

# Eagle

**Bird of prey with great power and speed.**

**The eagle is used as a national symbol by many countries**

The eagle is one of the fastest animals in the world.

**Apart from the vultures, it is the largest predatory bird on the planet.**

They have **3,5 times** better vision than humans and see more colors.

They have two eyelids, one upper and one lower, together with a membrane which closes horizontally and provides you protection.

Although they are daytime birds, they can see at night.

The females **are larger** than the male.

The **smallest** eagles are those that inhabit the forests. Their size allows them to maneuver quickly **between** the trees.

The beak and claws are composed of **keratin**, the same as human fingernails.

They have a curved beak that allows them to tear meat to feed.

Like other birds, the bones are hollow. Its skeleton is only **6%** of its weight, while its nearly **7,000** feathers weigh about twice as much as its skeleton.

They live in nests, usually located in **remote places**, such as a cliff. They can also be in a tree, 50 to 150 feet above the ground. The nest is built with sticks and they use them for several years. The nests can weigh more than a ton.

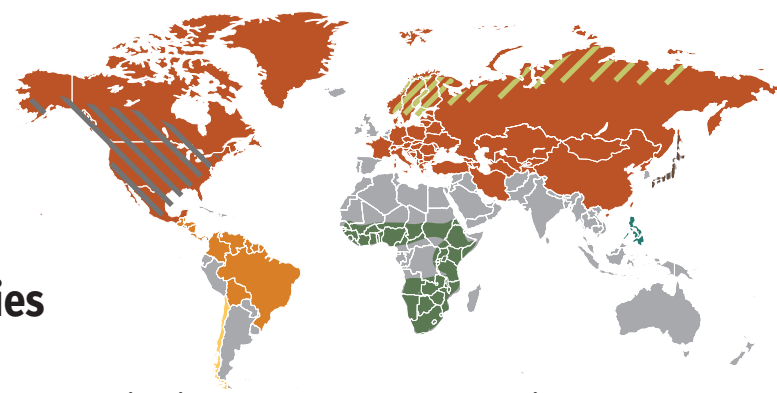
They live between **20 and 25 years**.

In captivity they can live up to **40 years**.

## Hunters Daytime Raptors

They use the force of their heels to apply a pressure of 180kg per square cm on their prey. They then take them with their claws. They have three in the front and one in the back which is longer..

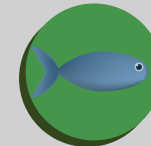
They fly very high and can dive down at speeds of 125 to 200 miles per hour to hunt their prey. Due to this, and its large size, **they are classified at the top of the food chain.**



- Golden Eagle
- Harpy Eagle
- Crowned Eagle
- White Tailed Eagle
- Philippine Eagle
- Martial Eagle
- Steller's Eea Eagle
- Bald Eagle



## Diet



Its stomach is about the size of a walnut. They eat around half a kilo a day, but they do not need to eat daily since they can keep up to a kilo in the **crop**. The food in the crop helps them survive the winter or whole days without feeding.