days for a baby bald eagle to hatch out of its egg. When a baby bald eagle learns to fly it goes to live on its own. A parent bald eagle takes turns sitting by the baby bald eagles egg. Mostly mother bald eagles guard the nest. Baby bald eagles have to be careful not to fall out of the tall nest.



Traits

Bald eagles have some fascinating traits. A nickname for a bald eagle is a raptor. An adult bald eagle has 7,000 feathers on its body. The adult bald eagle stands about 28 to 40 inches

tall. A bald eagle can see a bunny from 2 miles away. A bald eagle's hearing isn't a contribution to their hunting that means they don't need it. The bald eagles life span is up to 20 years old. Bald eagles' beaks are the same material as are human fingernails. Bald eagles have pale yellow color eyes. Each year a bald eagle gets new feathers to keep on flying. A male bald eagle has a higher pitched call then a female does.



Adaptations

Bald eagles have some cool adaptations. Bald eagles have rough feet so they can land on wet rocks. Bald eagles feet are rough for grip on slippery places. WY had 81 bald eagles but Florida had 1,133. Did you know bald eagles have a tail? Bald eagles go in shade and then spread their wings out so they don't get sticky. Eagles are protected by law. If a person had an eagle eye it could spot an ant from a ten story building. An eagle usually eats something foul. An eagle can reach a speed of 40 miles per hour gliding. Did you know a bald eagle can walk?

