



Bald Eagle

Bald Eagle *(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)*

Instant ID

- A large, powerful bird-of-prey with a wingspan over 6 feet
- Adults have a yellow bill with a white head and tail
- Juveniles have a dark head, tail and bill
- Adults and juveniles have brown to black bodies and wings

Native Niches

- Found near bodies of water which support large fish populations
- Require large trees to support their large nests
- Found in 49 states
- Florida State Parks have both year-round and migratory bald eagle populations



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Favorite Foods

- Mainly eat fish
- Also eat carrion, rodents, snakes, young alligators, water fowl and other similarly sized animals

Critter Characteristics

- Bald is Old English for white, thus their name
- Nests can weigh over 2,000 pounds
- Bald eagle talons (claws) are strong enough to puncture Kevlar

Population Protection

- DDT (a pesticide) caused bald eagles to become endangered, safe and conservative application of pesticides is best
- Preserving large trees will assure future nest sites