



The Bald Eagle

The bald eagle is a large predatory bird that lives near large bodies of water. They eat fish such as salmon or trout, as well as small mammals like rabbits and raccoons. They have also been known to eat small birds like ducks or gulls. Bald eagles are found in most of North America, Canada, northern Mexico, and Alaska. It has a wing span between five and eight feet. A bald eagle's body is between two and three feet long. The females, at about 13 pounds, are bigger than the males, which weigh about 9 pounds. With no natural predators, the bald eagle is at the top of its food chain. Bald eagles have brown feathers and a white head and tail. They have strong talons on their feet that they use to grasp and carry prey. In the 20th century, the bald eagle was considered an endangered animal, but populations have recovered, and it was removed from the endangered species list in 2007.

1. The bald eagle eats (circle all the apply):

A. fish

B. small mammals

C. small birds

2. What is a bald eagle's wingspan?

A. 3 to 5 feet

B. 5 to 8 feet

C. 9 to 13 feet

3. What preys upon bald eagles? _____

4. Is the bald eagle endangered? _____