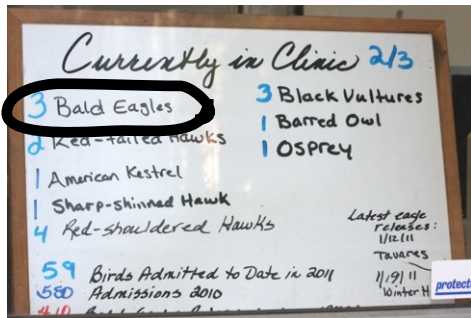


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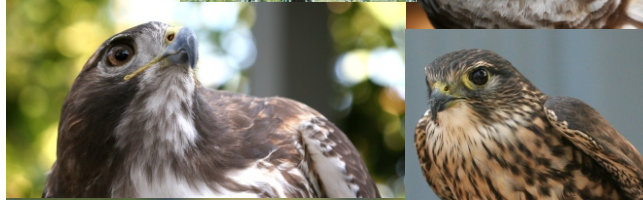
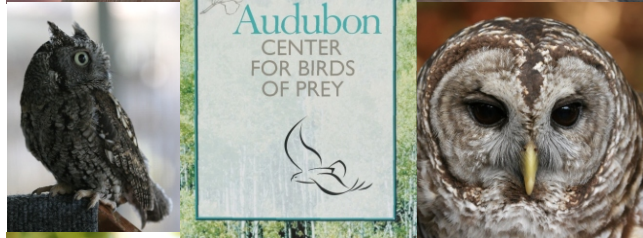
A Volunteer Citizen Science Program

The Audubon EagleWatch Program started in 1992 in the Central Florida region, with only 22 volunteers. Today the program is statewide, reaching more communities each year and continuing to heighten awareness of Bald Eagle nesting activities throughout the state. Recent accomplishments include:

- Monitoring 270+ nests, more than 20% of the state's population
- Utilizing over 250 informed volunteers to monitor active nest sites
- Locating and verifying an average of 6 new nests per year
- Saving nests from destruction by illegal development
- Promptly rescuing fallen eaglets after storms



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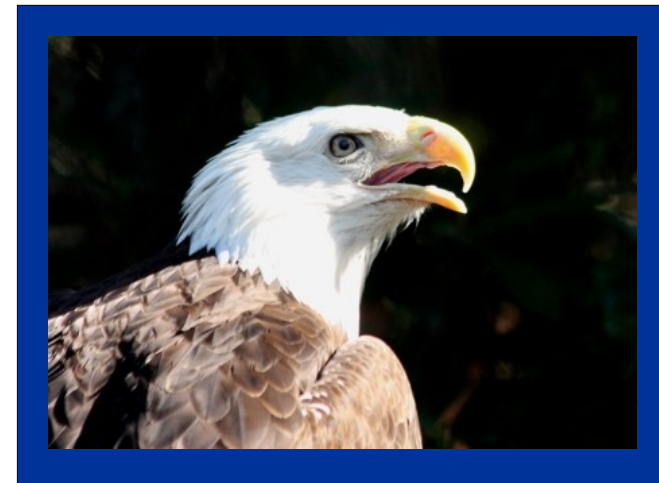


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Did you know?

- Eagles were taken off the endangered species list in August of 2007.
- Florida has the highest concentration of bald eagles in the US, excluding Alaska.
- There are approximately 1200 nesting pairs in Florida.
- Nesting season is from Oct 1 - May 15 each year. Incubation is 33 - 35 days.
- Most nests are built in the tallest pine, cypress tree or sadly, cell tower near water and pasture land.
- When eagles are nesting you need to maintain a distance of 330 feet from the nest tree/tower.
- Eaglets grow faster than any other bird in America. Eagles weigh 4 oz. at hatching and grow up to 12 lbs. in three months.
- Young eagles are all brown and gradually their heads and tails whiten until they are mature around age five. Beaks and eyes turn from brown to yellow.
- An eagles wing span is 7-8 feet.

How do I get involved?

1. Sign up by filling out a EagleWatch volunteer form.
2. Choose one or two nests that you can watch at least twice a month during nesting season. Ideally, it's best to have two people assigned to each nest.
3. Start visiting "your" eagles.

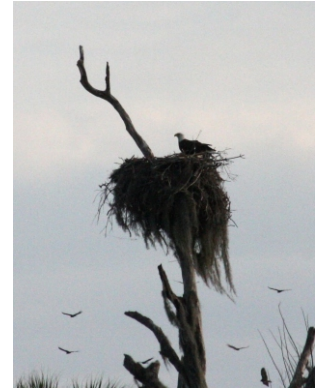


4. Complete a nest visit form (available on EagleWatch tab of TampaAudubon.org) send via email to Lynda White 2 times a month at lwhite@audubon.org with a copy to nmurray@businessfundamentals.com and/or barbibird@tampabay.rr.com

What do I do at each nest visit?

Please maintain a safe distance from the nest.

Eagles are just like humans, they don't like people staring at or threatening their babies. You can put the eaglets at risk by doing this so please always observe this rule.



It's best to stay at least 20 minutes if you can. Just watch the adults and eaglets and fill out the observation form.

We encourage you to attend our training sessions and presentations to learn more.

For information in Hillsborough County call: Nancy Murrah 813-205-1851. In Pinellas: Barb Walker 727-798-2385

