

DC Arboretum Nest Event Log

Featuring

Bald Eagles Mr. President & The First Lady

Feb. 7, 2019 – Feb. 28, 2019

No eggs laid during this season

Date	Time	Which Adult or eaglet	Event	Description of Event	
2/7/2019	7:00:00 AM	New Season	Welcome To Our Viewers	The view is breathtaking, the sounds are so familiar. Our DC cams are streaming once again and we couldn't be happier. A warm welcome to all of our viewers, old and new alike. We're about to embark on a brand-new journey with Mr. President and The First Lady or as we affectionately call them MrP and TFL. We can't wait to share their adventures with all of you. They're a delight to watch, the interactions between them are simply adorable. MrP always eager to please his "lady", TFL having no problem telling him how it should be done. We have so many wonderful memories here, all of them interlaced with the branches that MrP and TFL have lovingly placed in the nest to protect their little ones. Our hearts are bursting with love as we remember Freedom & Liberty, Honor & Glory, Victory & our precious buddy Valor. Our anticipation is high, our excitement is growing. New hopes. New dreams. New memories. So, grab a comfortable chair, you won't want to leave your seat. The new season has begun!	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	7:04:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	What a sight for sore eyes! MrP arrives at the nest at 7:04am looking as fit and dapper as ever. He's truly a magnificent looking eagle with his clear yellow eyes, his dark golden beak and his fluffy white head feathers blowing in the breeze. He doesn't fly in empty-handed, not our MrP. There's work to be done and he's more than up to the task. He brings in a huge branch or should I say tree. "Treeman" at work. So cute to see the way he carries it around the nest looking for the perfect place for it. MrP or Mr. "Perfectionist". He always wants everything to be perfect for his lady and for his little ones. The loyal and diligent MrP will do anything to make that happen. He ties up the nest a bit more before he flies off at 7:15am.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	7:39:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Prey Delivered/Mating	MrP's back at 7:39am with breakfast but not for himself. He's brought this special treat for TFL. He's the perfect mate and provider. What a sweetheart. TFL flies in and claims her prize. It looks like some kind of UFO (Unidentified Furry Object) and TFL couldn't be happier to gobble it down as MrP proudly looks on. Now that TFL has a full crop she's ready to help MrP with the nest work. MrP rearranges some sticks while she does a quick shimmy down in the nest bowl. That sure warms our hearts. Her work is done for the moment, she moves over to the Lateral Branch. TFL gives MrP a special look and he moves over to join her. He has some sweet things to say before they mate at 7:55am. TFL looks on as MrP flies off at 7:56am.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	8:07:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Nest Work	MrP returns with a nice mound of fluff at 8:07am. He distributes it around the nest, works on some sticks by the V and moves up the Right V Branch. They both return to the nest simultaneously at 8:13am. There's still work to be done and they do just that in companionable silence. TFL looks like she has romance on her mind at 8:15am. She moves close to MrP, gives him a few neck nibbles and does a little wiggle dance as she softly chirps. How adorable. MrP doesn't appear to be picking up on her not so subtle hints as he just continues on with the nest work. TFL flies off at 8:20am with MrP following close behind. Vocals can be heard nearby.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	8:25:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating	MrP's back with another "tree" at 8:25am. He teeter-totters around with it, wings flapping for balance, holding onto it with his talon as he tries his best not to lose it overboard. He hangs in there and finally places it between the Left V and Lateral Branch. Good job MrP. He continues with the work at hand and gives the nest bowl a try at 8:46am. TFL comes flying in at 8:48am to lend a helping "talon". They both are busy eagles this morning. TFL does a brief version of her wiggle dance once again as they continue with the renovations. TFL is loving her mate. So cute to see the interaction between them. TFL flies at 9:00am with MrP right on her tail feathers. They have a rendezvous on a branch nearby and once again they sweetly mate. What a wonderful morning.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	9:09:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Departure/Arrival/Perching	MrP departs from the branch but is back at the nest with another beautiful clump of fluff at 9:09am. TFL continues to perch and watch from afar. MrP jogs up the Left V Branch and flies off at 9:14am.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	9:30:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Prey Delivered/Departure	MrP returns again at 9:30am and it looks like he may have brought a little something more for his lady. She's only too happy to see what her new surprise is and flies right over. It appears to be something small and furry and it doesn't take her long to gulp it down. She flies at 9:34am, MrP follows at 9:41am.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	5:00:00 PM	MrP & Sub-Adult	Arrival/Brief Scuffle/Departure	A sub-adult arrives at the nest during the 5:00pm hour. S/he appears to be about four years old, white head feathers sprinkled with dark spots, white tail with dark stripes. Quite a beauty. S/he makes her/himself right at home, aerating the fluff and lying down in the nest. MrP arrives in a flash at 5:22pm. He doesn't appear to be happy seeing someone sleeping in his bed. There's a brief scuffle, the visitor holds its own and MrP flies off to the NW Branch. The sub-adult remains in the nest to tidy up a bit more before s/he flies up to join MrP. MrP skeddaddles out of there to a branch deep in the trees. The visitor perches for a few minutes, takes one more look around and flies in the same direction at 5:33pm. No sign of either of them at 5:50pm.	earlybird_AEF
2/7/2019	9:19:00 PM	Mr. P	Perching/Eating	Around 5:10, Mr. P was spotted on a tree within the nest territory eating a fish on a branch. His white blaze is showing, so that fish surely has filled his crop! At 5:29, he flew into the nest and is currently fixing the crib rails.	FreeSoars_AEF

