

Thanks to our 2016-2017 ETSU EagleCams Watchers:

We have watched all through this nesting season as the adult eagles in Johnson City and Bluff City, TN once again reinforced pair bonds in November and busily added additional nesting materials to their bulky nests. In February we saw the eggs appear one-by-one in each nest, and in March we anxiously waited for them to hatch for us to get our first looks at the chicks. Once more, through the eyes of our ETSU EagleCams, watched the chicks grow, develop personalities, learn to feed themselves, and take their first flights. In July the fledglings spend little time at their nests and soon will abandon them forever to go establish their own nests. At this time, we will end our live-streaming until next November.

What a wonderful nesting season it has been! All the eggs hatched at both nests, and all 4 young eagles made it to the fledgling stage. Almost a million views were made on our 4 cameras, newly equipped with night vision, by people in 183 countries. Our chat group on Facebook grew significantly this season at almost 1,400 members! We were able to add additional cameras and improve our services to you this year. We hope you have enjoyed being part of the lives of our two Bald Eagle pairs and that you have a much better understanding of our national bird.

We plan to be back live-streaming again next nesting season and we want to thank you for sharing your time with us. We also want to thank our volunteers, our camera monitors (Michelle France, Harry Norman, Keith Johnson, and Bob Cheers) and our technical folks (Borce Lazarov and Joe Miller) who kept everything up and working through a long nesting season that experienced some trying weather conditions for the birds and for our equipment. We could not operate without our wonderful volunteers!

In order to continue our service to you beginning in November 2017 we are also asking for your financial support. There is no budget for this project provided by ETSU. We depend solely on donors like you to help us maintain and replace equipment, pay our utility bills, and pay for the live-streaming feeds from the 4 cameras we use. None of your generously donated funds goes to salaries for our technicians who work so hard to keep the live-feed live; all are volunteers. So please, if you can do so, go to ETSU Department of Biological Sciences website and make a donation for the 2017-2018 eagle-nesting season or call us at 423-439-4329. We thank you whole-heartedly, and with your help we will see you again in just a few months!

Thank You All!

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