

**Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered for other
Emphasis Species Lists**

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Golden Eagle

Scientific Name: *Aquila chrysaetos*

Recommendation: **Not R2 SS, be should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists**

Recommendation Rationale:

Population stable, habitats have few threats, and the species is widely distributed. Affected by oil and gas leasing, or any concentrated or repetitive disturbance near nest sites. While overall status does not appear to justify Regional sensitive species status, because of low density and sensitivity at nest sites to disturbance all units with Golden Eagle nesting should adopt special management guidance for the protection of these reproductive sites.

UPDATE (Peter McDonald, April 2015): The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service identified the Golden Eagle as a “Bird of Conservation Concern” (2008) for the BCRs represented in the Rocky Mountain Region. The IUCN Red List identifies the species as “Least Concern,” due to its extremely large range, population trend appears to be stable, and the population size is very large.” The Golden Eagle is not on the RED or YELLOW watch lists in the 2014 State of the Birds report from the American Bird Conservancy. The Natureserve global ranking as of 2011 is G5, Secure. Kansas and Colorado identifies the Golden Eagle as a Tier I Species of Greatest Conservation Need. Nebraska identifies it as a Tier II SGCN species, which are not at-risk from a global or national perspective but are rare or imperiled within Nebraska. The bird is not identified as a SGCN in South Dakota or Wyoming. Overall, the basic summary and rationale in 2003 appears to continue to apply. There is no obvious substantial new information since 2003 that suggests the Golden Eagle now warrants addition to the Regional Forester’s sensitive species list. Applicable R2 forests should continue to consider it for other emphasis and particularly recognizing the variability in state rankings (more concern in some states than others).

Birds of Conservation Concern

(2008): <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/BCC2008/BCC2008.pdf>

IUCN Red List (accessed 4/27/15): <http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/22705156/0>

State of the Birds (2014): <http://www.stateofthebirds.org/>

Natureserve profile (accessed

4/27/15): <http://explorer.natureserve.org/servlet/NatureServe?searchName=Vireo+belli>

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Wyoming state wildlife action plan (accessed

4/24/15): https://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/SWAP_2010_FULL_OCT0003090.pdf

Nebraska state wildlife action plan (accessed
4/27/15): <http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/wildlife/programs/legacy/review.asp>

South Dakota state wildlife action plan:
<http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/management/plans/species-list.aspx>

Kansas state wildlife action plan (accessed
4/27/15): <http://www.teaming.com/sites/default/files/Kansas%20Wildlife%20Action%20Plan.pdf>