

## By the Numbers

# Bald Eagles

**2007**

the year the United States removed the Bald Eagle from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The Bald Eagle had been close to vanishing from North America around the middle of the 20th century. This was one of the most notable wildlife rehabilitation efforts in American history.

**4**

the number of times better an eagle's eyesight is than a human's.



**6-7 feet**

the average wingspan of an adult bald eagle.

**4,409 pounds**

the weight of the heaviest bald eagle nest ever recorded, measuring 9 feet 6 inches wide and 20 feet tall.

**1-3**

the number of eggs a female bald eagle typically lays between early March and early April.



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19th Annual

MERRIMACK RIVER  
EAGLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 15

Presented by Mass Audubon's  
Joppa Flats Education Center &  
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge



# Eagle Festival Activities for Families

10:00 am–3:00 pm

## Joppa Flats Education Center

FREE

- Raptor themed activities
  - Tabletop science
  - Live Hawk and Live Owl presentations at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, and 2:00\*
- \*raptor availability subject to change

## Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center - FREE


- Raptor-themed crafts
  - SGAR Education table with Mass Audubon's Rescue Raptor outreach campaign volunteers
  - Live Hawk and Live Owl presentations at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, and 2:00\*
- \*raptor availability subject to change


We also have several guided, 'in-the-field' programs for both families and adults! Register and pay online at [massaudubon.org/eaglefestival](http://massaudubon.org/eaglefestival). First come, first serve!

★ Bring this brochure to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge entrance gate for free admission during the Eagle Festival.



## ★ Eagle Festival Information Centers

 **Joppa Flats Education Center**  
1 Plum Island Tpke, Newburyport  
978-462-9998





 **Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center**  
6 Plum Island Tpke, Newburyport  
978-465-5753



## Eagle Viewing Locations

9:00 am–3:00 pm

Volunteer Naturalist Guides will be at these locations along the Merrimack River during the festival. FREE

-  **Andrews Boat Shop**  
489 Main St, Amesbury
-  **Mersen**  
374 Merrimac St, Newburyport
-  **Cashman Park**  
Sally Snyder Way, Newburyport
-  **Joppa Flats Education Center**  
1 Plum Island Tpke, Newburyport

## Help Rescue our Raptors

Eagles, owls, hawks, and other predators balance our ecosystems. But hundreds of these majestic animals die every year after eating rodents poisoned with second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs). Mass Audubon is supporting local initiatives in towns and cities across Massachusetts to reduce and regulate the use of these dangerous rodent poisons. Interested in protecting wildlife from poisoning in your community? To sign up and learn more, go to [massaudubon.org/rescueraptors](http://massaudubon.org/rescueraptors).

