

Mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey Discontinued

by Chris Martin



Banded immature Bald Eagles in April of 2007 by Judy Lombardi.

NH Audubon has decided (as have many other states over the past several years) that the time has finally come for us to discontinue the winter eagle count, after 40 consecutive years of participating in the national Mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey (<http://gis.nacse.org/eagles/>).

In January 2020, New Hampshire surpassed 100 Bald Eagles tallied in the count for the first time (101 Bald Eagles, plus 2 Golden Eagles!). We also had 100 participants



Exeter sub-ad Bald Eagle by Len Medlock, 12-25-09.

involved on Count Day! Figure 1 shows the progress we've made in NH Count Day results for all 40 years beginning in 1981. One clear sign that our Bald Eagle population continues to thrive is the fact that the top six Count Day totals since 1981 all occurred in just the past six years (2015-2020).

Several observers have been involved for at least as long as I have (that's 30 years!) and at least one volunteer (Dawn Stavros) has participated in all 40 counts! Also a salute to the various NH Audubon staff members (Carol Foss, Diane De Luca, and Laura Deming) who coordinated this effort in the early years! Please know that NH Audubon and NH Fish & Game are both so grateful to all the volunteers who participated in this survey. NH Audubon couldn't have done this without you!

New Hampshire Mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey Results: Count Day Results Jan 1981 through Jan 2020

