

Bald Eagle

Scientific name: *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



Facts:

Height	35" - 37"
Wingspan	6' - 7.5'
Weight	7 - 14 lbs (Females are larger)
Lifestyle	Social when not nesting, territorial nesters
Lifespan	Wild: 20 years, Captivity: 35 years



Diet: **Carnivore**

Opportunistic foragers. Eagles feed or scavenge on a variety of prey: fish, small waterfowl species, and small mammals,

Behavior:

Bald eagles make a high-pitched squeaking sound. Display behaviors include "talon clasp" or "cartwheel display", where two eagles clasp each other's talons in mid air and spin down, letting go only when they've almost reached the ground. This is a courtship ritual as well as a territorial battle.

Did you know?

Bald eagle nests are usually 2' to 4' deep and 4' to 5' wide.

Habitat:

Near lakes, reservoirs, rivers, marshes, and coasts. Forested habitats for nesting and roosting, and shallow fresh or salt water for foraging.

Range:

Most of North America, including Canada, all of the continental United States, and northern Mexico.

