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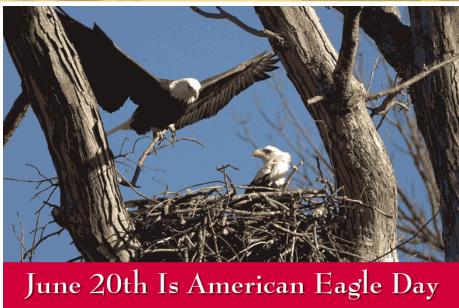
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On June 20th, Celebrate American Eagle Day!





After nearly disappearing from most of the United States decades ago, the bald eagle is now flourishing across the nation. The removal of the bald eagle from the "threatened and endangered" species list was announced by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne on June 28, 2007.

On June 20th, the AEF will release two young eaglets from our hack tower on Douglas Lake into the world of nature. These eaglets will need all the help and protection they can receive from all of us to ensure a safe journey and a long life.

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Across our nation, governors are proclaiming American Eagle Day to be celebrated on June 20th in recognition of our nation's symbol and its recovery in the lower 48 states. Our U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have also issued special resolutions. The Senate and House resolutions read, in part:

Resolved: that the Senate (and House) encourages

(A) educational entities, organizations, businesses, conservation groups, and government agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to collaborate and develop educational tools for use in the public schools of the United States: and

(B) the people of the United States to observe American Eagle Day with appropriate ceremonies and other activities.

"It's fitting that our national symbol has also become a symbol of the great things that happen through cooperative conservation," said former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall. "Eagles could not have recovered without a support network of strong partnerships among government at all levels, tribes, conservation organizations, the business community and individual citizens."

The American Eagle Foundation urges you, as a private citizen, to help raise awareness about the Bald Eagle by educating others about the need to save and protect it.

There are many "eagle themed" activities for children and adults that can be found on our website (www.eagles.org).

In addition you can

- Take a field trip to view eagles in the wild or attend an eagle event or festival.
- Have a fact sheet or brochure ready to give to people who ask you for information. Place the fact sheet or brochure in libraries or other public places where people congregate. Download a brochure (PDF format) from the American Eagle Foundation. Print and distribute!
- Write your government representatives and ask them to encourage private land owners to protect the eagle.
- Help the AEF educate the public about "getting the lead out of gunshot." If you know sportsmen or hunters, please
 inform them of the harm lead shot does to eagles that eat prey killed by lead shot. Lead poisons the eagles and
 they often die a painful, horrific death. More information about eagle contaminants can be found here.
- · Help preserve our natural resources and conserve energy.
- Work to keep the environment clean and unpolluted, so that eagles and other wildlife can live without fear of
 poisons, hazardous trash, or contaminants in their food chain.
- Recycle at your home (school or business) and properly dispose of items that may be harmful to the environment and wildlife.



And, for pure enjoyment, visit our "live" Eagle Nest Cam where our 3 eaglets are growing up before the eyes of tens of thousands of visitors. When they are about 13 weeks old, they, too, will fly free into the wilderness of Tennessee.

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