



## LIFE CYCLES – CIRCLE OF LIFE

### Pre-Visit Activities

#### Windows on Wildlife

How many eggs does a Bald Eagle lay? What is its nest made of? And what does a baby Bald Eagle look like? The following activity introduces you to life in the nest of a Bald Eagle. Have fun and we look forward to seeing you.

#### Definition

#### Life Cycle



Definition: A series of stages that a plant or animal goes through during its lifetime. A butterfly's life cycle would include the following stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, adulthood.

#### Activity – Eyeing Eaglets

Bald eagles lay from one to four eggs (called a clutch) each season. How big are their eggs? Click here to find out

<http://eaglenest.blogs.wm.edu/2010/02/04/bale-eagle-egg-size-and-color/>

After hatching <http://www.arkive.org/bald-eagle/haliaeetus-leucocephalus/video-09a.html> the eagle babies (eaglets) are taken care of by both parents and remain in the nest until about three months of age. The nest (called an aerie) is lined with soft materials and the sides are 2-3 feet deep to prevent the chicks from falling out. The eaglets themselves are built for survival. Let's take a closer looking at their special features.



Click here

<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/eagle/jr/juvenileAnatomy.html>



#### Video – Life in an Eagle's Nest

What is life like in the nest of young eaglets? Click on the links below to find out.

Time for dinner <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiMFlo1YRao>

Swaying in the wind [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXcsPbW\\_9lk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXcsPbW_9lk)