



## **Ordering Eagle Parts and Feathers from the National Eagle Repository**

**F**or hundreds of years, Native Americans have used eagle parts and feathers for religious and cultural purposes, including healing, marriage, and naming ceremonies. Recognizing the significance of eagles to Native Americans, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) established the National Eagle Repository (Repository) in the early 1970s to provide Native Americans with the carcasses, parts and feathers of golden and bald eagles for religious purposes.

### **Who may obtain eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the Repository?**

Only enrolled members of federally recognized tribes may apply to receive and possess eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the Repository for religious purposes.

### **How do I apply for these items from the Repository?**

To apply for an eagle carcass or parts or feathers from the Repository for the first time, you must submit a Permit Application & First Order request, and a Certificate of Enrollment in a Federally Recognized Tribe (Form 3-200-15A) to the Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for the State in which you live. The Permit Office will process your permit application and, if approved, issue you a permit to possess for religious purposes eagle carcasses or parts (including feathers) provided by the Repository. The Permit Office will simultaneously transmit your First Order to the Repository for filling. If you wish to order additional carcasses or parts at a later time, you must submit a Re-order Request (Form 3-200-15B) directly to the Repository.

### **Did the permit process change recently?**

Yes, the Service recently streamlined the permitting process for eagle carcasses and parts.

**Previously**, a first-time applicant submitted a permit application and shipping request to his/her Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office and the Permit Office transmitted the order to the Repository. The applicant did not receive his/her permit until after receiving the shipment and mailing back a signed Acknowledgement of Receipt to the Permit Office. Each subsequent shipping order was sent to the Permit Office to be forwarded to the Repository. The permit was amended when the Permit Office received the signed Acknowledgement of Receipt for the re-order.

**Now**, the Permit Office will process only the initial permit application and, if approved, issue the permit right away. The permit will authorize the applicant to possess eagle carcasses and parts provided by the Repository and will be the only permit needed, regardless of the number of requests filled by the Repository. The Permit Office will then forward the first order to the Repository for filling. An applicant will not have to send an Acknowledgement of Receipt to the Permit Office in order to get their permit. Permit holders will send any subsequent Re-Order

Requests directly to the Repository. The permit will not have to be amended to cover re-orders. The original permit will be valid for the life of the permit holder.

In summary, now you will obtain your life-time permit from your Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office. After your first order has been filled, you will deal directly with the Repository for any re-orders. You will contact your Permit Office **only** if you wish to make name or address amendments to your permit.

### **What items may Native Americans order from the Repository?**

Native Americans may order up to one whole golden or bald eagle or equivalent parts at a time. They may also order specific eagle parts or loose eagle feathers.

### **What kinds of parts are available?**

Orders may be placed for a pair of wings, tail, head, pair of talons, or trunk. You may not order more of any part than is found in one whole eagle.

### **How many loose eagle feathers may an individual request?**

There are two types of loose feather requests:

- **10 Quality Loose Feathers:** These consist of 8 wing feathers and 2 tail feathers which are hand picked. Because supplies are limited, no more than 2 tail feathers will be provided per order. Wing feathers will be selected half from the left and half from the right wing, unless specified all from one side. Spike feathers will be utilized. Efforts are made to match the best quality feathers.
- **20 Miscellaneous Eagle Feathers:** These consist of assorted bald or golden eagle feathers and may include various size feathers (such as primaries, secondaries, tail, and plumes). Quality may vary. **Applicants may not customize orders.**

### **May a school request eagle feathers for graduation?**

Yes, schools may request eagle feathers to present at graduation to Native American students who are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. A representative from the school who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe should apply at the beginning of the school year under the miscellaneous eagle feather category, which has the shortest turn around time. More than one representative may apply; however, **only one order per applicant** (including requests for feathers for personal use) may be placed or awaiting shipment at a time. Upon receipt of feathers, applicants may reorder and may continue to do so throughout the year until the number of feathers needed have been acquired.

### **How long does it take the Repository to fill orders?**

The demand for eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers is high, and supplies are limited. The time needed to fill requests will vary depending on the items ordered. **Estimated** time frames for

various items are provided below. (Please note that requests are filled based on current inventory.)

