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Watch a New Eagle Grow from Birth to Flight on a Webcam

Crescent, ORE - If you ever wanted to see a bald eagle develop from birth until flight, you now have the perfect opportunity.

Following an unsuccessful year last year, there is a new life for a bald eagle pair, Cascade and Lady Odell, located high in the Cascades of the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon. The eagles were successful battling the late snow and cold to produce an offspring. The eaglet starting working itself free of its shell around 7 am on May 15, 2009 and was confirmed out at 5:30 with video at 3:30 pm by the faithful watchers at Maine Bald Eagle Cam Discussion Forum Index: Oregon Eagle Cam.

The newly hatched eaglet, Pengra Cascade Odell, is estimated at 3 ounces and 5 inches long. Pengra is covered with soft downy feathers and will depend entirely on its parents for food, warmth, and protection from predators. The youngster is the most recent successful hatch of this pair. The last successfully raised chick was in 2006.

Picture is of Pengra in the middle of nest, Lady Odell eating a fish brought in by Cascade and Cascade on the branch above the nest watching over his family.

With this year's successful hatch we hope to watch the adults rearing the young to fledging. To watch the life of this young eaglet from downy feathers to first flight over the next 10-13 weeks check out the live streaming video of via a website from the Forest Service at <http://www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/eaGglecam.html>.



This camera was placed as part of a cooperative project to bring live video of wild eagles and wild salmon onto the World Wide Web and to the Oregon Zoo's Great Northwest Exhibit where the same species are kept in captivity. It is our hope that these videos raise your level of awareness, appreciation, and understanding of wildlife, fish, and plants and their connection to ecosystems, landscapes and people, and entice you to visit your National Forests. Get outside! Take your kids outside! Try "Nature Watch!"

More information on eagle biology can be found on many internet sites including:

www.baldeagleinfo.com

www.fws.gov/midwest/eagle/recovery/biologue.html

www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Species/Data/BaldEagle/default.asp

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