

What you may not know about eagles....



Here are some quick fun facts and images that will help you realize what an incredible raptor all eagles are:

- 1) Eagles mate for life. It takes them approximately 5-years to develop their totally white head.
- 2) Juvenile eagles can reach adult size in one year! Their initial feathers are actually longer and wider than the adults, “training wheels” for flight (common on most raptors).
- 4) Wingspan on fully grown adult: 6-7 ft.! Eagles have approximately 7,000 total feathers. There are 22 primary and secondary feathers per wing and 12 total tail feathers. They have been known to soar to 10,000 feet and reach over 100 mph in a full dive! They can fly level at a sustained speed of 30-40 miles per hour.
- 5) Weight: Adult males average 7-8 lbs, while their female counterpart are 30% larger on average (common on most raptors as well) and weigh 7-17 lbs, although most weigh in the 10-12 lb. range.
- 6) Eyesight: At 1,000 ft. in the air, an eagle with it’s “telescoping site” capabilities can see prey away as far as three miles! They have an inner eye lid for flying in snow, rain, heavy wind, or bright conditions. See some rare “in-flight” inner eye lid pictures are on this site.
- 7) Eagles can live 20-30 years in the wild and up to 45 years in captivity.

I recommend that you visit the nationaleaglecenter.org website. Tour their amazing eagle facility and excellent staff in Wabasha, MN. www.nationaleaglecenter.org

