

# Bald Eagle



## Bald Eagles in Yellowstone National Park

The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States. They are dark brown or black. Only adults over five years old have white tail and head feathers. Females are 35 to 37 inches long with 79- to 90-inch wingspans. The males are 30 to 34 inches with 72- to 85-inch wingspans. They live about 15 to 20 years and eat fish, small birds, and rodents. Baby eagles are taken care of by both parents as they can't move until about 10 weeks old. They nest in tall trees where the babies stay until they can fly.

In Yellowstone, they nest by the lakes and rivers. Some migrate to lower elevations outside the park in the winter. Eagles are safe to view and are mostly seen by Yellowstone River.

### What did you learn about the bald eagles of Yellowstone?

1. How old are bald eagles who have all white head and tail feathers?

Bald eagles have all their white head and tail feathers by the time they are five years old.

2. How wide are bald eagles' wingspans?

Male bald eagles have 79- to 90-inch wingspans. Females have 72- to 85-inch wingspans.

3. Where in Yellowstone do bald eagles like to nest?

Bald eagles nest in tall trees by the lakes and rivers in Yellowstone.

