

# **Slow Down For Eagles**

*A compilation video about eagles' flight abilities and hazards they face*

Teacher's Guide

by

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This guide is intended to provide an overview of the video's content, some background information, discussion topics, and activities. We'd greatly appreciate feedback, questions, and additional contributions from teachers and students.

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# About the Video

## ***Slow Down For Eagles***

*Introductory Statements: (0:00 - 0:15)*

- Eagles are large
- Eagles are very heavy
- Eagles are very slow to get off the ground
- Sometimes they'll eat so much food they can't even fly

## ***First Excerpt: (0:15- 2:08)***

Martin and Susan called out about a Golden Eagle that appears injured.

A woman called concerned for its well being.

Martin was able to capture the eagle in order to examine it for injuries.

On capture, he found the eagle had a HUGE crop full of food.

He determined that was the reason the eagle was not able to fly.

He released the eagle in a safe location confident once the food digested, the eagle would fly off fine.

## ***Second Excerpt: (2:08 - 5:33)***

Martin and Susan called out to the side of a highway where another Golden Eagle appeared as if it could not fly.

Upon arrival, Martin headed for the eagle that could not get past a low fence along the side of a highway.

Martin captured the eagle with a net.

This eagle also had a huge crop full of food.

Because of this location, which was unsafe, Martin took the eagle back to the rescue center to recover in a safe place from the huge meal.

The next morning, Martin released the eagle back to the wild.

### ***Third Excerpt: (5:33 - 7:11)***

Martin, with rescued Eagle Scout, one of his Wildlife Ambassadors.

Martin and Scout travel the Southwest and host Educational Wildlife Presentations.

In a live streamed event in honor of Scout's 15th Anniversary with the Southwest Wildlife Foundation of Utah, Martin shared the story of Scout's rescue.

Scout was a "depredation" animal. That meant a farmer saw him as a threat to his livestock. So Martin was called to take him away from the area.

In this segment, he shares some details about how he captured Scout and what it illustrates about an eagle's flight power.

To ensnare him, Martin used a weight of two and half pounds. With that relatively light amount of weight, Scout, a full grown wild eagle, could not fly.

### ***Fourth Excerpt: (7:11 - 7:42)***

A little bird darts across the road.

Martin reminds people that this happens while driving so it is important to always stay alert and free from distractions.

# Additional Materials

## About Martin Tyner

Martin Tyner is a federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, educator, propagator, and master falconer with over 50 years of experience.

## About the Southwest Wildlife Foundation

Founded in 1997 in Cedar City Utah, we are a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, wildlife and environmental education internationally, and the development of the Cedar Canyon Nature Park.

## Slow Down For Eagles Media Materials

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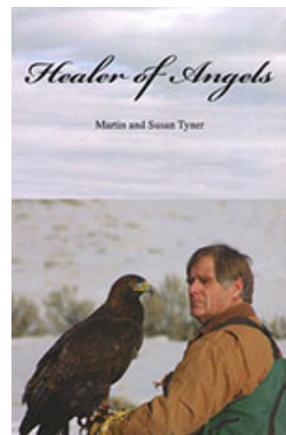


## Healer of Angels

Join Martin Tyner as he reflects back on his life: from a young boy terrified of birds to becoming the first man in North America licensed to train a wild golden eagle in the ancient art of falconry.

*Healer of Angels* is a heartwarming collection of true stories about overcoming life's challenges and disabilities with the guidance of wise grandparents and other mentors.

Read about his transformation from a shy dyslexic teenager, to the founder and CEO of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation. Some of the stories are humorous and some bittersweet, but each will inspire, teaching a lesson as it touches the reader's heart.



# Glossary

## **Apex Predator**

The largest and most dominant predator within their habitat.

## **Depredation Animal**

This refers to wild animals that cause damage.

## **Golden Eagle**

Known as the "The World Eagle". Unlike the Bald Eagle which is only in North America, the Golden Eagle is found around the world. The Golden Eagle name is based on the golden color of the feathers on the back of their heads.

## **Crop**

A crop is an expandable pouch like enlargement where food is stored for later digestion.

## **Wild Animals**

Wild animals are not pets. They are animals best left alone to live their lives in the wild and far away from humans.

