

Graphics Supplement to “Molting Sequence and Aging of Bald Eagles” ⁽¹⁾



Important note on plumage variation: All pre-definitive Bald Eagles follow a predictable sequence of plumages, but individual birds exhibit unique variations at each age. No two eagles of the same age appear identical, and examples shown here do not represent a 'typical' plumage for any given plumage class. See a wide variety of plumage presentations for each plumage class/age at EaglesExplored.com

(1) McCollough, Mark A. (1989), "Molting Sequence and Aging of Bald Eagles", The Wilson Bulletin (Vol. 101, No. 1). (2) Per reference 1, Bald Eagles aged 4 ½ years might display definitive plumage. (3) Per reference 1, Bald Eagles aged 5 ½ to 8 ½ years might retain dark flecks around the eyes and in the tail. (4) and (5) See full list of references and explanations at EaglesExplored.com

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