

Gabriola Island Bald Eagle Nest Inventory 2014



**A summary of nest records
and nest locations of all the
known Bald Eagle nests on
Gabriola Island**



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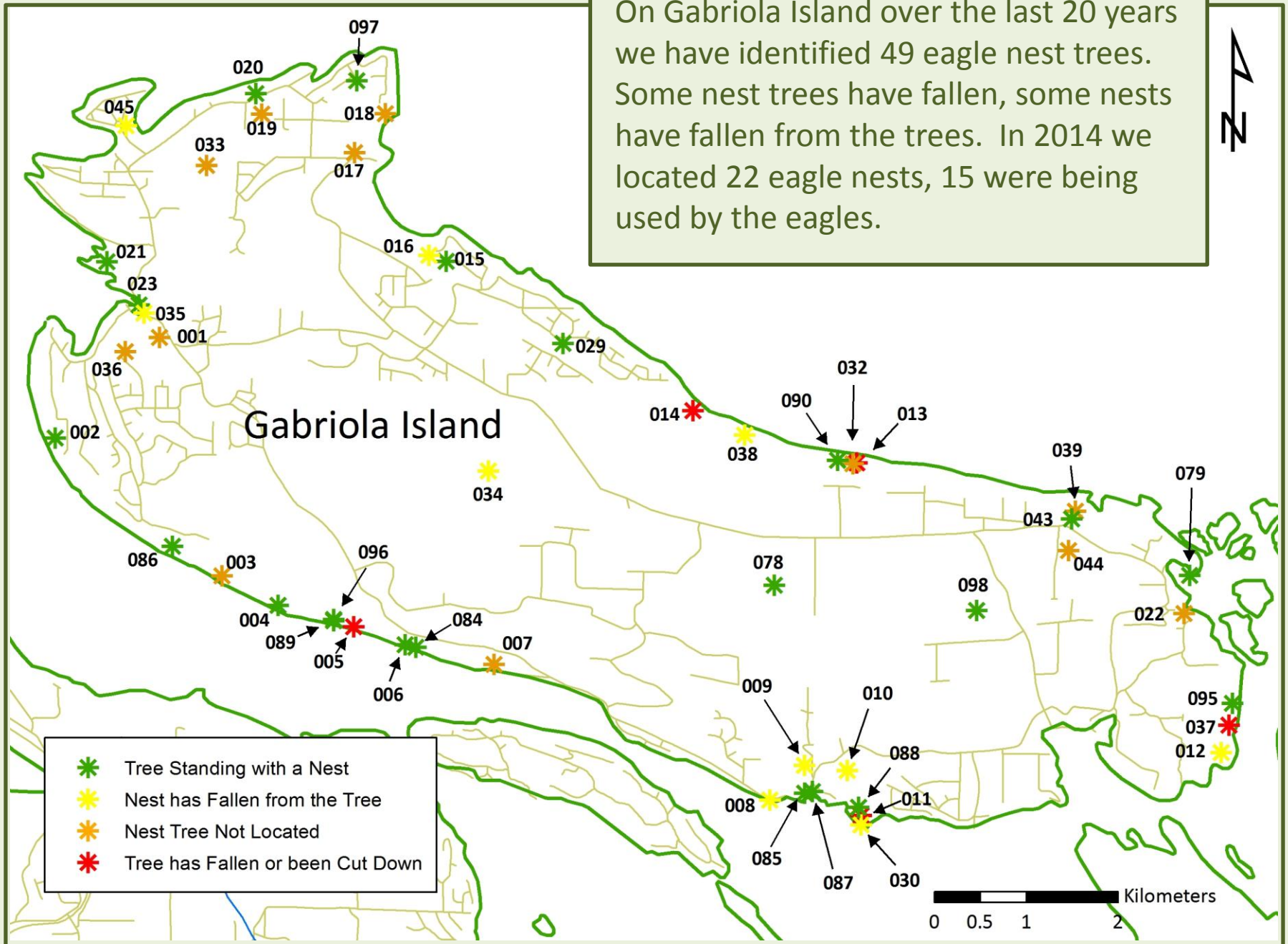


Eagles prefer to build their nests in large trees in locations that have a commanding view of the ocean. They often perch where they can see both their chicks and their nest plus watch for fish, their main source of food.

Eagles defend nesting territories of about 1km of coastline. They often have more than one nest and move between them over the years.



On Gabriola Island over the last 20 years we have identified 49 eagle nest trees. Some nest trees have fallen, some nests have fallen from the trees. In 2014 we located 22 eagle nests, 15 were being used by the eagles.



