

The **BALD EAGLE** was adopted as the symbol of the United States because of its independence and strength. It is the only eagle indigenous solely to North America and became a threatened species by the 1970's.

Only the 1972 ban on DDT* provided protection for eagles, enabling them, once again, to produce young.

However, forest logging and development along watercourses is destroying the bird's habitat, resulting in reproductive failure and nest abandonment.

*Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) is an insecticide used in agriculture

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