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Summary of 2008 Eagle Nesting Season at Norfolk Botanical Garden

Sept. 2007	Eagles bring first sticks to new nest tree.
Dec. 13, 2007	Camera moved and infrared light added to new nest tree.
January 2008	New nest completed.
January 30	Great horned owl visits nest at night-infrared allows views on Eagle Cam and photos to be taken.
February 1	1 st egg laid.
February 4	2 nd egg laid.
February 14	Intruder female eagle disrupts incubation.
February 16	Resident female eagle disappears – eggs not viable.
February 19	Eggs removed from nest.
February 22	Intruder female departs – NBG female returns unharmed.
March 16	1 st egg of second clutch laid.
March 19	2 nd egg of second clutch laid.
March 20	Something agitates female - jumps up and break both eggs.
March 22	3 rd egg of second clutch laid.
April 27	The eaglet hatches.
May 17	Growth noticed on eaglet's beak.
May 22	Eaglet removed from nest for examination and biopsy, then transferred to the Wildlife Center of Virginia for biopsy and MRI.
May 27	Biopsy reveals growth is viral Avian Pox – antibiotics, antifungal and immune booster treatment started. Adult eagles at NBG visit the nest less, but still are seen at the Garden.
May 31	Growing lesion makes it difficult for eaglet to eat. Interferon treatment starts.
June 10	Mass is shrinking – plans for surgery continue.
July 7	Surgery is scheduled for July 12.
July 9	Lesion dries up and falls off.
July 12	Surgery removes damaged tissue on inside and outside of beak. Upper beak tip cut back because of crooked growing pattern. A brace is wired to lower beak.
July 17	Eaglet develops crop infection. Loose brace is removed.
July 26	Eaglet eating solid food again. Beak will continue to be shaped to produce straighter growth.

August 11	Test results show eaglet is a boy!
September	Adult eagles at NBG continue to visit the old nest tree.
October 22	Pox lesion did not permanently scar the growth plate of the beak. Eaglet continues to eat well, grow and received bi-weekly beak trims. Eaglet is moved to a larger flight pen.
November	Adult eagles at NBG begin to rebuild old nest.

More information about the 2008 Norfolk Botanical Garden Eagle nesting season can be found by clicking the links on this page or visiting the websites of:

- WVEC Channel 13 - www.wvec.com/cams/eagle
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries - www.dgif.virginia.gov/eaglecam
- Wildlife Center of Virginia - www.wildlifecenter.org
- The Center for Conservation Biology - <http://ccb.wm.edu>