

GETTING TO KNOW... THE BALD EAGLE

Region & Habitat	Near coasts, rivers, lakes and other bodies of water across North America
Classification	Bird
Size	Body: 28 to 38 inches/ Wingspan: 80 inches
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Primarily diurnal
Conservation Status	Least Concern
Average Lifespan	20 - 30 years
Diet	Fish, other birds like ducks, and small mammals
Scientific Name	Haliaeetus Leucocephalus
Fun Fact	Eagles have a membrane on their eyes that lets them see even with their eyes closed.

Perhaps the most recognizable bird in the USA, the bald eagle is enormous. With a wingspan of 80 inches and weighing roughly 15 lbs, the majestic bald eagle can easily grow up to 30 inches tall. Females are up to 25% larger than males. The bald eagle is not really "bald" – its name comes from the old English word "balde", meaning "white". Besides their white feathered head, bald eagles have brown bodies, and a long yellow beak.

The nest of the bald eagle is usually built very large, between 2-4 feet in height and 4-5 feet in width, to accommodate their body size. Since bald eagles keep their distance from humans, they tend to build their nest away from people. Bald eagles can be found as far north as Alaska and as far south as Mexico. Hatchlings have a mortality rate of 50%. Some die of starvation, aggressive siblings, nest collapse, or other predators.

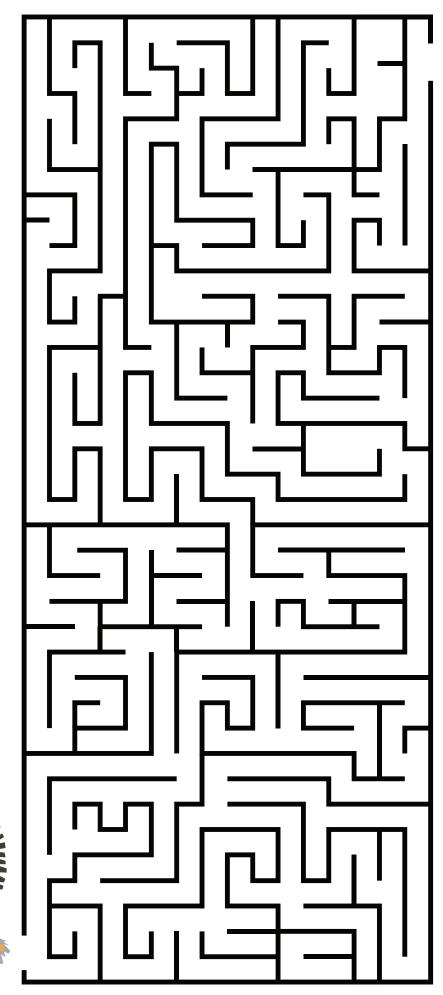
Eagles are amazing hunters. They live near a water source and prey primarily on fish, other birds, and small mammals, using their talons as weapons. Their incredible vision enables them to spot a fish up to a mile away. Their speed allows them to dive at up to 100 miles per hour, gliding above the water before attacking with their talons. They can carry prey up to their own weight.

The bald eagle mates for life unless it's found that one cannot produce offspring; then they'll move to another mate. Eagles can live 30 years or more in the wild. Once categorized as an endangered species, the bald eagle has made an impressive comeback and was removed from that list in 2007.



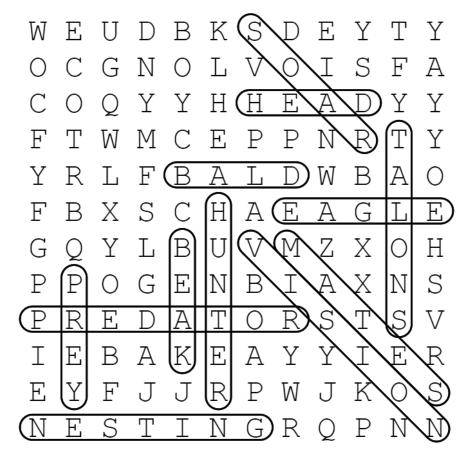


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