



EAGLES

KEY INFORMATION



Most of the 60 species of eagle are from Eurasia and Africa. Other species are found in North America, South America and Australia. Most eagle's species prefer building their nests on high cliffs and in tall trees near water, like streams, lakes and river.

Depending on the species, eagles can grow up to 90cm, with a wingspan of 2 metres. The average life span of an eagle is approximately 30 years. They can soar up to a height of more than 10,000 feet and take long glides that cover large distances. They can fly at 30 miles per hour but can go faster when diving after prey.

APPEARANCE

The specific colour of an eagle depends on what type it is, but there are some characteristics that all eagles' shares. Eagles are large and powerfully built birds of prey with heavy heads and very large, hooked beaks, which allow them to tear up their prey into smaller pieces.

Eagles are excellent eyesight, they can see 4 to 5 times farther than the average human, however they cannot see as well as humans in the dark. They have strong, muscular legs and huge, curved claws, that let them grab and lift their prey off the ground.

DIET

Eagles are carnivores, their diet consists of mammals, fish and birds. Their main preys are rabbits, hares, sparrows, hummingbirds, crows, pigeons, mice, fish and snakes.

Eagles are expert fliers, and they use this skill to circle around and search for its prey. They will find a high vantage point to perch, then they will wait and swoop down, grab their prey and continue to fly.

FUN FACTS

A group of eagles is called a convocation. Female eagles can grow larger than male eagles. Even birds need to play sometimes, so they toss or pass sticks to each other in the air.

Eagles are monogamous, meaning a pair remains together for life. A female usually lays 1 to 3 eggs and they both will incubate their eggs for 35-45 days until they hatch. Baby eagles are called eaglets and after hatching, they are wet, exhausted and nearly blind; they open their eyes a few hours.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the average life span of an eagle?
2. How fast can an eagle fly?
3. True or false. Humans have better eyesight than eagles during the day.
4. Are eagles' carnivores?
5. What are a group of eagles called?