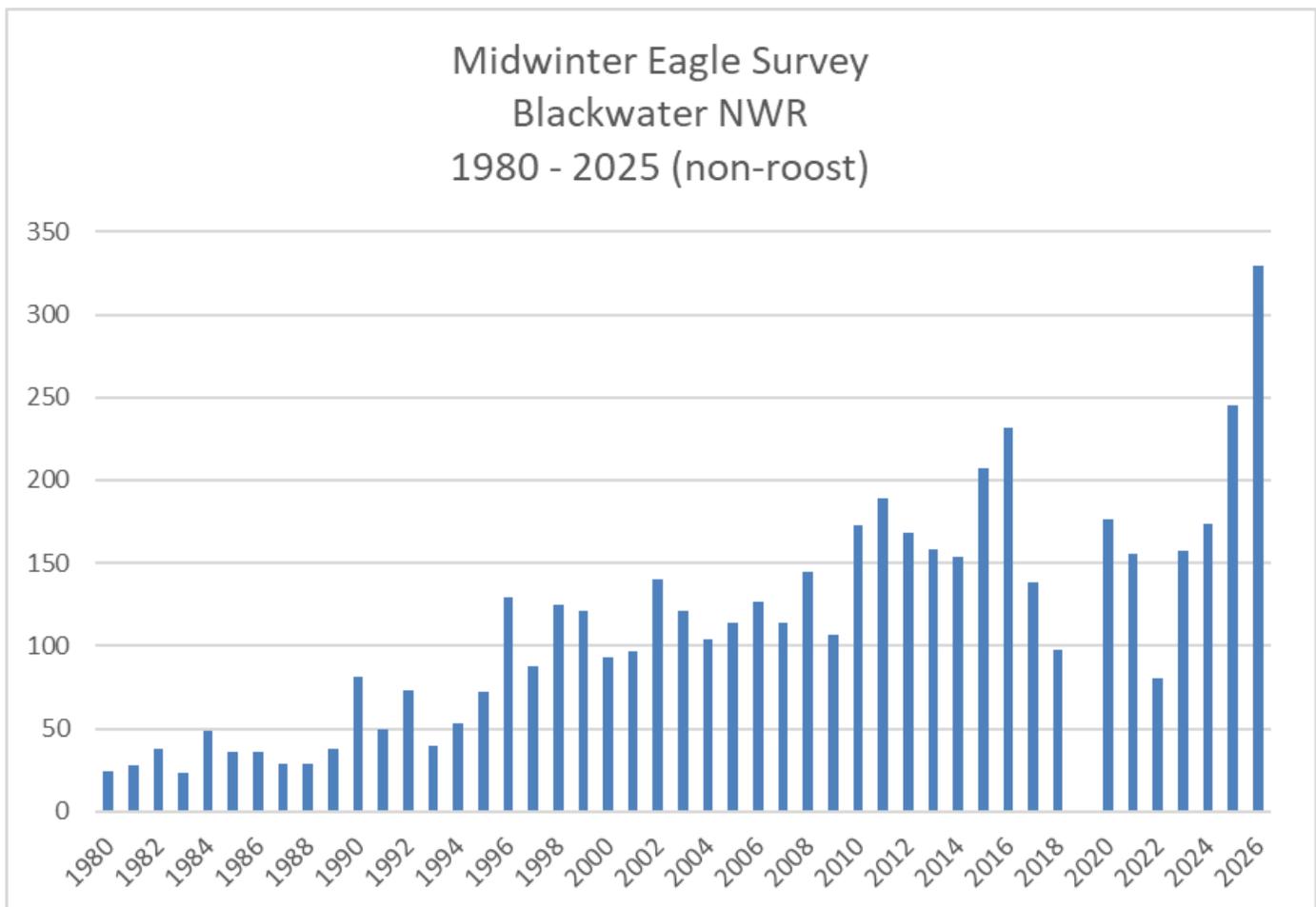


2026 Midwinter Eagle Survey

January 13, 2026

During Blackwater's first mid-winter eagle survey in 1980, only 24 eagles were recorded. Now, 46 years later, we had a **record-breaking 329 eagles** counted! That's over a 13x increase from the first year to the most recent year! It was also a substantial increase over last year's record 245 eagles. Please see the data below for more information.

Please see below for the location breakdown of this year's count, and the graph for the annual total eagle count going back to the 1980's.



1/13/2026	Bald Eagle		Golden Eagle		Unk.	TOTAL
	Adult	Imm.	Adult	Imm.		
Dragon Swamp	9	11				20
Shorters Wharf	6	5				11
Parsons Creek	3	0			1	4
Wildlife Drive	28	6				34
JDs	4	4			2	10
Little Blackwater River	2	1			1	4
Kuehnle North	4	4				8
Kuehnle South	6	2				8
Tower Site	9	14				23
Rt 335 Bridge	82	58			11	151
Jarrett East	10	4				14
Decoursey Bridge	18	3			1	22
Jarrett West	11	6			1	18
Buttons Neck	2					2
TOTALS	194	118			17	329