

Golden Eagle

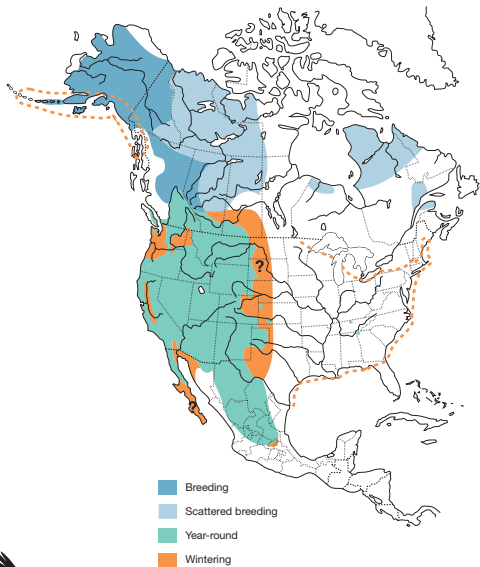
Aquila chrysaetos



Photo: J. Sierra



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PROVINCIAL STATUS

Endangered

DESCRIPTION

- large, dark bird of prey
- back of neck appears golden
- 2m wingspan
- immatures: white wing patches below; white on base of tail

VOCALIZATION

- yelping bark or *kya* drawn out whistled notes

PREFERRED HABITAT

- high places

MIGRATION

Spring arrival: mid-March
Fall departure: early November

WINTERING GROUNDS

- midwest and western USA
- southern Alberta and Saskatchewan

LOCAL POPULATION

- uncommon migrant through Renfrew County
- occasionally winters near deer yards

THREATS

- poisoning from eating from carcasses poisoned to kill wolves
- persecution and trapping

NICHE INFORMATION

- eats rabbits, dead animals
- no predators in Renfrew County
- active in daytime
- lives in open habitats, mountainous regions or hilly terrain
- nests are sticks interwoven with brush, leaves

WHAT WE CAN DO

- be aware that poisoned carcasses kill more than target species
- appreciate importance of predatory birds in reducing pest species

