

Bald Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Description

The Bald Eagle is native and unique to North America. It is a large hawk-like bird with a brown body and distinctive white head and tail. It's heavy beak, legs, feet and eyes are yellow. The Bald Eagle's wingspan can reach over 2 meters (6 feet). It weighs over 7 kg (15 lbs), with females being larger than males. Those that breed farther north tend to be even larger. Bald Eagles are opportunistic feeders and mostly fish eaters but they will also eat other birds and rodents. And they will try to steal food from other birds such as Osprey. Even though they are migratory birds, they will stay in one location if they have access to the ocean, a lake, or large river, where there is adequate food and nesting trees. In Calgary they are seen along the river and irrigation waterways in natural areas, smaller numbers and even in the winter where ducks overwinter.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at **403-239-2488**, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at **www.calgarywildlife.org** for more information.

FUN FACTS

- > Bald eagles can see 3-5 times farther than humans, which is great for hunting and scavaging.
- > It takes young Bald eagles 4-5 years to get their characteristic white heads and tails.
- > The latin name for this animal translates to "sea eagle with a white head".
- > The sound used for eagles in movies is usually that of a Red-tailed hawk.



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