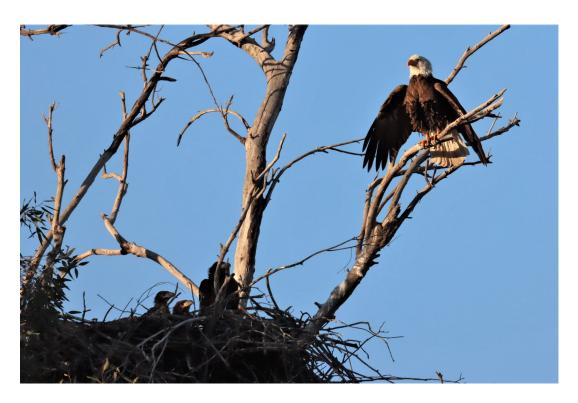
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"Listen My Children, "
"It's time to learn how to fly."
"Uno, your older brother, now has flight feathers. "
"Are you ready to stretch your wings son?"
"Yes, Papa."

"Dos and Tres, watch your brother. Be patient and listen carefully, I don't want you falling out of our nest before your flight feathers have matured."



## **Photo by Buddy Walker**

## **Eaglet Facts:**

Gestation Period: 35 days
Eaglets hatch in the order laid
The first to hatch "Uno," in
this family may be 14 days
older that his youngest
sibling, "Tres."
First Eaglet flight will take
place at about 10 weeks.
These Eaglets have nearly 4
weeks of "training" before
attempting their first flight.

Excerpt from Eagle Poem by Joy Harjo

..."Like eagle that Sunday morning
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky
In Wind, swept our hearts clean
With sacred wings.
We see you, see ourselves and know
That we must take the utmost care
And kindness in all things..."
(Source *In Mad Love and War*, 1990)

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