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NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN EAGLE CAM IS LIVE FOR 2009

Norfolk, VA--The Norfolk Botanical Garden Eagle Cam is live for the 2009 nesting season! This collaborative project of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Norfolk Botanical Garden and WVEC.com allows viewers an intimate look into the lives of a pair of bald eagles nesting at the Norfolk Botanical Garden with live streaming video. The pair has returned to their original nest within the garden after building and using a new nest last year. The eagles have been active at the nest site and we'll look for the first egg in the near future.

The Eagle Cam provides 24-hour viewing of the nest activities with night vision capability. VDGIF biologists maintain a blog that explains the activity at the nest and describes the natural history of these impressive birds. WVEC will post daily slide shows from the nest, allowing viewers to keep up with what's happening. Visitors to Norfolk Botanical Garden can see the eagles (from a distance of course) at strategic viewing sites that include mounted binoculars and telescopes.

View the Eagle Cam at
<http://www.wvec.com/cams/eagle.html>

Learn what's happening at the VDGIF Blog
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/eaglecam/>

Visit Norfolk Botanical Garden
<http://www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/e-community/eagle-cam>

The Norfolk Botanical Garden is a site on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail developed and coordinated by VDGIF. The trail, which provides opportunities for the public to enjoy the Commonwealth's diverse wildlife, was the first statewide birding and wildlife trail in the United States. This year is the fifth anniversary of the completion of the trail. For more information visit www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/

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About Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)

VDGIF is responsible for the management of inland fisheries, wildlife, and recreational boating for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Department also provides educational outreach to foster an awareness of and appreciation for Virginia's fish and wildlife resources. They provide scientific knowledge about the eagles for the Garden staff and on the VDGIF blog. Wildlife Biologist Stephen Living updates his blog each week.

About Norfolk Botanical Garden

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. From signature plant collections to *WOW- World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden*, this diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat or walking tours.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums, is recognized as a Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

About WVEC.com

WVEC.com is the ABC affiliate serving the Norfolk, Virginia area, including Virginia's Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina. They host the live video stream on their website www.wvec.com, making it possible for thousands of national and international bird watchers to have a rare look inside a Bald Eagles' nest.