

## **BALD EAGLE CAMERA GOES LIVE IN BLUE SPRINGS AREA...AGAIN**

In March of 2025, the City of Blue Springs, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Evergy, Capital Electric Line Builders, Axis Communications and Wild Souls Wildlife Rescue and Rehab, created a livestream feed for a pair of nesting bald eagles and their young.

While they didn't produce any eggs last season, our eagle friends are back in the nest and are ready to give it another go. The livestream gives viewers a seldom-seen experience of a bald eagle's life cycle in real-time. The live feed is active and can be accessed at [www.youtube.com/live/kJylW8gFdTU](https://www.youtube.com/live/kJylW8gFdTU).

To learn more about bald eagles in Missouri, visit <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/bald-eagle>. Inquiries about the bald eagles can be directed to [eagles@bluespringsgov.com](mailto:eagles@bluespringsgov.com).

Bald eagles have made an impressive comeback in North America after dwindling to only about 3,000 nesting pairs in the 1950s. Today, over 10,000 pairs nest in the United States annually, including about 200 in Missouri. This livestream is a unique opportunity for the public to witness these elusive and important birds in their natural state.

Eagle nests are large, regularly reaching 13 feet deep and 8 feet across. Bald eagles typically mate for life, and a pair produces 1–3 eggs annually, though rarely do all three chicks reach maturity. Young bald eagles acquire adult plumage at about age 5 and can live for up to 30 years. Eagles eat a combination of wild prey and carrion.

Christopher Cain, Urban Wildlife Biologist for MDC, said that he hopes the heightened visibility from this live stream inspires people to be more intentional with their choices that affect wildlife. Preserving large, mature trees ensures eagles find strong places to build their nests. Disposing of fishing line prevents eaglets and adult eagles alike from getting tangled. Limiting pesticide use can keep poison from entering eagles' systems through the rodents they hunt.

Bald eagles are a protected species in the United States. The specific location of this nest will not be disclosed to ensure the safety of the pair and their young. Members of the public should not seek out the nest or bother the birds in any way.