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News: African Bald Eagle

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- African Bald Eagle, (scientific name: *Haliaeetus leucoceph*) is **found on most of North America, including most of Canada, all of the continental US, and northern Mexico.**
- It is the **only sea eagle endemic to North America.**
- The **average life span of bald eagles is 20 to 30 years.**
- Bald eagles **build their nests at the very top of tall trees so the eggs will be safe.**
- **Female bald eagles are a bit bigger than the males.**
- Besides **live fish, bald eagles also prey on other birds, small mammals, snakes, turtles, and crabs, and they readily eat carrion (decaying flesh of dead animals).**
- The **American bald eagle (National bird of the US since 1782) was taken off the endangered species list in 2007.**
- Since then, **their population has steadily increased, which is considered as one of the biggest success stories in the history of conservation.**
- IUCN Status presently is **Least Concern (LC).**

- The ban on Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) in 1972 by the US was a crucial step towards protecting the bald eagle and other wildlife species from the harmful effects of this pesticide.