

Eagle-Cam Update

June 12

Hi, it's Steve Chase here at the National Conservation Training Center with an Eagle-Cam update. Today is Friday, June 12th, and we've had a lot of action at the eagle nest the past couple of weeks.

On May 30th at dawn our young eaglet finally fledged, and for the past two weeks it's been spending more and more time away from the nest as it learns the finer points of flying and begins to learn the finer points of hunting down at the river with its parents as well.

I'm looking at the myoutdoortv Eagle-Cam feed right now, and the nest looks pretty abandoned. Probably the best time to see the birds now is either in the morning or in the evening, because they do come back to the nest off and on all day but spend more time at those times than at others.

The young eagle will still stay around for another month or so, spending time with the parents, but eventually the parents will give it some sort of signal that we'll never see that basically says it's time for you to move on, and that young eagle will move on, and for a period of several years just be traveling as a juvenile bald eagle, sometimes thousands of miles from this location.

The parents will continue to stay around. The past five years that they've been around here, they've shown up at the nest occasionally all through the late summer. We plan on doing some camera maintenance probably sometime in mid-August where someone will climb up into the nest and will be able to take care of that smear that you can see on the Eagle-Cam lens down in the bottom

right of the camera. We'll maintain the camera, maybe adjust the picture of the camera a little bit, and then we'll be ready to hopefully have another season, another nesting season, that will start just after the first of the year next year.

So, this is Steve Chase signing off, and we'll talk to you again about the eagles soon.