

breeds in the mountainous parts from New Mexico and Arizona to far north in British Columbia and Alaska.

Its food consists of mammals and large birds, such as rabbits, racoons, gophers, squirrels, grouse, waterfowl, etc., and unlike the Bald Eagle sparingly, if ever, partakes of fish, but will frequently feed upon carrion.

From time to time we see newspaper reports of children being carried away by Eagles, fortunately, however, the majority of such are sensational, but in sections of the south these birds are condemned by the sheep farmers, from the havoc they play among their flocks by feeding on the very young lambs, one firm alone reporting in 1889 the loss of from 400 to 500 lambs.

A comparison of the Golden Eagle with its near relative, the Bald gives the latter a slight advantage in size as the following table will show.

	Length.	Expanse.	Wing.
Male Golden,	30 to 35 in.	78 to 84 in.	23 to 24½ in.
Male Bald,	30 to 35 in.	84 in.	20 to 25.9 in.
Female Golden,	35 to 40 in.	84 to 90 in.	25 to 27 in.
Female Bald,	34 to 43 in.	84 to 96 in.	25½ to 28 in.

The Golden Eagle in *Adult* plumage is nearly uniform dark brown, the feathers of head and hind neck and tarsus tawny, tail darker than body and banded with grayish; *Young* similar to the adult but with basal half of tail pure white, and feathers of tarsi paler sometimes nearly white or with portions white, head and neck same as in adult. In any plumage it may easily be distinguished from the Bald Eagle by its tawny head and by having the tarsus thickly feathered down to base of toes.

NOTE.—The specimen referred to above has since come into my possession and I have made a skin of it. The bird was exceedingly fat, weighing about 10 lbs. with an alar expanse 6 ft. 11 in. from tip to tip. Beneath the skin was found one pellet of shot about No. 6, which was very much out of shape as though it had hit a bone. This pellet was embedded in the fat. The ulna, (the large bone in the wing) had been broken about an inch from the wrist, but was entirely healed over, making a very strong join.

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