



## Bald Eagle Fun Facts



*The Center's newest avian ambassador*

- ❖ That majestic scream you hear in the movies when a bald eagle soars by? It doesn't belong to the eagle; it's really a red-tailed hawk. Bald eagles cackle instead.
- ❖ Bald eagles are partial migrants, meaning that not all of them will fly south for the winter. Interestingly, some bald eagles that spend the breeding season in their southern range will move northward when the breeding season is over.
- ❖ Bald eagles build massive nests. Because they reuse nests for many years and continue to add nesting material each year, a bald eagle nest can be as much as ten feet high!

❖ There was once a bounty on bald eagles in Alaska because it was believed that they competed directly with anglers; eventually, the bounty was removed. Today, bald eagles are protected by state and federal laws.

*The Buffalo Bill Center of the West holds all the appropriate federal and state permits to house and care for its nine birds of prey.*