

## USGS Data Exploration Unit: Lesson 2: Homework The Range, Habitat and Niche of the Bald Eagle

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For the next two lessons you will be working with data collected on bald eagles. As you work with these data, it will be helpful to consider the range, habitat, and niche of the bald eagle. In this homework first read the USGS – Biological Resource Division, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center article, *The Range, Habitat and Niche of the Bald Eagle*, and then answer the following questions.

- 1) Define the following terms:
  - a) range –
  - b) habitat –
  - c) niche –
- 2) Name two kinds of ranges for bald eagles.
- 3) What is the breeding range of bald eagles?
- 4) What is the winter range of bald eagles?
- 5) Where in North America do bald eagles live year round?
- 6) Where are the highest populations of breeding bald eagles?
- 7) How wide are the home ranges of bald eagles?
- 8) What is an important characteristic of the trees on which bald eagles perch?

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9) What do bald eagles eat?

10) What are the range, habitat and niche of the bald eagle?

11) How might the migration habits of different populations of bald eagles influence their chances of bioaccumulating DDT or other toxic chemicals?