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Training Opportunity to Become a Volunteer Bald Eagle Nest Monitor

Calling all wildlife watchers! The Iowa DNR will be holding one training opportunity for people interested in becoming volunteer bald eagle nest monitors. The workshop will be held **via Zoom on Sunday, February 9th from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm** and seats are very limited. Participants are welcomed statewide but be aware that most known nests in Polk, Johnson, Linn and Story counties are covered so volunteers in these counties may need to travel some distance to monitor a nest.



Community science volunteers have been helping to monitor Iowa's eagle population since 2006. In 2024, they monitored almost 400 nests! Prospective monitors who attend a workshop will learn about this program and how to get involved and monitor a nest in their area of the state.

To be a bald eagle nest monitor you must have a good pair of binoculars and preferably a spotting scope. We will try to match you up with a nest near your home base. The time commitment for conducting the survey and submitting data is roughly 8 hours total between March and July each year, depending on travel time, and will require multiple visits to a nest.

The workshop has limited seats available and there is a registration fee of \$5, which covers the cost of materials and postage. Registration for this workshop will close on Thursday, February 6th or whenever the attendance limit is reached.

Have questions? The [VWMP webpage](#) may help answer them. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for this workshop or a notification list for future workshops you can email Stephanie Shepherd at vwmp@dnr.iowa.gov.

[Register Here >](#)

Need to report and eagle nest that you have found? Please use our [online form](#)!
Thank you!