

# Golden Eagle



# Rocky Mountain Raptor Program

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## Golden Eagle – *Aquila chrysaetos*

### What does this bird look like?

This raptor is large and has a dark brown body with a golden-blond crown on the back of neck. Immature birds have tail feathers that are white at the base and dark at the ends of the feather. These birds also have feathered legs down to the tops of their feet – named “Booted Eagle” for that reason.

### Where does this bird live?

Mountains, hills and in open country.

### Favorite food:

Jackrabbits, small mammals as well as birds, reptiles, insects and the free meal of carrion.

### Size:

Wing span – 6½ - 7½ feet!!

Weight – 6.6 – 14 pounds

### Lifespan:

20-25 years old in the wild