

About EagleWatch

Did you know that Florida has one of the highest density of breeding Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states, only surpassed by Minnesota and Alaska? Although they were removed from the federal list of Threatened and Endangered Species in 2007, Bald eagles are still protected by both state and federal laws.

Based at Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Audubon EagleWatch seeks information about Bald Eagles, active nest locations, and possible disturbances or threats to nesting activities. As one of the premier community science programs in Florida, EagleWatch works to protect approximately 40% of the state's nesting pairs.

Their current threats include habitat and nest destruction, collision with vehicles, and territorial fights.

Here are the objectives of the EagleWatch program:



- Compile data to help conserve critical Bald Eagle habitat in Florida.
- Educate the public and key stakeholders on issues facing Florida's eagles.
- Identify impacts from human disturbance and habitat alteration on the Florida Bald Eagle population.
- Collaborate with communications and utility operations to mitigate conflicts and disturbances where eagles nest on artificial structures.
- Maintain statewide nest map and database.
- Investigate nest productivity on artificial structures and future impacts of nest site choice through an auxiliary banding study.

Florida Audubon provides terrific training about eagle nests and how to report nest data. It asks EagleWatchers to visit their nests for at least 30 minutes per visit twice a month during nesting season.

**For more information about this important program, go to
<https://www.audubon.org/florida/projects/eaglewatch>**

Several of our local EagleWatchers also go above and beyond and help rescue and transport injured Eagles to the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland or to the University of Florida Veterinary Hospital in Gainesville.

Feel free to contact [Amy Koch](#), the EagleWatch Volunteer Coordinator for St. Johns and Putnam Counties, with any questions.

Growing Up Eagle