Whole immature golden eagles	Approximately 5 years
Whole adult golden eagles	Approximately 4½ years
Whole adult and immature bald eagles	Approximately 2½ years
Whole tail only – golden eagle	Approximately 4 ½ - 5
Whole tail only – bald eagle	Approximately 2 – 2 ½ years
Pair of eagle wings	Approximately 1 year
10 loose quality feathers	Approximately 6 months
20 miscellaneous feathers	Approximately 3 months
Trunks only	On receipt of request
Head only	On receipt of request
Talons only	On receipt of request

**For information about permit requirements, contact:**

The Permit Office responsible for your State  
(see attached list of Migratory Bird Permit Offices).

**For more information about the Repository, contact:**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository  
Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Building 128  
6550 Gateway Road  
Commerce City, Colorado 80022  
(303) 287-2110  
<http://www.fws.gov/le/Natives/EagleRepository.htm>

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Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 National Eagle Repository  
 RMA, Building 128, 6550 Gateway Road  
 Commerce City, CO 80022-1798  
 (303) 287-2110

OMB Control # 1018-0022  
 Expires 02-28-2014  
**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
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 Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE-ORDER REQUEST**  
**EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

*Please see reverse for instructions*

Last Name		First Name	Middle Name	Suffix (Sr., Jr., etc.)
Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #; no P.O. Boxes)				
City		State	Zip code/Postal code	
Mailing Address (if different than physical address)				
City		State	Zip code/Postal code	
Date of Birth	Social Security Number	Name of Contact Person (if you have no phone)		
Home Phone Number	Work Phone Number	Phone Number of Contact		
Permit Number MB	Cellular Phone Number	E-Mail Address		

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED MATERIAL** *(You can only make one request at a time.)*

<u>Item</u>	(May not exceed parts of one whole eagle)	<u>Approximate Waiting Period</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Age</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole Carcass – Golden Eagle	4 ½ - 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole Carcass – Bald Eagle	2 - 2 ½ years	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald	<input type="checkbox"/> Immature
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pair of Whole Wings	1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> Either	<input type="checkbox"/> Either
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole Tail – Golden Eagle	4 ½ - 5 years	(Orders for golden eagles take longer to fill than bald eagles.)	See page 3 for examples  (Orders for immature golden eagles take the longest to fill.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole Tail – Bald Eagle	2 - 2 ½ years		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Quality Loose Feathers (8 wing; 2 tail)	6 months		
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Miscellaneous Loose Feathers (lower quality mixed)	90 days		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pair of Talons	Minimal		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Head	Minimal		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trunk (body without head, feet, wings or tail)	Minimal		

NAME OF YOUR TRIBE:	ENROLLMENT NO.
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I hereby certify that I am requesting an eagle items for religious purposes and that the information submitted herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements made here may subject me to criminal penalties.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

===== **OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW HERE** =====

APPLICANT CONTACT NOTE:	REQUEST # _____
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Date of shipment to applicant: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-ORDERING  
EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES**

**IMPORTANT:** Use this Re-Order Request (Form 3-200-15B) only if you already have a permit to possess eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the National Eagle Repository (Repository). If you do not already have a permit, **do not** use this form. Instead, you first need to apply to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Permit Office that serves the State where you live to obtain a permit. See instructions for “Applying for a Permit” below.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the primary Federal law protecting bald and golden eagles. This law provides for the use of eagle parts and feathers for religious purposes by Native Americans. Eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers are accumulated by, and made available to Native Americans through, the Repository. **In order to receive material from the Repository, you must first obtain a permit from the Service Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office responsible for your State.** You only need to obtain a single permit, which authorizes all future shipments of eagle carcasses, parts, and feathers from the Repository. **Once you have that permit, you may make future requests directly to the Repository using this Reorder Request form each time. If you do not have a permit yet, see the instructions for “Applying for a Permit” below.**

The Repository serves Native Americans of federally recognized tribes throughout the United States. Shipments are prioritized according to the date the Repository receives a completed Re-Order Request form. You can avoid delays in the processing of your Re-Order Request by ensuring that your form is **signed** and the information you provide is **complete and legible**. We must have your current address and telephone number so the Repository can contact you when your request is ready to be filled. **\*\*\*IMPORTANT: Please notify the Repository at (303) 287-2110 if you change your address or telephone number.** The Repository will **not** ship any orders without prior address verification.

