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IT'S EAGLE EGG #3 AT THE NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN NEST, AGAIN

Norfolk, VA – Just as the rain and sleet of another storm began to turn to snow - a third egg was laid by the bald eagles at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Just after 12:29 PM today, Saturday, February 6, the female laid what should be the final egg of this clutch.

This pair of eagles has nested at NBG for the past seven years, successfully raising 12 eaglets. This is the fourth time that three eggs have been laid, including the nesting seasons of 2006, 2007 and 2009. One to two eggs is a normal clutch for eagles, but the abundance of water and wooded areas in and around the Garden provides more than enough food sources to keep three eaglets and two adults fed.

The first egg was laid on Sunday, January 31 in a nest full of snow. The second egg arrived on Wednesday, February 3. It takes 35-38 days of incubation before an egg hatches. The eaglets should begin hatching at the end of the first week of March. Until then, the eagles will keep the eggs dry and warmed to 105° F.

View the Eagle Cam at
www.wvec.com/eaglecam

Learn what's happening at the DGIF Blog
www.dgif.virginia.gov/eaglecam/

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Plan. This Plan focuses on the species and habitats of greatest conservation need, but it is also a plan for the conservation of all Virginia's wildlife. Learn more about Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan bewildvirginia.org/wildlifeplan/

About Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG)

Norfolk Botanical Garden represents an oasis of over 30 theme gardens encompassing 155 beautiful acres. This diverse natural beauty can be explored by tram, boat or walking tours. NBG 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 about the Garden and classes, visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org.

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