



Bald Eagle

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Scientific name: *haliaeetus leucocephalus*

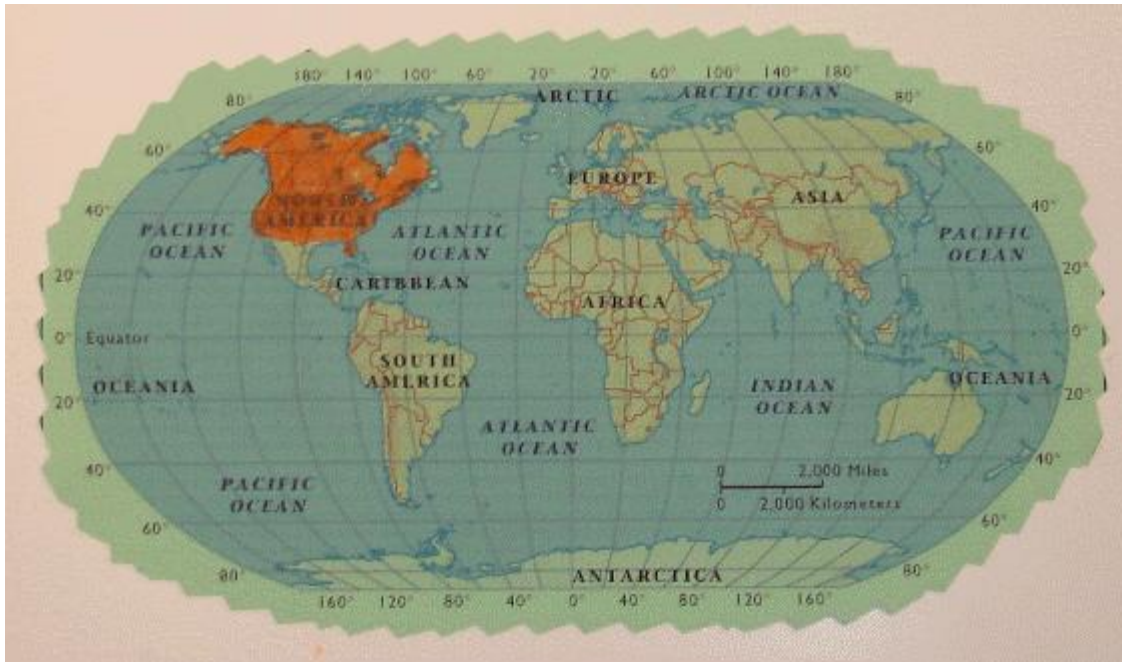
The bald eagle is a bird. They live near water because they mostly eat fish. They also eat carrion when they can't have fish.

The female eagle is bigger than the male. The female is bigger because she needs to protect the nest, her eggs and the babies. Bald eagles can weigh 10 to 12 pounds.

The female lays 1-3 eggs. The eggs hatch in 35 days. The babies are called eaglets. The mother stays with the babies for about a month until they can keep themselves warm. The dad hunts for food.

In 1978, the bald eagle was listed as endangered. The eagles became endangered because the food supply was getting poisoned. Farmers were using a pesticide called DDT to kill insects that were eating their crops. The fish and ducks were eating the poisoned insects. And the bald eagles were eating the poisoned fish and birds.





Facts:

1. The bald eagle belongs to a group called sea and fish eagles.
2. Eagles like to steal food instead of hunting.
3. A bald eagle can have up to 7,000 feathers.
4. Eagles can pant like a dog or cat to cool off when it is hot.
5. Bald eagles can see a fish from 2 miles away.
6. The bald eagle is on the Great Seal of the United States.
7. Bald eagles can build more than one nest in their territory.
8. In North America bald eagles build the largest nests.
9. The bald eagle is on the one-dollar bill.
10. Bald eagles learn to fly 8 to 14 weeks after hatching.