Due to the limited supply of eagle carcasses, parts and feathers, **all applicants are allowed only one pending order at a time.** Each order for parts may not exceed the quantity of one whole bird. Applicants ordering a whole bird may not order additional parts. Requests for a whole carcass average 2-2½ years to fill for a bald eagle and 4½ - 5 years to fill for a golden eagle. Feather orders are as follows: Ten “quality loose feathers”, which usually consist of 8 wing feathers and 2 tail feathers, are filled within 6 months. Twenty “miscellaneous loose feathers” usually consist of a mixture of lower quality feathers that are **not exchangeable or returnable** and are filled within 90 days. Please refer to page 3 for descriptions of eagle feathers

Use this Re-Order Request (Form 3-200-15B) only if you already have a permit. (If you do not have a permit yet, see instructions below.) When filling it out, make sure you request either a whole bird or parts. Do not ask for both. **Make sure your re-order form is completed with all information, including permit number, and signed.** If your form is incomplete, it will be returned to you and your order will be delayed. You do not need to resubmit your Certification of Enrollment. Mail your completed and signed Reorder Request to:

**USFWS National Eagle Repository  
RMA, Building 128  
6550 Gateway Road  
Commerce City, CO 80022-1798**

**Applying for a Permit.**

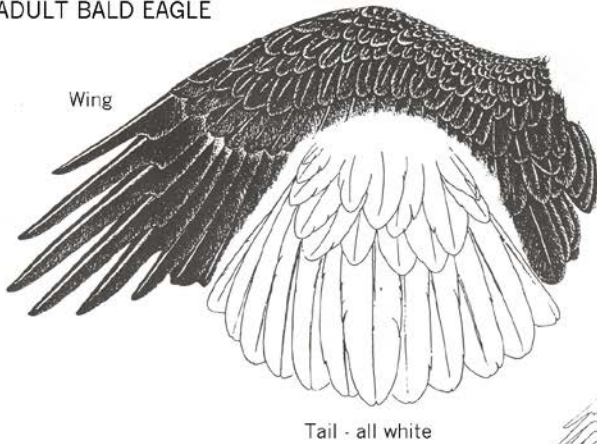
**Applying for a Permit.** If you do not already have a permit, complete a “Permit Application & First Order” form (Service form 3-200-15A) available online at [www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-15a.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-15a.pdf) or contact the Service Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office that serves the state where you live to request one be mailed to you. Submit your complete application to your Migratory Bird Permit Office (see addresses below). If it is approved, the Permit Office will send you a permit and forward your First Order to the Repository to fill.

To qualify for a permit, you must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community recognized by, and eligible to receive services from, the Bureau of Indian Affairs. You must be at least 18 years old to apply for a permit.

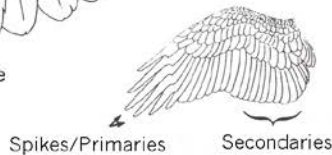
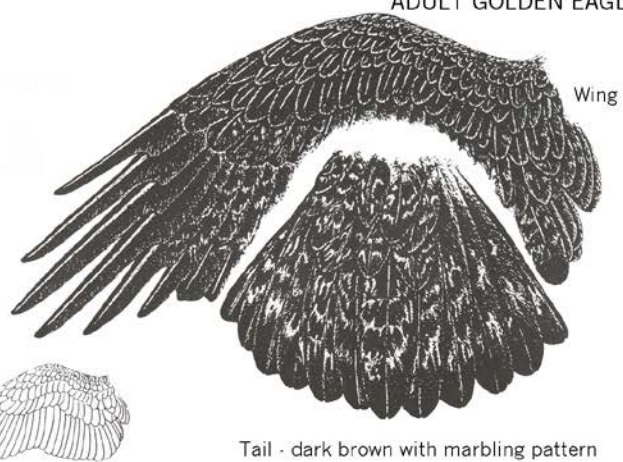
## REGIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD PERMIT OFFICES

