

Eagles



Eagles are a type of bird that is called a “bird of prey”. They are expert fliers, and are known for their excellent hunting abilities. While you might automatically think of a bald eagle, there are actually more than 70 different kinds of eagles all over the world. Keep reading to find out more interesting facts about eagles.

What are the characteristics of an eagle?

The specific color and size of an eagle will depend on what type it is, but there are some characteristics that all eagles share. Eagle are known for their heavy heads and large, hooked beaks. They are also known for their strong, powerful legs and sharp talons. Eagles are covered in feathers, and they have a wide wingspan.

Where do eagles live?

Eagles can be found all over the world, with more than 60 different species in Eurasia and Africa. Outside of this common space, only two types of eagle are found in North America, nine in Central and South America, and three types in Australia.

The two kinds of eagles that are found in North America are the bald eagle and the golden eagle.

What do eagles like to eat?

While all eagles are powerful predators, the type of food they eat depends on where they live as well as what their species is. A few different eagles in Africa mostly eat snakes, whereas the eagles in North America mainly eat fish and water birds, like ducks. A majority of eagles only hunt for prey that is smaller than them, but some eagles have been recorded picking up large deer or other big animals.

How do eagles hunt?

Eagles are expert fliers, and use this skill to circle around and search for prey. They have excellent eyesight which helps them to be able to spot a potential meal from far up in the sky.

Once they have spotted something, they are able to dive down at speeds of close to 100 miles per hour! The animal never stands a chance. Eagles have a strong grip and they use their sharp talons to grab their prey and carry it off to a tree or their nest, where they then use their hooked beak to tear off pieces.

Quick Facts:

- There are over 70 different kinds of eagles
- They are known for their hooked beaks, sharp talons, and expert flying skills
- Eagles mainly live in Eurasia and Africa, but a few types live in the Americas and Australia
- Their diet depends on the type, but many eagles eat fish and small animals
- They can dive at speeds of 100 miles per hour

Eagles are birds that are fierce and strong. Although the types of eagles are very different, there are a few things they all have in common: they are expert fliers, excellent hunters, and are not meant to be messed with. These predators are aggressive and graceful, and have definitely earned their name as birds of prey.

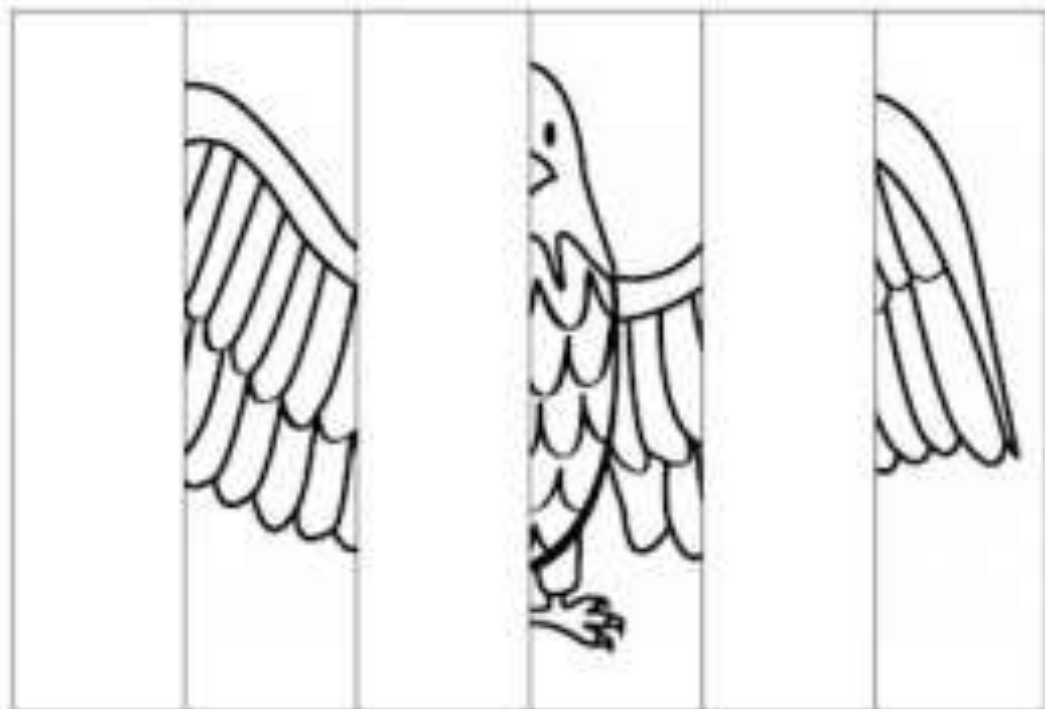
Eagle's excellent eye sight and hooked beaks make them excellent hunters. Some larger species like the golden eagle are even known to hunt deer.

Eagle's nests are called eeries and they build them in tall trees or on high cliffs.

Bald eagles are not really bald. The name comes from 'piebald', an old English word meaning 'white-headed'.



Can you complete the picture of the eagle by copying the missing parts from the picture below?