## **Wildlife Ambassadors**

Selected wild animals that cannot return to the wild and are kept by trained and licensed wildlife educators for learning purposes.

## **Wildlife Rehabilitator**

Individuals licensed by state and/or federal authorities to tend to injured, sick or orphaned wild animals. Each rehabilitator may specialize in certain types of animals and have very different backgrounds in experience and education. All have the training to handle various critters and should always be consulted when a wild animal appears injured.

## **Wildlife Rescue Center**

A facility to care for injured, sick or orphaned wild animals. They can range in size and structure depending on region and types of animals cared for. Sizes also vary depending on funding sources and affiliations.

# Enrichment Activities

## Research

1) Learn more details about eagles

- Appearance
- Hunting and food
- Raising young
- Threats to eagles
- Benefits eagles bring to the world

2) Inquiry and contact, send an email to Martin

- Do you have more questions about the eagle?
- Do you have more questions about what Martin does?
- Would you like to help eagles and other wild animals?

## Imaginative Scenarios

Write or tell a creative and imaginative story about one of the suggestions below.

1) Martin mentioned how many incorrect claims are made about how eagles fly. How would you tell story about how an eagle can really fly?

2) What do you think it would be like to go out and rescue wildlife like Martin does?

3) How would you help spread the word to "Slow Down for Eagles?"

## **Discussion Topics**

Themes for discussion:

- 1) Have you ever seen an eagle in the wild?
  
- 2) Have you ever seen an injured wild animal?
  
- 3) Have you ever taken care of a sick pet?
  
- 4) Would you like to volunteer your time to help wild animals?
  
- 5) Can you name wild animals you've seen in your backyard or at the park?

# Slow Down For Eagles Test Questions

## Multiple Choice

Circle the letter of the best option from choices below each question.

1) How much can an Eagle carry in flight?

- a. Children under 5 years of age.
- b. A small cow.
- c. About a third of its bodyweight.
- d. One small breed dog.

2) What should you do if you see an injured wild animal?

- a. Give it milk.
- b. Trap it in a cage.
- c. Call for the help of a wildlife rehabilitator.
- d. Make sure it has food.

3) Why would a healthy eagle be unable to fly?

- a. The eagle is lost.
- b. The eagle doesn't want to fly.
- c. The eagle wants to run.
- d. The eagle has a huge crop full of food.

4) What is the most dangerous part of an eagle?

- a. The wings.
- b. The feet.
- c. The beak.
- d. The eyes.

5) Why slow down if an eagle is in the road?

- a. To watch them.
- b. Eagle are large, eagles are very heavy, eagles are very slow to get off the ground.
- c. So they don't see you.
- d. So the eagle doesn't attack.

### True/False

Enter a T for True or F for False in the box next to each question.

	1) Wild eagles are very dangerous.
	2) Sometimes eagles eat so much they can't fly.
	3) Eagles can fly off with small dogs and children.
	4) Eagles can fly away very quickly.
	5) Eagles are Apex Predators.

### Matching

Draw a line from the term to the correct definition below.

Golden Eagle	A wild animal that lives in captivity and attends presentations to educate people.
Apex Predator	Individuals licensed by state and/or federal authorities to tend to injured, sick or orphaned wild animals.
Wildlife Rehabilitator	The largest and most dominant predator within their habitat.
Crop	An Eagle found around the world, named after the color of the feather on the back of their heads.
Wildlife Ambassador	A crop is an expandable pouch like enlargement where food is stored for later digestion.

# Answer Key

## Multiple Choice

- 1) c. About a third of its bodyweight
- 2) c. Call for the help of a wildlife rehabilitator.
- 3) d. The eagle has a huge crop full of food.
- 4) b. The feet.
- 5) b. Eagle are large, eagles are very heavy, eagles are very slow to get off the ground.

## True/False

- 1) T: Wild eagles are very dangerous.
- 2) T: Sometimes eagles eat so much they can't fly.
- 3) F: Eagles can only fly carrying about a third of their bodyweight.
- 4) F: Eagles are large, eagles are very heavy, eagles are slow to get off the ground.
- 5) T: Eagles are Apex Predators.

## Matching

Golden Eagle: An Eagle found around the world, named after the color of the feather on the back of their heads.

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