

Lake Somerville - Nails Creek State Park
BALD EAGLE



The bald eagle, our national symbol, lives throughout the United States, Canada, and northern Mexico. Several nesting pairs visit Lake Somerville annually.





The bald eagle is one of nature's most impressive birds of prey. They can measure up to 14 pounds with a wingspan of up to eight feet. Adults have a white head, neck, and tail and a large yellow bill. Bald eagles are opportunistic predators. They feed primarily on fish, but also eat a variety of waterfowl and other birds, small mammals, and turtles.

The bald eagle population in Texas is divided into two populations: breeding birds and wintering birds. Breeding birds occur in the eastern half of the state and along coastal counties. Wintering birds are located throughout the northern two-thirds of the state. Nests are constructed primarily by the female, with the male assisting. The typical nest is constructed of large sticks, with softer materials such as leaves, grass and Spanish moss used as nest lining. Bald eagles are believed to live up to 30 years or more in the wild.