FWS Region	Area of Responsibility	Mailing Address	Telephone Number & Email Address
1	Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Pacific Island Territories	911 N.E. 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Portland, OR 97232-4181	(503) 872-2715 <a href="mailto:permitsR1MB@fws.gov">permitsR1MB@fws.gov</a>
2	Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas	P.O. Box 709 Albuquerque, NM 87103	(505) 248-7882 <a href="mailto:permitsR2MB@fws.gov">permitsR2MB@fws.gov</a>
3	Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin	5600 American Boulevard West Suite 990 Bloomington, MN 55437-1458	(612) 713-5436 <a href="mailto:permitsR3MB@fws.gov">permitsR3MB@fws.gov</a>
4	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands	P.O. Box 49208 Atlanta, GA 30359	(404) 679-7070 <a href="mailto:permitsR4MB@fws.gov">permitsR4MB@fws.gov</a>
5	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	P.O. Box 779 Hadley, MA 01035-0779	(413) 253-8643 <a href="mailto:permitsR5MB@fws.gov">permitsR5MB@fws.gov</a>
6	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	P.O. Box 25486, DFC Denver, CO 80225-0486	(303) 236-8171 <a href="mailto:permitsR6MB@fws.gov">permitsR6MB@fws.gov</a>
7	Alaska	1011 East Tudor Road (MS 201) Anchorage, AK 99503	(907) 786-3693 <a href="mailto:permitsR7MB@fws.gov">permitsR7MB@fws.gov</a>
8	California, Nevada	2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825	(916) 978-6183 <a href="mailto:permitsR8MB@fws.gov">permitsR8MB@fws.gov</a>

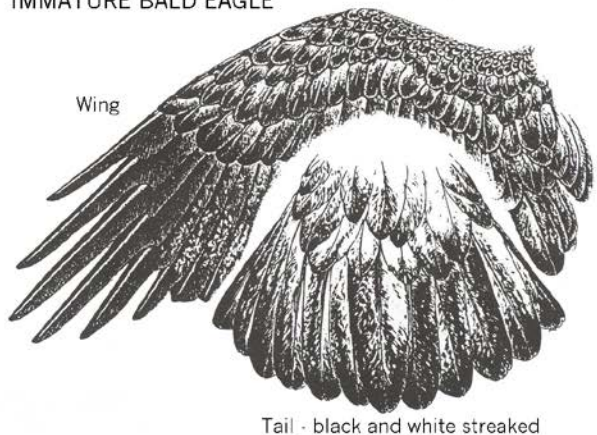
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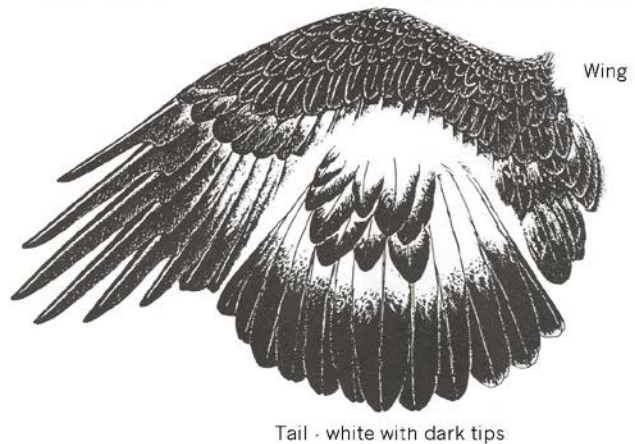
ADULT GOLDEN EAGLE



IMMATURE BALD EAGLE



IMMATURE GOLDEN EAGLE





## APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

### Paperwork Reduction Act, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act – Notices

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) & the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised:

1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:
  - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), [Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 22 \[50 CFR 22\]](#);
  - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), [50 CFR 17.1 to 17.95\(b\)](#) , [50 CFR 17.95\(c\)](#) , [50 CFR 17.96 to 17.99](#) , and [50 CFR 17.99 to end](#);
  - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), [50 CFR 21](#);
  - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et. seq.*), [50 CFR 18](#);
  - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), [50 CFR 15](#);
  - f. Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, [50 CFR 16](#);
  - g. [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(TIAS 8249\)](#) ; [50 CFR 23](#);
  - h. General Provisions, [50 CFR 10](#);
  - i. General Permit Procedures, [50 CFR 13](#); and
  - j. Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), [50 CFR 14](#).
2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed on the form.
3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
4. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual under the routine uses listed below, if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003)
  - a. Routine disclosure to subject matter experts, and federal, state, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
  - b. Routine disclosure to the public as a result of publishing Federal Register notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
  - c. Routine disclosure to federal, state, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
  - d. Routine disclosure to Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
  - e. Routine disclosure to federal, state, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
  - f. Routine disclosure to the Department of Justice, or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances.
  - g. Routine disclosure to the appropriate federal, state, tribal, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
  - h. Routine disclosure to a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
  - i. Routine disclosure to the General Accounting Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
  - j. Routine disclosure to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a federal claim against the debtor or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for an **Eagle Indian Religious – Reorder Request** application is 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

#### Freedom of Information Act – Notice

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (i.e., permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].