How Eagles Care for Their Young

Eagles are powerful birds that care for their young with great attention. Before the female eagle lays her eggs, both parents build a large nest called an **eyrie**. They collect strong sticks, dry grass, soft leaves, and small twigs to make the nest safe and comfortable. Eagles usually build their nests on tall trees or high cliffs because these places protect the eggs and chicks from many wild animals. After the eggs hatch, the mother eagle stays near the nest to guard the chicks from danger, rain, and strong winds. The father eagle flies long distances to search for food. Using their sharp eyes and strong talons, eagles catch fish, rabbits, snakes, and small birds. The parents tear the food into small pieces before feeding the chicks. As the young eagles grow, they exercise their wings and slowly learn to fly. Their parents continue to protect, feed, and guide them until they can hunt for themselves. With patience, care, and practice, the young eagles become strong, confident, and independent birds.

Questions

1. **What** is the large nest built by eagles called?

2. **Where** do eagles usually build their nests?

3. **Why** do eagles build their nests on tall trees or high cliffs?

4. **How** do parent eagles feed their chicks?

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