

Arizona Wildlife Podcast Comprehension Activity

Episode 18: Bald Eagle Breeding Biology and Behavior

Part A: *Determine whether each statement below is true or false. If it is false, correct the statement so that it will be true.*

1. Most bald eagles in Arizona are found in the mountains in the northern and eastern parts of the state.
2. In order to protect the nestlings from drowning learning to fly, eagles will build their nests more than a mile from water and the adults will fly in to find food.
3. Because of the warmer climate, eagles in Arizona will breed later than those in other states.
4. Bald eagles usually only lay one or two eggs at a time.

Part B: *Compare and contrast the items described in the sentences below.*

1. Bald eagle nest site locations in Arizona and the rest of the country.
2. Eagle breeding density along the regulated sections of the Salt and Verde Rivers along with the unregulated sections of those rivers.
3. The egg laying behavior of chickens and bald eagles.
4. Bald eagles before and after their first molt.

Part C: *Assume a bald eagle lays an egg on January 15. Create a timeline in the space below that shows the major events that occur between the first egg being laid and the baby leaving the nest to live on its own. Be sure to label the events and the dates.*

January 15

