

BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES



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Bald and Golden Eagles are powerful, large birds of prey with keen eyesight, sharp talons, and powerful bills. Bald Eagles are often found near water, and Golden Eagles are at home in remote, mountain and high-desert landscapes. Bald Eagles eat fish and carrion, while the Golden Eagle diet is heavy on jackrabbits.

The Bald Eagle's recovery and removal from the Endangered Species List is a success story. Golden Eagles, however, appear to be in decline across the West. Bald and Golden Eagles are both protected by the federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; killing, possessing, or even disturbing an eagle is strictly prohibited with penalties of up to \$250,000 and 2 years in prison.



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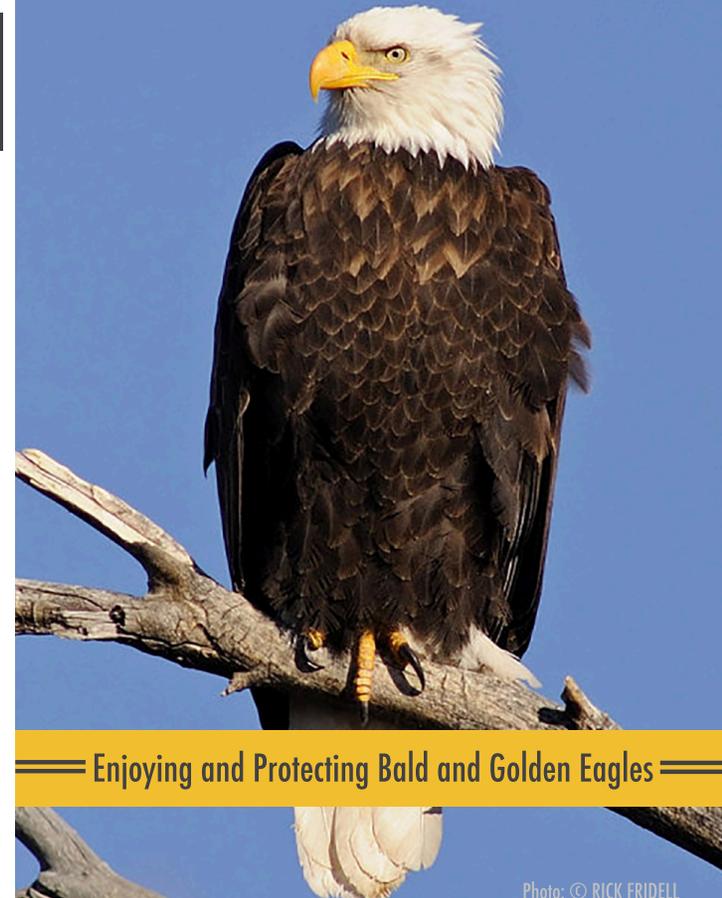
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THREATS TO EAGLES

HABITAT LOSS *The habitats of eagles and their prey are lost and degraded from wildfires and human development.*

POISON *Pesticides, rodenticides, and lead from spent rifle and shotgun ammunition can poison food that eagles depend on.*

TRAUMA & ELECTROCUTION *Eagles are at a high risk of being hit by cars if they are feeding on roadkill. Eagles perched or nesting on power lines may be electrocuted.*

DISEASE *West Nile Virus and other illnesses can sicken and kill eagles.*

DISTURBANCE *Eagles may abandon their nests and chicks if disturbed by humans.*



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SEE EAGLES

YOU CAN HELP EAGLES



By preventing wildfires



Use rodenticides and pesticides correctly



Avoid disturbing eagles by staying on designated roads and trails



Report sick, injured, or dead eagles to USFWS law enforcement or UDWR



Drive carefully and slow down for wildlife and roadkill



Never handle an eagle. It's illegal and could seriously hurt you!



Consider hunting with non-lead ammunition

ANNUAL WINTER UTAH BALD EAGLE DAY & FALL RAPTOR WATCH DAYS
www.wildlife.utah.gov

HawkWatch INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
www.hawkwatch.org

RAPTOR INVENTORY NEST SURVEY — Volunteer for raptor surveys
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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count

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