

How Can I Help?

Know the breeding locations depicted within this brochure and avoid these areas while flying.

Adhere to the airspace advisory in the Phoenix Aeronautical Chart and remain 2000 ft AGL above all bald eagle breeding areas.

Stay 2000 feet AGL above, or 1/2 mile away, from any waterways to avoid flushing bald eagles.

Report any harassment of a bald eagle to the USFWS Law Enforcement 480-967-7900 or AGFD's Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700.



Your cooperation will help guarantee the continued existence of this small and unique population of nesting bald eagles in the southwest.



Arizona Game and Fish Department



Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee



Arizona Department of Transportation
Aeronautics Division



Pilots... you can help protect an Arizona treasure!



Photo by Kenneth Jacobson

Low flying private planes and helicopters are the most common human activities in bald eagle breeding areas of Arizona. They account for nearly 40 percent of all human activity, and 25 percent of the bald eagle's significant responses during a breeding season. With your help, through the information contained within this brochure, we can protect an Arizona treasure...The bald eagle in Arizona.

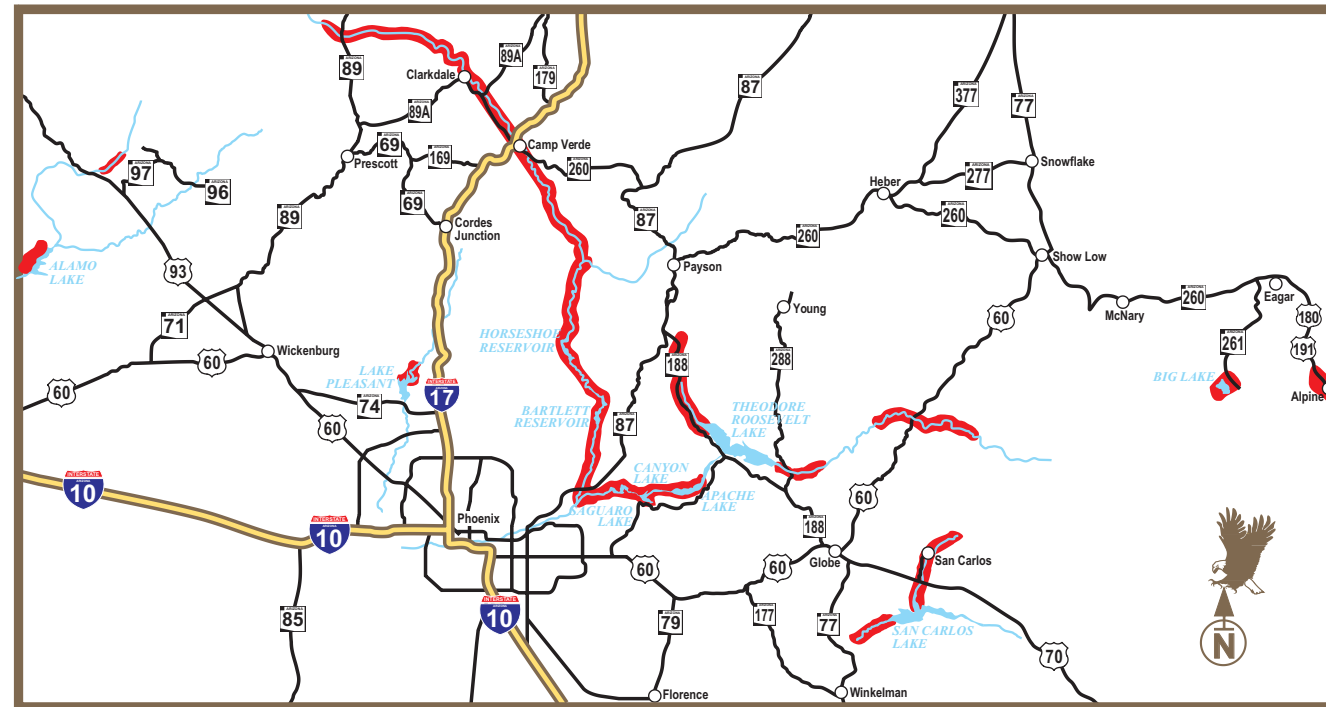
Why Should I Avoid Bald Eagle Breeding Areas?

Repeated disturbances can cause disruption of normal bald eagle courtship and breeding behavior or an inconsistent incubation temperature, which can harm the eggs.



Low flying aircraft can flush adult bald eagles from the nest causing the eggs to break, or flush nestlings from the nest before being able to fly.

There is an increased potential for mid-air strikes by flushing bald eagles.



Breeding locations to avoid during flying

If your actions are found to have affected breeding bald eagles, you could be subject to thousands of dollars in fines and possibly prison time.

Aircraft Identification Numbers are reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) if they are below the FAA's 2000 foot AGL advisory or cause a disturbance to breeding bald eagles.

Who is Monitoring the Bald Eagle Breeding Areas?

The Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee is comprised of over 20 federal, state, and local agencies, Native American Tribes, and private organizations.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department, acting on behalf of the Southwestern Bald Eagle Management Committee, contracts individuals to monitor bald eagle breeding areas statewide. They record all human activity within the breeding area including Low Flying Aircraft.

What Laws Protect the Bald Eagle?

- ✦ The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- ✦ The Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- ✦ The Lacey Act
- ✦ The Airborne Hunting Act
- ✦ The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
- ✦ Arizona Revised Statute Title 17