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# The Majestic Bald Eagle

In the wide and open skies of North America, one of the most **majestic** creatures soars with grace and power—the bald eagle. These birds are known for their strong wings, sharp eyesight, and proud appearance.

Bald eagles are often seen near bodies of water like lakes, rivers, or coastlines. They build their large nests, called eyries, high up in trees near these waters. These nests are like sturdy mansions made of sticks, grass, and soft materials like feathers.

One fascinating fact about bald eagles is how they use their sharp eyesight to hunt for food. From high above, they spot their prey, which could be fish swimming in the water or small mammals scurrying on land. With their strong claws, called talons, they swoop down swiftly to catch their meal.

These birds are famous for their white-feathered heads, which stand out against their dark brown bodies. But did you know that they aren't born with this look? Baby bald eagles, called eaglets, actually have fluffy brown feathers all over their bodies. As they grow older, their feathers slowly change color until they reach adulthood at around five years old, displaying the **iconic** white head and tail.

Once **endangered**, these magnificent birds have made a remarkable recovery thanks to conservation efforts. Laws to protect their habitats and control the use of harmful chemicals, such as pesticides, have helped them flourish once again.

The bald eagle stands as a symbol of strength, freedom, and resilience. Its majestic presence in the wild continues to inspire and remind us of the importance of preserving our natural world for generations to come.



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## Vocabulary Words

**endangered**- at serious risk of becoming extinct

**iconic**-very famous or popular

**majestic**-having impressive beauty or dignity



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1. Where do bald eagles usually build their nests?

- a. In trees
- b. On the ground
- c. In caves
- d. In the water

2. How long does it take for a bald eagle to fully develop its iconic white head and tail?

- a. 1 year
- b. 5 years
- c. 10 years
- d. They are born with it.

3. Where are bald eagles often seen?

- a. Near bodies of water
- b. In deserts
- c. In forests
- d. In cities

4. What are bald eagle nests called?

- a. Mansions
- b. Eyries
- c. Nests
- d. Hives

5. What does the picture help you understand about bald eagles? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What helped bald eagles recover from being endangered? \_\_\_\_\_

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