

# Is a Bald Eagle Always Bald?

*Hey Kids!* Look at the photos below to see how much change occurs in the appearance of the Bald Eagle's head from the time it is six months old until it sports full adulthood plumage.



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It is fairly common to mistake an immature Bald Eagle with the adult Golden Eagle which rarely ventures into Mississippi. At about one year of age, creamier or mottled white feathers begin to appear on young Bald Eagles, particularly on the underside of their wings. As they near adulthood, their heads and tails become whiter and whiter.

The Bald Eagle population has increased and is considered a success story in

American wildlife conservation efforts. Today there are probably over 100 nesting pairs of Bald Eagles in Mississippi.

*Be sure to visit the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science to learn more about the Bald Eagle in the Endangered Species of Mississippi Exhibit.*

