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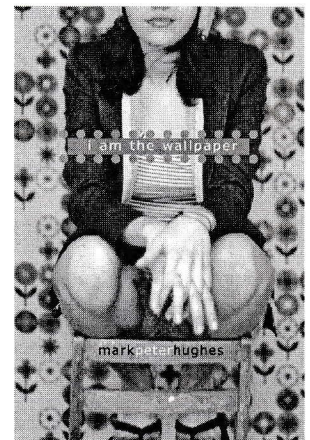
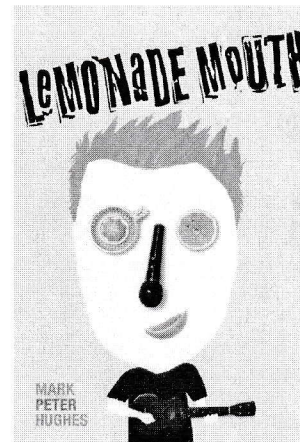
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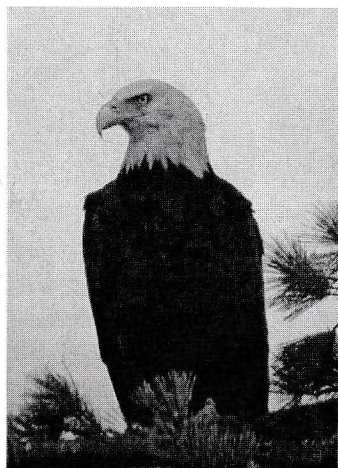




# *Fall Migration with Bald Eagles*

By: Deanne T. Endrizzi

When the days begin to get shorter, and the cold weather starts to change the leaves to red, orange, and yellow, bald eagles know it's time to start their migration by flying south. The eagles that nest up in Canada, Wisconsin, and



Minnesota, begin their fall migration in September.

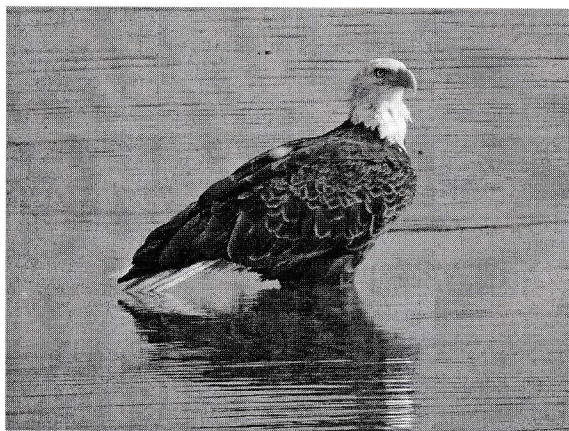
You may think that eagles fly south because the temperature becomes too cold for them. Not true! The reason is the bald eagle's main food is fish.

What happens in winter to the lakes where the fish live? The lakes freeze solid with ice, so the eagles can no longer catch the fish they need to survive. It's true that eagles will sometimes eat ducks and dead animals. Some eagles will stay farther north for the winter if they can find enough food like dead deer or other animals hit by cars. But most eagles will migrate south.

Some eagles will only fly south as far as they need to find open water. Sometimes, streams and rivers stay open all winter. This happens on the Mississippi River near Redwing, Minnesota.

There is a part of the river, called Lake Pepin, where the water stays unfrozen during most of the winter.

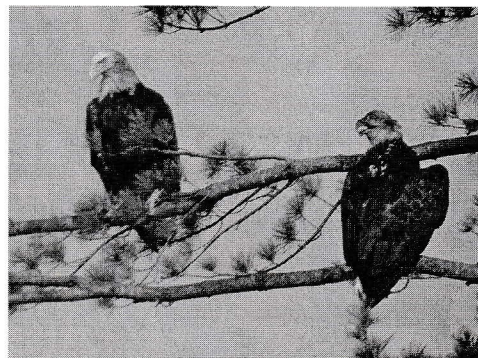
If you travel along the river where there's still open water, you may see over one hundred bald eagles sitting in the big trees along the river, flying around, and sitting on the ice.



It's interesting that the eagles get along in such a big group, but you may see one eagle trying to steal food from another eagle. This is actually a common thing that eagles do called "pirating." The older eagles will sometimes steal fish from the younger eagles.

When watching the eagles, you will notice that the youngest eagles are all dark brown and the adult eagles have a white head and tail.

Bald eagles don't get their white feathers until they are four or five years old.



When the water stays open, the bald eagles have no problem finding fish to eat. Other birds, such as ducks, like unfrozen water, too. An eagle may find an injured duck on the river that could be easy to capture for food.

An unfrozen river is a great place for the eagles to spend their winter, since there's lots of food, and they don't have to move from their winter homes until the weather begins to get warmer. Then, they will start to migrate north.

In March, they will return to Canada, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—their summer homes—and start nesting again.

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