How do Bald Eagles Survive the Winter?

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The cold weather will drain an animal's energy by sucking away its body heat. Many animals, however, have adapted special techniques to increase their chances of survival. The most amazing method for winter survival is used by some birds of prey, as shown in the picture. These raptors, including the Bald Eagles, have a unique ritual that helps them prepare for the cold weather. In this ritual, a mating pair of Bald Eagles will seek refuge in underground burrows to keep warm. Some animals will seek refuge in underground burrows during the winter to keep warm. Some will migrate, flying south to warmer climates, but perhaps the most iconic is the Bald Eagle.

The Symbol of a Nation: The Bald Eagle

A mating pair of Bald Eagles has laid an egg in their nest. They are a species whose survival is threatened by human activities, such as habitat loss and pollution. The Bald Eagle is the national symbol of the United States, but it also plays a vital role in our ecosystem. They are known as "ecotones" because they help maintain the balance of nature by preying on other birds of prey. The Bald Eagle is a protected species, and it is illegal to harm or harass them. However, their numbers have been threatened by pesticides like DDT and other human activities.

The Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University

To explore the site's natural environment, participants are introduced to the Center for Wildlife Education's raptor walkway. The Symbol of a Nation: The Bald Eagle is the matriarch of the Bald Eagle. Eventually she was released with hopes that she would find a mate and raise a family. The Bald Eagle species is removed from both lists in 2007. Unfortunately not all wildlife will survive. Winter is a culling time where wildlife mortality is often at its highest.

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Don't wait until the last minute to fill out your taxes this year! Fill out the state income tax checkoff to donate to the Georgia General Assembly. It's almost springtime, and many raptors have already entered into their breeding season. At the Berry College Eagle Camera, viewers can see the pair and their nest. The Symbol of a Nation: The Bald Eagle and the first live mascot for Georgia Southern University.

Cost of the program is $200.00 per person. This fee includes all materials necessary for the Junior Naturalist Summer Camp. Participants are joined by some of Georgia's most treasured natural resources. Intro-duces them to the people and agencies who manage those resources, and examines how all of these affect and interact with each other.

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Aerial courtship practices a mating ritual of keeping a watchful eye on their weaning offspring. The parents are very protective of their young to ensure that they are ready to fly. The Symbol of a Nation: The Bald Eagle.

Junior Naturalist Summer Camp

Camp dates and age groups are listed below.

Jr. Naturalists (Ages 6-8)  June 23-27
Jr. Naturalists (Ages 7-9)  June 23-27

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