

Reporting Instructions . . . Continued:

Nest Information:

- ✧ History of the nest, if known, can be useful in identifying the nest, such as year established or other nearby nests
- ✧ Tree species if known
- ✧ Is the tree living or dead – Circle one.
- ✧ Estimate the nest's height from the ground in feet
- ✧ Water body utilized is the body of water that the nest is closest to, or which the eagles most likely utilize for fishing

Observation:

- ✧ Please give the date of the observations
- ✧ Please list the number of adults, young, or fledged young seen at each visit.
- ✧ Please check that which best defines the overall status of the nest for the year of observation from the following choices:
 - ✧ Active with adults incubating eggs
 - ✧ If the eagle nest is used by another bird, please tell us what species of bird is utilizing the nest
 - ✧ Eagle present with no nest maintenance or construction
 - ✧ Nest Inactive
 - ✧ Nest gone, blew down, or nest tree is gone

Comments:

- ✧ Please list any addition comments you would like to share

Thank You:

- ✧ Please double check that everything is filled out as accurately as possible
- ✧ Please mail the completed form to the provided Wildlife Diversity Program address, or please e-mail the information to Stephanie.Shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov
- ✧ Thank you for aiding eagle conservation efforts!

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Diversity Program
1436 255th Street
Boone, IA 50036

Reporting Bald Eagles: Nesting in Iowa



In 1996 Iowa possessed only 54 active nests in 20 counties. However, over the last decade those numbers have increased substantially, as new nests are being reported every year. In 2008, 83 out of the 99 Iowa counties possess bald eagle nests. Conservative estimates indicate Iowa possesses 200 active bald eagle nests.

Only conservative estimates are available, because the Iowa DNR staff no longer has the resources to monitor many of the Iowa nests, nor to adequately search for new nests. Monitoring of nests is left mostly up to volunteers and concerned citizens. Therefore, the discovery of new nests, which is often by chance, is primarily by volunteers, other citizens, and agency staff. As a result many nests go unnoticed and unreported.

If you or anyone you know locates a bald eagle nest, please report your findings to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Diversity Program, 1436 255th Street, Boone, IA 50036.



Observing Eagle Nests:

- ☞ Realize that nesting eagles are protected by law, please do not disturb them. A distance of ¼ mile is recommended particularly during the months of Jan-March.
- ☞ Recommended timing for observations:
 - 1) March for Adult activity
 - 2) Late April to try to count young (in nest unable to fly)
 - 3) Mid June – Mid July to count fledged Young (bird almost as large as adult, standing on edge or near nest or seen flying near nest.)
- ☞ Realize that nests are typically on private land, so please do not trespass unless permission from the landowner has been granted

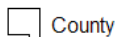
Reporting Instructions:

Observer Information:

- ☞ Please fill out the date, your name, address, and contact information

Nest Location Information:

- ☞ Nest location is necessary to identify the nest or to consider it a new discovery – Please be as specific as possible!
- ☞ County is required
- ☞ Township or Tier and Range and Section and quarter section based off the Public Land Survey System (or P.L.S.S.) or UTM's are required



County



Township or Tier and Range



Section



Quarter Section

- ☞ Physical descriptions (roads, mile marker, river mile, bridges, islands, landmarks, etc.) can be useful in helping us locate the nest

Nest Site Landowner Information:

- ☞ If you know the landowner where the nest is located, please provide their contact information

Observer Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Nest Location Information

County: _____

Tier/Township	Range	Section	Quarter

UTM: X: _____ Y: _____

Zone: _____ Source: Datum: _____

Physical Description: _____

Nest Site Landowner Information

Name or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Nest Information

History: _____

Tree Species: _____

Is the Tree: ALIVE DEAD

Estimated Nest Height in Feet: _____

Water Body Utilized: _____

Observation:

Date 1: _____ Date 2: _____ Date 3: _____

Adults: _____ Adults: _____ Adults: _____

Young: _____ Young: _____ Young: _____

Fledged: _____ Fledged: _____ Fledged: _____

Check that which best defines the nest status for the year:

- Active and Incubating
- Nest used by other bird _____
- Eagle or eagles present with no nest maintenance/construction
- Nest Inactive
- Nest Gone
- Nest Blew Down
- Nest Tree Gone

Comments or Other Notes:

Office Use Only

Territory-Nest ID: _____