



The Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus



White-Feathered Head

Bald Eagles are not bald. The adults have white-feathered heads. Males and females look identical, but the females are larger. Juveniles' heads are brown-feathered.



Birds of Prey

Bald Eagles spot potential prey using their excellent vision. They grab and hold prey with their sharp talons. They eat by using their hooked beak to tear off pieces of food.



Powerful Wings

Bald Eagles have a wingspan that is between 6 and 8 feet wide, which is very useful for soaring with the wind. They can swoop after prey at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour.



Raising Young

Bald Eagles build their nests in tall treetops. These large nests can be up to 5 feet wide. Females typically lay one clutch of 2 eggs each year. It can take 12 weeks for eaglets to fledge.