We started at the Ferry Dock and worked clockwise around the island

Summary of Bald Eagle Nesting Territories - North Shore Gabriola Island							Updated as of July 2014						Sheet 1	
Territory	Territory Name	Nest ID	Records before 2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
GI-T01	Ferry Dock	BAEA-101-001	1994-1C 1997-ND										Nest tree not located	
		BAEA-101-023	No Records					A	A	A	A	1C	OC	
		BAEA-101-035	2001 - 1C										Nest Down	
		BAEA-101-036	No Records										Nest tree not located	
GI-T02	Descanso Bay Park	BAEA-101-021	1994-1C		1C			A					OT	
GI-T05	Pilot Bay	BAEA-101-045	No Records							ND		ND	Nest Down	
GI-T07	Balsam Street	BAEA-101-033	2001 - 1C										Nest tree not located	
GI-T08	Berry Point	BAEA-101-019	1988-2C 1997-ND					ND					Nest tree not located	
		BAEA-101-020	2002 - 1C										OT	
GI-T09	Haig Road	BAEA-101-097	No Records							A			NA	
GI-T10	Laboeuf Bay - North	BAEA-101-018	1988-2C									ND	Nest tree not located	
GI-T11	Daniel Way	BAEA-101-017	1994-1C			1C		A		NF			Nest tree not located	
GI-T12	Sandwell Park	BAEA-101-015	2002 - 2C					OT					NA	
		BAEA-101-016	1991-2C 1997-ND										Nest Down	
GI-T13	Moby Dicks Way	BAEA-101-029	No Records				2C	OT				A	1C	
GI-T15	Whalebone Drive	BAEA-101-014	1997-ND										Tree Down	
		BAEA-101-038	No Records					A					Nest Down	
GI-T17	Windecker Drive	BAEA-101-013	1997-1C \ 2002 - TD										Tree Down	
		BAEA-101-032	New 2002 - 1C										Nest tree not located	
		BAEA-101-090	No Records										1C	
GI-T19	Dragon's Lane	BAEA-101-039	No Records							ND		ND	Nest tree not located	
		BAEA-101-043	No Records							2C	NA	1C	1C	
		BAEA-101-044	No Records							NF			Nest tree not located	
		Incomplete records			Nest Down			Not Located			Tree Down or Cut			
A = Active NA = Not Active OT = Occupied Territory NF = Not Found OC = Failed Nesting Attempt 1C = One Chick Fledged 2C = Two Chicks Fledged 3C = Three Chicks Fledged														
For complete records, the method requires at least one observation in the period between 15 March and 30 April and a second observation between 15 June and 30 July.														
More observations are helpful and recommended, especially if the observer is uncertain as to what is happening in the nest.														

One page summary sheets for each nest site are available at
www.growls.ca

Summary of Bald Eagle Nesting Territories - South Shore Gabriola Island						Updated as of July 2014							Sheet 2
Territory	Territory Name	Nest ID	Records before 2005	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
GI-T21	Silva Bay	BAEA-101-022	No Records							NF			Nest tree not located
		BAEA-101-079	No Records							OT		NA	Occupied Territory
GI-T40	Drumbeg	BAEA-101-012	1993-OC 1997-NA							ND		ND	No nest in the tree
		BAEA-101-037	Cut in 2004							NF			Tree Cut
		BAEA-101-095	No Records				1C			2C	2C	2C	2C
GI-T42	Dorby Way	BAEA-101-098	No Records							2C		A	Not active
GI-T45	Shaw Road	BAEA-101-010	1997-ND 1992-2C		1C					ND			Nest Down
		BAEA-101-011	1997-2C							1C		TD	Tree Down
		BAEA-101-030	1992-1996-2C									ND	Nest Down
		BAEA-101-088										1C	1C
GI-T47	South Road	BAEA-101-008	1991-1C 1997-ND							ND			Nest Down
		BAEA-101-009	1997-1C							ND			Nest Down
		BAEA-101-085	No Records							OC		NA	NA
		BAEA-101-087	No Records									A	NA
GI-T50	Wharf Road	BAEA-101-007	1996-1C 1997-OT							NF			Nest tree not located
GI-T52	Dodd Narrows	BAEA-101-005	1994 to 1996 - 1C										Tree Down
		BAEA-101-006	1997-1C							NA			Occupied Territory
		BAEA-101-084	No Records							NA			1C
GI-53	South Hoggan Lake	BAEA-101-089	No Records				1C	1C	1C	1C	OT		OC
		BAEA-101-096	No Records								1C		OT
GI-T54	West Hoggan Lake	BAEA-101-004	2002 - 2C		OC	OC	OC	OC	OC	OC	OC		OC
GI-T56	Boom 17-2	BAEA-101-003	1994-2C 1996-OT		OC								Not found/visited
GI-T57	Dempsy Road	BAEA-101-086	No Records							1C		1C	NA
GI-T58	Canso Road	BAEA-101-002	2002 - 2C		1C	A							1C
GI-T70	707 Park	BAEA-101-034	2002 - 1C										Nest Down
GI-T74	Degnen Road	BAEA-101-078	No Records										NA
			Incomplete records			Nest Down			Not Located			Tree Down or Cut	
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Most eagle nests are located on private property and we rely on land owners to protect eagle nests and perch trees.

Eagles get used to human activity below their nests, but often abandon their nests if disturbed in the early nesting season, especially in February through April.



When observing Bald Eagles at their nests please do not get too close and risk disturbing the eagles. Please respect private property and personal privacy when viewing nests near people's homes.