

BALD EAGLE

FUN FACT!

The bald eagle, the national bird of the United States, is not actually bald; its name derives from an old English word, "balde," meaning white.

FACT SHEET

Scientific Name

HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS

Region

ORIGINATED FROM NORTH AMERICA.

The bald eagle is widespread, found from Alaska and Canada down through the United States to northern Mexico. They favor habitats near large bodies of open water with abundant food supplies and old-growth trees for nesting.

Diet

CARNIVORE (MEAT)

Have a preference for fish, swooping down with incredible precision to snatch them from the water with their talons.

Life Span

IN THE WILD

20-30 years

IN THE ZOO

Up to 35 years

Size

WEIGHT

6.5-14 pounds

HEIGHT

28-40 inches



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ON MAP

CONSERVATION STATUS

LEAST CONCERN (LC)



The IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature maintains the Red List, a global database assessing the conservation status of species. It's a vital tool for tracking endangered species and guiding conservation efforts.

