

### **Endangered Species: The Bald Eagle**

The bald eagle was endangered/almost **fruitless** and **barren** starting by 1978. At that time, hunters were purposely **pelting** metal lead balls at the eagles to get their precious bodies, and the decline of the bald eagles' population. The three main reasons why bald eagles are endangered is because of chemical DDT, people are cutting more land down for settlement, and hunters kill bald eagles for their beautiful feathers, wings, body skeletons, or other parts of an eagle. Thanks to the Endangered Species Act, the bald eagle became slowly **available** throughout the United States, but still included as a protected species.

Bald eagles are endangered because of chemical DDT. As in the ESA Fact Sheet.pdf, "the bald eagle was missing in much of its range across the continental United States due to factors such as habitat loss and damage to egg shells because of the chemical DDT...the banning of DDT contributed to the recovery of the species," and "when its population had grown to 11,052 from 416 individuals in 1963," "The bald eagles are still in the law of protecting them. In order to survive, a bald eagle chick needs gray, fluffed up feathers, followed by a whitish throat and head, a small and fragile beak, height only about 10-13 centimeters, and a small pair of sharp eyes.

Chemical DDT harms the bald eagles' eggs, by cracking them open, or a body part is not formed properly, and is required to survive in the wilderness. Furthermore, another damage that chemical DDT does to the bald eagles' eggs is that the bald eagles would eat the prey that includes the chemical inside its body, and the chemical DDT prevents the eggs to have a hard shell so it does not crack or break while either the mother eagle is laying on the egg, or predators who are trying to eat the core of the eggs. Bald eagles are endangered because of chemical DDT.

Furthermore, bald eagles are endangered because people are cutting more land down for

settlement, and the bald eagles had to compete with each other to get the food first, but sometimes, both **vicious** eagles die in fighting too severely, causing the decline in the population of bald eagles. Similarly, bald eagles find their nests on tree tops to escape enemies below from eating and stealing their chicks and eggs. But if trees were cut down for building structures and buildings, what is left for the eagles? **Parasites**? Where do they live? They will die as you predict they would.

Lastly, bald eagles are endangered **hazardously** because hunters shoot these outstanding and brave birds down for their precious feathers, and body parts. Did you know that a **lustering** bald eagle's feather can sell for up to \$500? That is ridiculous! With only 1 feather, only 1 single feather can sell at this high price! The price is insane, and it is because sightings of a **unique** bald eagle are exceedingly rare and hard. And most of all, it is extremely hard to take such a gigantic bird that is located up above the sky, and it would take a single, rice shaped bullet to kill this gigantic bird, but aiming at the bird's neck is extremely hard.

In contrast, **randomly** shooting or lead poisoning or several bald eagles with lead or bullets could result in a fine of \$100000, leaving a one-year imprisonment in jail consequently. The people's **alliance** and truce with the eagles broke apart, leaving the eagles desperate to survive, and if they did not break it, our national bird would still be popular and respected. Moreover, the bald eagles are endangered because hunters shoot these brave and magnificent birds down to sell to the wealthy that could afford it. But why hunt these precious bald eagles just to make money? For instance, there are many other jobs that you could get and make money out of. Does killing animals make you stronger and happier? Or does killing these magnificent birds make you feel depressed and guilty? Besides, bald eagles are endangered **hazardously** because hunters shoot these outstanding and brave birds down for their precious feathers, and

body parts.

Due to the bald eagles that are almost extinct, the Endangered Species Act was made to include bald eagles as one of their protected species. The Endangered Species Act, also known as ESA, is a series of laws that saved hundreds of species from extinction and continues to protect and preserve some of our most beloved animals and even plants. As in the ESA Fact Sheet.pdf, "The Endangered Species Act has allowed for the recovery of such iconic species as the bald eagle, American alligator, and the humpback whale. The Endangered Species Act, overseen by the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, requires species of wildlife in danger of extinction to be listed as threatened or endangered and to receive protections to prevent the loss of the species and recover it so that the laws protections are no longer needed."

To continue, this quote means that many endangered species were saved by the ESA, and many more species are needing protection, so the ESA prevented species from becoming extinct forever. the bald eagles that are almost extinct, the Endangered Species Act was made to include bald eagles as one of their protected species. Due to the bald eagles that are almost extinct, the Endangered Species Act was made to include bald eagles as one of their protected species.

As you can see, the three main reasons why bald eagles are endangered is because of chemical DDT, people are cutting more land down for settlement, and hunters kill bald eagles for their beautiful feathers, wings, body skeletons, or other parts of an eagle. Protect bald eagles to prevent them from going from endangered to extinct! Make sure to keep an eye out for the population of bald eagles!