

BALD EAGLE NEST MONITORING IN OKLAHOMA

Citizen Scientist Data Collection through Sutton Avian Research Center

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The decline of nesting bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and ospreys was an indication of environmental contamination. This documented decline in wildlife populations led to the banning of DDT and a greater awareness regarding the possible effects of chemicals on the environment, on wildlife, and on humans. Monitoring these environmental indicator species will help with management and conservation of natural resources.



Between 1985-1992, the Sutton Center used innovative techniques to hatch, raise, and release bald eagles; 275 young eagles were set free in five southeastern states – 90 in Oklahoma. These eagles returned to nest near the area where they first took to the wing.

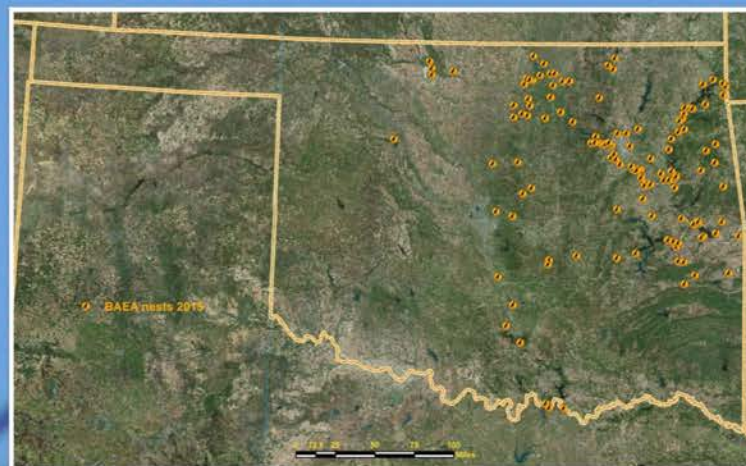
The recovery program aimed to establish at least 10 nesting pairs in Oklahoma – we are happy to report that the expectations have been greatly surpassed!



The Sutton Center has surveyed bald eagle nests in Oklahoma since this species returned as nesters in 1991. Expanded statewide nest monitoring today will add to data collected previously, and volunteers are needed to help maintain an accurate database. Bald eagle nest monitoring provides a way to record up-to-date information. Involving volunteers as citizen scientists who help monitor the bald eagle population is both exciting and essential for success.

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Bald Eagle Survey Team (the "BEST") volunteers help us continue keeping records of the number of eagles nesting in Oklahoma. The data gathered is not only important to learn about eagle population trends and needs. Since the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act prohibits interference, consultants and developers contact us to inquire whether we have records of nests close to their project areas. We can then inform them where there is a potential of disturbing nesting sites.



Locations of bald eagle nests checked in 2015 (above), and a comparison of recent nest monitoring results (below)

	2013	2014	2015
# nests checked	96	122	131
# confirmed active	84	103	116
# confirmed productive	65	70	77
Confirmed fledged young	96-101	102-105	116-133

Please report eagle nest coordinates through our website!

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Online form fields for submission of Bald Eagle nest locations.

The Sutton Center monitors Bald Eagle nests in Oklahoma each year. If you see adult Bald Eagles on or next to a nest in Oklahoma between November and May, we would like to know about it. You can report your observations using the form below.

Location of nest

TIPS FOR USING THE MAP: Click and drag on the map to pan its location around as needed. Use the scroll wheel on your mouse or the + and - buttons on the map to zoom in or out.

Map

Latitude*

35.889843206855

Longitude*

-95.95704956054886

Conservation

Reporting System

Next Steps

If you would like more information about volunteering with the Sutton Center BEST, please contact us to find out how you can be an important part of protecting the bald eagle.

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