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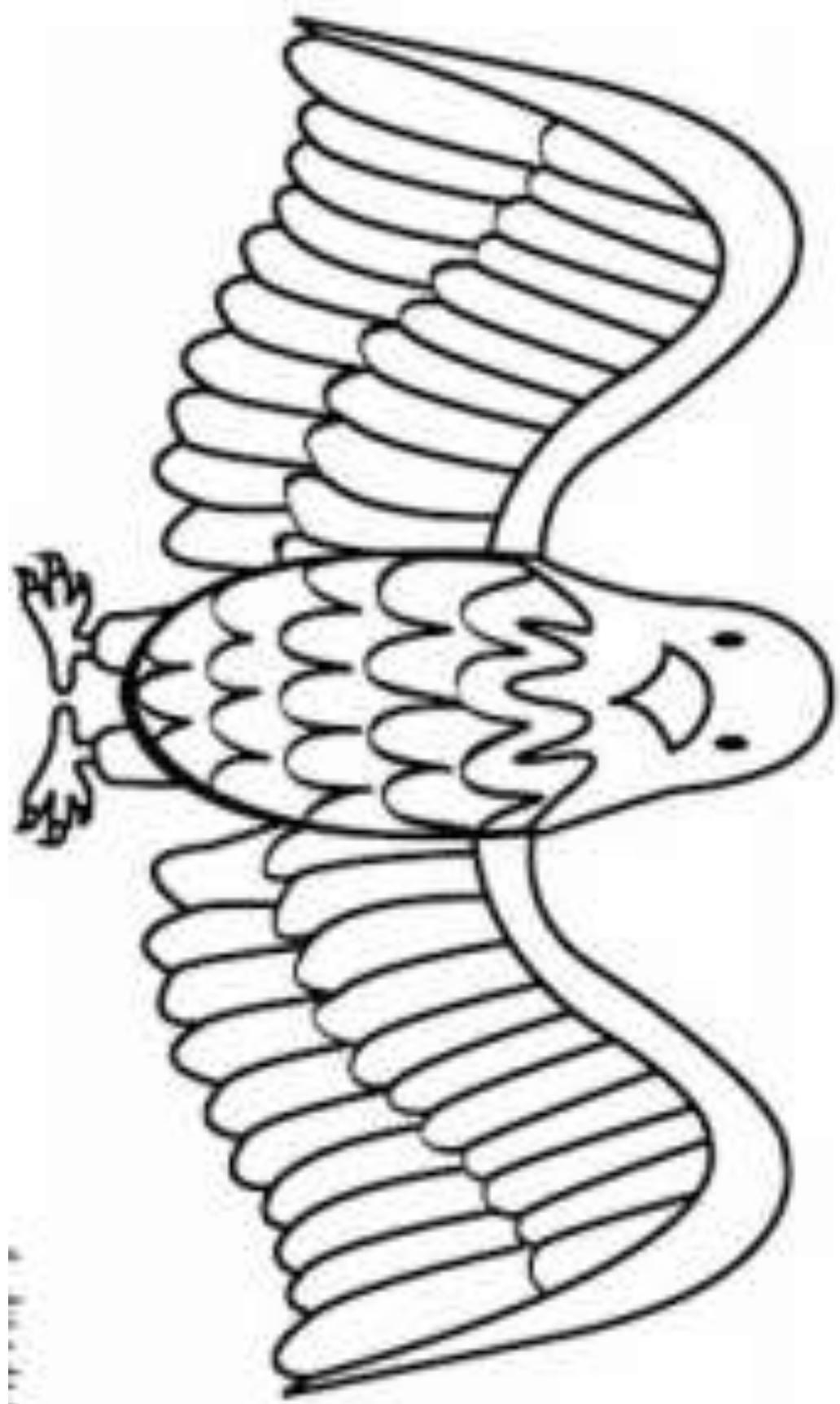
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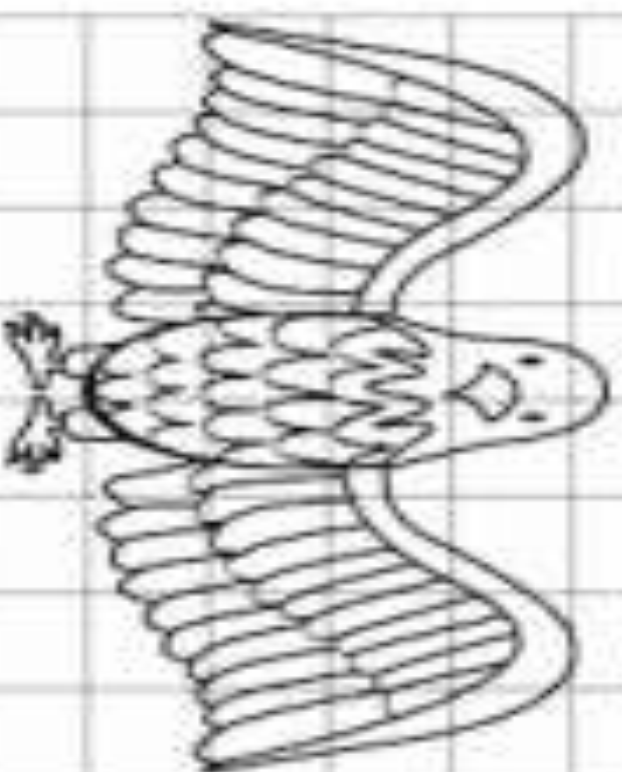






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This poor bald eagle is missing their wings; can you make some from playdough?





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Where do they live?

Size:

Life span:

Habitat:

Diet:

How do they behave?



Status: