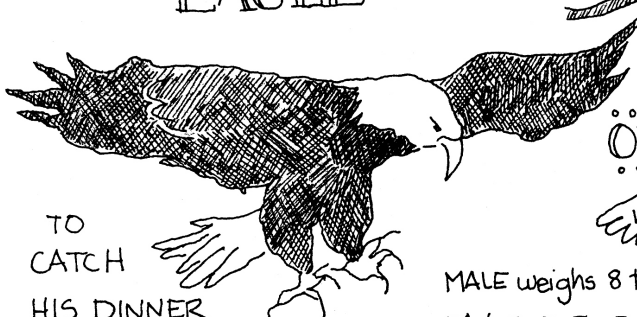


THE BALD EAGLE



TO
CATCH
HIS DINNER

The bald eagle dives at up to 200 miles per hour, or floats down slowly to surprise his prey. Thrusting his feet forward, he spreads his razor-sharp talons and catches his prey. If the animal is not killed instantly, he squeezes it with his talons until it is dead.



Do you know WHY people speak of EAGLE-EYES?

An eagle can spot a rabbit in the grass 1 mile away.

OUR NATIONAL BIRD

WING SPAN HUGE! (3 to 8 feet)

MALE weighs 8 to 9½ pounds. FEMALE up to 13 pounds.

FAVORITE FOOD →  Also eats ducks, geese, rabbits, even dead animals.

WEAKNESS → poor sense of smell.


The bald eagle does not develop its white head until age 5 or 6.



CHECK OUT Helen Sattler's books on eagles from your library.

Kids' Page!

by Jeannie McDermott




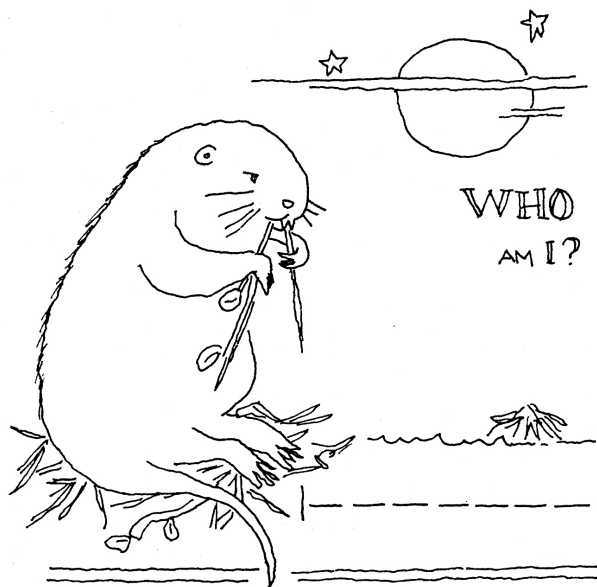
DEER AND DUCK COUNT
at Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge

Ron Bell, administrator at Squaw Creek was required to make a count of the ducks and deer in one section of the refuge.

To make the count more fun, he decided to count the number of heads and legs. There were 35 heads and 78 legs.

How many ducks were there? —

How many DEER were there? —

1. Place a chair about 5 FEET from a feeder chickadees use.

2. Sit very still in the chair. 3. After the chickadees return to the feeder, move your chair a foot or two closer.

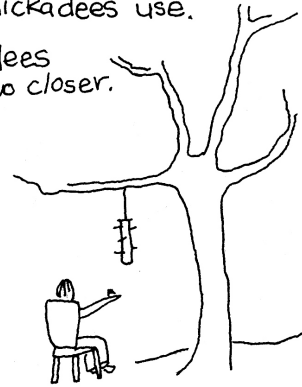
4. Continue slowly moving closer, until your chair is next to feeder.

5. Put sunflower seeds in your hand, and hold it out to the birds.

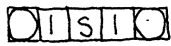
TRY NOT TO MOVE! BE PATIENT!

It may take a couple of weeks of moving closer, and you may have to sit an hour before the birds will land on you.

FEED
A bird
from your
HAND

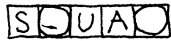


Backyard BIRD Watching for KIDS for more tips on feeding and attracting birds. Available at libraries and book stores.



MYSTERY MESSAGE

Using the clues



below, fill in a word that fits in the boxes exactly. Place each circled letter in the circles to the left.



• Muskrats like to swim and _____

• Eagles' razor-sharp claws. _____

• The sound some ducks makes. _____

• The color of a mature eagle's head. _____

• the family eagles belong to. _____ • Bird with webbed feet. _____

VISIT Squaw Creek, and you will see large mounds in the ponds. These are built by the animal on the left. While this animal may remind you of a beaver, it is actually a closer relative to the field mouse.

FAVORITE FOOD ⇒ Cattails, bulrushes.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ⇒ Swimming, diving. Can swim under water for as long as 15 minutes.

HOME ⇒ A lodge made of plant materials and mud. A burrow is dug in the mound below water level.

ANSWERS

MYSTERY MESSAGE is VISIT Squaw Creek.

MYSTERY ANIMAL is a muskrat. The remaining 62 legs must belong to 31 ducks.

4 four-legged animals - or 4 deer. 8 "extra" legs mean there are 8 more than the minimum. The

70 legs. He counted 78 legs, or then there had to be at least

Since Mr. Bell counted 35 heads, **ANSWERS** DEER + DUCK COUNT: