**American Bald Eagle**

* Slide 1:
  + Introduce self “Hello, my name is Kendall Madsen and today I would like to talk to you about the American Bald Eagle.”
  + “Commonly mistaken the Bald Eagle is not actually bald, as we can see here in this first photo it has a white feathered head, brown body and wings, with a white tail. While the beck, eyes, and feet are yellow in color.”
* Slide 2 History:
  + The Bald Eagle was declared the American national bird in 1782, although their name took a declined over the next two centuries due to human activities and persecution. These birds were hunted for sport because some saw them as a menace livestock. In 1978 the U.S. government declared the bald eagle an endangered species, by 1995 it was moved from endangered to the threatened status and by 2007 it was removed from both by the U.S.
  + Today we see more than 1,000 in a count in California, here in Lake Tahoe our numbers went from 27 spotted in 2017 to 42 as of January 8th, 2021.
* Slide 3 Calls:
  + Commonly mistaken is the sound of these birds in movies. In films they use the call of a red-tailed hawk as the bald eagle’s call.
  + Bald eagles will use their calls for things like
    - Calling for a male
    - Warning other birds/animals
  + In this photo we see what looks to be like a bald eagle making noise, when really he was just yawning
* Slide 4 Nesting:
  + Picking old-growth trees, snags (dead trees), cliffs, and even rock promontories
  + These birds build some of the largest nests out of all birds. They are usually around 5-6 feet in diameter and 2-4 feet tall.
  + Incubation Period: 34-36 days
  + Nesting Period: 56-98 days
  + Clutch Size: 1-3 eggs
  + Egg Description: Dull white usually with no markings
  + Bald eagles will also usually mate for life and may build multiple nests within their breeding territory.
* Slide 5 Habitat:
  + Read slide with adding something like “While bald eagles require a good perching area, nesting sites, and good food base they will be found nears areas like rivers, large lakes, reservoirs, or in winter in tall dead trees watching for food. “
* Slide 6 Food:
  + Bald eagles are known to harass a hunting Osprey until they drop their prey. They will even take fish right out of the nest of an Osprey.
  + Bald eagles eat primarily fish but will at times eat small mammals such as raccoons, squirrels, prairie dogs, and rabbits.
* Slide 7 Seeing:
  + If you would like to see one of these amazing animals they can best be spotted during hunting when flying around near rivers, lakes, streams, or the ocean.

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