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Eagle Cam Live for 2010

Nesting Eagles at Norfolk Botanical Garden are Active at the Nest

(January 13, 2010) Norfolk, VA - The Norfolk Botanical Garden Eagle Cam is live for 2010. This partnership of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Norfolk Botanical Garden and WVEC.com provides a unique and close up view into the daily lives of a Bald Eagle pair that has nested at the Norfolk Botanical Garden for seven years. Through live streaming video viewers can follow the lives of these birds as they face the challenges of raising a brood of eaglets.

The eagles are spending more and more time at the nest, have been seen mating and we'll expect to see the first egg in the coming weeks.

In early December climbers with Nuckols Tree Care accessed the camera, replacing the weatherproof dome, cleaning the spider webs from the camera lens and installing a new infrared illuminator. Nuckols Tree Care donates their services to the Eagle Cam throughout the year.

The Eagle Cam provides a 24 hour video stream through the use of night vision technology. WVEC.com hosts the video feed and posts slideshows of the daily activity at the nest. Wildlife Biologists with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries maintain a blog that explains the activity at the nest and provides insights into bald eagle biology and conservation. Eagle enthusiasts can visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden and view the eagles from strategic viewing sites equipped with a telescope or binoculars.

View the Eagle Cam at www.wvec.com.

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About Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)

It is the mission of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species, while providing opportunities for all Virginians to enjoy the wildlife of the Commonwealth. VDGIF's efforts are guided by Virginia's Wildlife Action

Plan. This Plan focuses on the species and habitats of greatest conservation need, but it is also a plan for the conservation of all Virginia's wildlife.

Learn more about Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan

bewildvirginia.org/wildlifeplan/

Learn what's happening at the DGIF Blog

www.dgif.virginia.gov/eaglecam/

About Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG)

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres.

This diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat or walking tours. NBG 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. For more information about the Garden and classes, visit

www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

About WVEC.com

WVEC.com is the award-winning Web site for WVEC Television, the ABC affiliate serving Hampton Roads and surrounding areas of Virginia and North Carolina. WVEC.com has hosted the Eagle Cam images since the camera went online in 2006. The station provides regular updates on the eagles on 13News.