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3rd EAGLE EGG AT NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Sometime in the early afternoon of Wednesday February 18th a 3rd egg was noted in the bald eagle nest at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. The first two eggs were laid on February 10th and 13th. Three eggs is fairly extraordinary as a majority of bald eagles lay two eggs at a time. Sharp-eyed camera viewers captured video that shows the female apparently laying an egg shortly after midnight on February 17th. The first definitive glimpse of the egg wasn't caught until about 1:30 pm on the 18th.

The activity at this nest is captured and provided to the public via a camera mounted in an adjacent tree. With night vision capability the Eagle Cam provides full streaming 24 video coverage of the nest. The Eagle Cam is a joint project of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), the Norfolk Botanical Garden and WVEC.com. VDGIF biologists maintain a blog that details the events at the nest and explains aspects of the bird's natural history. In addition VDGIF provides resources for educators based on Virginia's Standards of Learning. The video feed, along with daily slideshows, can be found at WVEC.com. Visitors can see the bald eagles in their nest by visiting the Norfolk Botanical Garden.

View the Eagle Cam at
www.wvec.com/cams/eagle.html

Learn what's happening and find educator resources at the DGIF Blog

www.dgif.virginia.gov/eaglecam/

Visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden

www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org

The Norfolk Botanical Garden is a site on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail developed and coordinated by VDGIF. The trail, which provides opportunities for the public to enjoy the Commonwealth's diverse wildlife, was the first statewide birding and wildlife trail in the United States. This year is the fifth anniversary of the completion of the trail. For more information visit www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/

It is the mission of the VDGIF to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth; to provide opportunity for all to enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating and related outdoor recreation and to work diligently to safeguard the rights of the people to hunt, fish and harvest game as provided for in the Constitution of Virginia; to promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing; to provide educational outreach programs and materials that foster an awareness of and appreciation for Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, their habitats, and hunting, fishing, and boating opportunities.

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About Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)

VDGIF is responsible for the management of inland fisheries, wildlife, and recreational boating for the Commonwealth of Virginia. They provide scientific knowledge about the eagles for the Garden staff and on the VDGIF blog. Wildlife Biologist Stephen Living updates his blog each week.

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From signature plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat or walking tours.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

About WVEC.com

WVEC.com is the ABC affiliate serving the Norfolk, Virginia area, including Virginia's Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina. They host the live video stream on their website www.wvec.com, making it possible for thousands of national and international bird watchers to have a rare look inside a Bald Eagles' nest.

