

WHAT ARE THE STANDARD PROTECTION MEASURES THAT ARE REQUIRED?

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is required by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act to abide by standard measures adopted to protect this previously endangered eagle species:

1. All construction personnel watch the Wildlife Education Workshop video which includes information on the bald eagle and be able to identify a bald Eagle and have brochures onsite.
2. A qualified observer/biologist will be on-site for notification by construction personnel if a bald eagle is sighted.
3. If an bald eagle is found on the construction site, all activity must cease immediately, and the eagle allowed to move away from any dangerous area on its own.



WHO DO YOU CONTACT IF YOU SEE A BALD EAGLE ON THE RESERVATION?

Contact your direct supervisor

You may also contact::

***Seminole Tribe of Florida's
Wildlife Biologist***

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**Seminole Tribe of Florida
Environmental Resource
Management Department**

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*



Protecting Tribal Resources

WHAT IS A BALD EAGLE?



The bald eagle has survived through near extinction. It was taken off the federal list of threatened and endangered species August 9th, 2007 and is still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Bald eagles prefer habitat near coastal or wetland areas free of human interference. Preferred nesting sites are in large living native pine or oak trees not far from a body of water. They feed on fish, water-fowl, small mammals, and carrion. In flight they can reach speeds of 35-45mph and around 100mph as they dive for prey.

WHY WAS THE BALD EAGLE ENDANGERED?

- Loss of habitat
- Loss of prey
- Shot by a fear of threat to livestock
- Exposure to DDT (pesticide) through the food chain causing egg shells to be very thin and crack

HOW CAN YOU IDENTIFY A BALD EAGLE?



*Males and females look the same, though females tend to be larger

Adult (above-left):

- Head and tail white with the rest of body dark brown
- Talons and beak are yellow and beak curved and sharp at the tip

Immature (above-right):

- Mostly brown with specks of white or light coloration throughout body
- Beak is yellow with black tip

*In flight they soar with wings held at right angles to body with distinct finger-like projections at the tips of wings (bottom).



WHAT DO THEIR NESTS LOOK LIKE?

Bald eagle nests are the largest of any avian species and are called aerie. They pair for life unless one dies. Nests may be used by a breeding pair year after year. Typical nest measure 5 ft in diameter, the largest recorded at 9 ft and weigh two tons! Sticks are placed in tree forks of large trees, usually pine. Florida nesting season is from December to January and interactions within 660 ft of the nest is restricted.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SEE A BALD EAGLE?

If you encounter a bald eagle, avoid all contact with it. If you are driving a vehicle or heavy equipment, stop, cease operation and allow the eagle to pass before resuming construction. Do not touch the eagle or harass it in any way. Please contact your supervisor or the number on the back of this pamphlet to report the location and circumstance of all sightings.