

Presenting:

# Our National Emblem

# The Bald Eagle



## Where it Lives

This raptor is found near large lakes and rivers. It builds very large nests of sticks in trees near water.

## What it Eats

Fish is the main food of the bald eagle. It will also eat waterfowl, mammals, seabirds and carrion, especially during the winter.

## Special Features

The bald eagle became our national emblem in 1782. It is not really bald. It has white feathers covering its head. "Bald" comes from the old English word "balde," meaning white. Young bald eagles are mostly brown. They get their white head and tail when they are four years old.

Draw a picture of a bird you have seen.

