



"The eagle displayed is the symbol of supreme power and authority, and signifies congress, and that the olive branch and arrows that it holds in its talons are the powers of peace and war."

William Barton, *co-designer of the United States seal*

## QLT Spotlight

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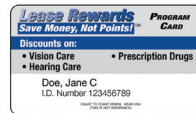
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## Bald Eagles Word Search



RECOGNIZABLE	FEATHERS	STRENGTH
TALON	ALASKA	ICON
BIRD	MATE	EAGLE
BALDE	NEST	SYMBOL
THRIVING	AERIES	PAIR

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## NEWS & VIEWS



## BALD EAGLES

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# MAJESTICALLY SOARING

The bald eagle is one of the most recognizable symbols of American culture. Revered as a symbol of strength, the bald eagle was selected by the Second Continental Congress as the United States national bird in 1782 as part of the U.S. seal design process. The seal has since been incorporated into official documents, currency, flags, public buildings and other government-related items, cementing the bald eagle as an American icon.

Today, bald eagles can be found in every U.S. state except Hawaii, and the state that boasts the highest eagle population is Alaska. They were once endangered, and numbers dwindled down to only about 1,000 in the 1950s. Fortunately, thanks to conservation efforts, bald eagles are now thriving with a U.S. population of more than 300,000.

## A STRIKING APPEARANCE

Bald eagles are easily recognized by their distinctive white heads and tails which are set off from their dark bodies. In fact, they get their name from the old English word "balde" which means white.

This feather pattern is found on both male and female eagles. However, the white feathers do not appear on the head and tail until they reach maturity at approximately five years of age.

## DYNAMIC FAMILIES

Eagles only lay eggs once per year, and they generally produce one to three eggs. In the South, eagle nesting season is late fall to early spring, while in the North and Canada nesting begins in early spring.

Bald eagles prefer to build their nests in tall trees but will also build ground nests if trees are not available. The nests, which are called aeries, are built by both the male and female over the course of one to three months. The male supplies the materials while the female leads the construction of the nest. The average nest size is four to five feet wide, two to four feet deep, and weighs about one ton!

Bald eagles live for approximately 20-30 years in the wild, and they mate for life. However, if one of the pair dies, the surviving eagle will look for another mate for the next breeding season.

## FUN FACTS!

- FEMALE BALD EAGLES ARE **LARGER** THAN MALES.
- THE LARGEST BALD EAGLE NEST WAS FOUND IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. IT MEASURED 9.5 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 20 FEET IN DEPTH, AND IT WEIGHED ALMOST **THREE TONS!**



We'd Love to Hear from You!

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