

**BALD EAGLE**  
**(HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS)**

Federal/California status: Delisted/Endangered

*Photos*



*Description*

Adult bald eagles are easily identified by the white head and tail, and a huge yellow bill. They range in length from 31 inches (79 cm) to 37 inches (94 cm), with wingspans from 70 inches (178 cm) to 90 inches (229 cm). Young bald eagles do not have the white head or tail and may be confused with young golden eagles. They fly using deep wing-strokes, and soar on flattened wings. In comparison, the wings of the common turkey vulture angle upwards in a V.

*Habitat*

These eagles are mostly associated with rivers and lakes. They feed mainly on fish, but will take smaller birds. They nest in tall trees.

*Range/distribution*

Bald eagles are mostly winter visitors of the San Joaquin Valley. They have been observed roosting in trees along the shore of Millerton Lake, in trees along the Kings River, and in riparian areas and canal crossings.

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