

School-to-Nature

Red-Tailed Hawk



- The **RED-TAILED HAWK** is a raptor that can be seen flying high over all Conservancy properties.
- The King's Corner sign features a wood carving of a Red-Tailed Hawk.
- These hawks are fairly large, 18-26 inches, with a wingspan of 45-52 inches. The male is slightly smaller than the female. Both have similar coloring.
- Red-Tailed Hawks mate for life, which can be 21 years. The female lays an average of three eggs in a nest of twigs and leaves, built high up in a tree or on a high ledge. Both male and female incubate and raise the young, who leave the nest at about 6 weeks of age. Young hawks do not get their brick-red tail coloring until they are 3-4 years of age.
- Hawks eat mice, chipmunks, squirrels, rabbits, reptiles, and other small prey. They are carnivores. A hawk can spot a mouse from 100 feet away.
- Cornell University has popular Red-Tailed Hawk webcams that have followed Big Red and Arthur over many seasons of raising their young, from early March through late June annually. The link to this site, that also has webcams for many other bird species, is

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/red-tailed-hawks/>

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