

# A Quick Guide to the Bald Eagle



## The Decline of Eagles

Between 1906 and 1989, no eagles bred in Massachusetts. Their decline was largely due to hunting and a pesticide called **DDT** that caused their egg shells to become thin and break.

## A Conservation Success Story

New laws protected eagles, and **DDT** was banned in 1972. Researchers also brought **baby eagles** to areas they had disappeared from, and *viola*: when the babies grew up they returned to their new homes to breed.

**Now they fly free across the state.**



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