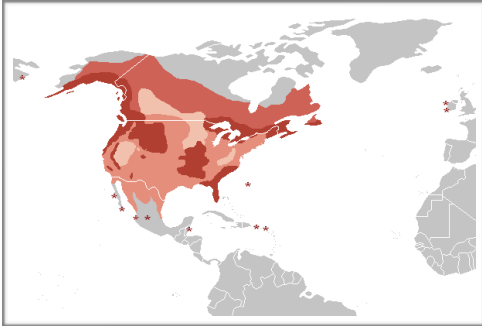


# Bald eagle

## Haliaeetus leucocephalus



Range: North America  
Size: 70-102 cm(27-42 in)  
Wingspan: 180-230 cm  
71-90 in  
Weight: ♂ 2.5-6.3kg(5.5-14lb)  
♀ 3.5-7.5kg (7.7-16.5 lb)  
Diet: fish  
Habitat: Coast, rivers, lakes  
Eggs: 2-3  
Nest: massive platform  
Incubation : 35 days  
Fledging: 75-80 days  
Sexual maturity: 4-5 yrs  
Breeding monogamous  
Subspecies: 2  
Longevity: Captivity: 50 yrs  
Wild: 28 years  
IUCN: Least Concern

### Order:Accipitriformes Family:Accipitridae

The national symbol for the United States of America the Bald Eagle is one of the most well known birds. The only large with a white head this bird is unmistakable. Usually found near large rivers or lake the bald eagles most commonly feed on fish. The bird is known to steal fish from the smaller osprey.

At one time the species was endangered of extinction and very rare in the lower 48 states. It is now regarded as one of the success stories of the conservation effort in the country in 2007 the population had become stable enough in the continental United States that it was removed from the USFWS list of Threatened and Endangered Species. However the bald eagle is

protected by the US Eagle Protection Act.

The bald eagle builds the largest nest in North America. The typical nest is about 5 feet in diameter but can easily reach nine feet as a nesting pair will use the same nest year after year and add to the nest each year. Nests have been recorded weighing over two tons.