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2/8/2019	7:23:00 AM	MrP & Sub-Adult	Departure/Perching	MrP flies from the Primary Perching tree at 7:23am. The visitor continues to calmly perch on the Lateral Branch. S/he's a beauty with the salt and pepper look, her feathers all puffed up against the morning chill. S/he appears to be ready for a little change of scenery. S/he moves up the Left V Branch and over to the Overhead Branch. Ah yes. There's quite a view from here. S/he faces the Primary Perching tree and gazes out. 7:41am S/he stretches out her beautiful wings and s/he's flies off but not far. S/he makes a U turn in the air and returns to the nest and onto the Lateral Branch once again. Well, that was short-lived. The Sub-Adult moves over to the Left V Branch and returns to the Overhead Branch. I guess the view was better from there. The visitor flies off at 8:12am.	earlybird_AEF
2/8/2019	10:05:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Attempted Mating/Departure	MrP is back at 10:05am. It's so nice to see TFL join him in the nest. MrP follows TFL over to a tree near the PPT. It appears that MrP has mating on his mind but TFL says no thank you and flies off. MrP flies off himself and returns to the nest with a very big stick. "Maybe this will impress her". MrP finds a nice spot for that stick and moves up the Right V Branch. He looks absolutely gorgeous as he continues to perch. The close-ups of him are magnificent. You are Perfection MrP! Finally, much to our regret, the handsome MrP flies off into the sky. But wait! He returns with yet another huge branch. He easily places this one near the Lateral Branch and jogs up the Left V and onto the Overhead Branch.	earlybird_AEF
2/8/2019	11:06:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Departure	MrP joins TFL in the nest as she returns at 11:06am. They tidy up the nest a bit before TFL flies at 11:10am. MrP watches her go and flies off in the same direction. Off for a secret rendezvous? I guess we'll never know. Have fun you two!	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	6:50:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching/Departure	It's a chilly morning, temperatures in the upper twenties with sunny and windy conditions expected. The nest is empty except for one rather large headless fish that MrP delivered yesterday for TFL. He had carefully covered it with moss and didn't even attempt take a bite, except for the head of course and left it when he flew for the night. Well our devoted MrP is back this morning and the fish is still there. MrP stops in the nest, gives everything a quick check and moves over to the Lateral Branch. But that fish looks so tempting. It's early morning and a nice fish breakfast wouldn't be a bad idea right about now. But MrP, wasn't that fish meant for TFL? Yes, it was but she'll never know. With that the faithful MrP grabs up that fish and takes off. Oh my! TFL is not going to be happy. But it sure gave me a smile this morning.	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	7:08:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	MrP's back at 7:08am with a very full crop. I think there's little doubt that MrP did indeed eat that fish. The evidence is right there for all to see as he sports his handsome white tie. Don't worry MrP. Your secret's safe with us. TFL arrives at 7:18am and gives MrP a helping talon with the nest work. They do work well together, both of them grabbing the same stick and moving it around. TFL's usually the first one to take a break and today's no exception. She moves over to the Lateral Branch and assumes her supervisory position. She just gets settled in when she's dive bombed by a Blue Jay. What a look she gives it! When TFL isn't pleased with something, all she has to do is give you that one look and you know she means business. Much like our Mama's looks when they're not so happy with our behavior. That Blue Jay is gone in a jiffy. Never mess around with TFL. MrP joins her on the Lateral Branch with some sweet talk and they mate at 7:23am. MrP flies off and TFL rouses her feathers in contentment. What a beautiful way to start the day.	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	7:54:00 AM	MrP & TFL & Visitor	Perching/Vocals/Departure with Chase	MrP returns and perches on a lower branch at 7:54am. He greets TFL as she arrives on the Overhead Branch at 8:08am. MrP flies off at 8:09am as TFL looks on. Another eagle flies in and perches high up on the Right V Branch. It's hard to tell at this point if it's the same "salt and pepper" visitor from yesterday. TFL has no reaction at all as she continues to perch on the OH Branch. They both quietly gaze around the area. MrP's back at 8:26am and he's not nearly as calm. He sounds the warning vocals and TFL joins in. The visitor clearly gets the message and s/he flies off as MrP gives chase. They both fly out of sight.	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	8:38:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Departure/Perching	MrP returns with his chest all puffed out in pride at 8:38am. Or maybe that's just his big crop. Regardless, Job well done MrP. He stops in the nest and moves to the Lateral Branch. MrP flies off into the horizon at 8:42am as TFL looks on from the OH.	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	8:54:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Perching/Departure	We had a "changing of the perch" at 8:54am. MrP arrives back in the nest at 8:53am and marches up the Left V branch. TFL flies off the Overhead Branch and MrP takes her nice warm spot. He enjoys that beautiful view until he flies at 9:06am.	earlybird_AEF
2/9/2019	4:30:00 PM	New Season	Welcome To Our Viewers	Hi everyone! It's great to be back for another season at the DC nest with our beloved MrP and TFL and all of you. Is it me or does our couple look even more stunning than they did last year? Maybe it's just missing them so much and there's truth in the saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"... as if it's even possible to love this couple more than we already do! Well, lets get down to some logging so you know what's going on the past hour or so. Just wanted to touch base with all of you and welcome you back to the 2019 DC Nest Season.	freebird_AEF
2/9/2019	5:17:00 PM	MrP	Perching	Mr. President is perched on the overhead branch, regal as ever, watching over his domain and maybe, just maybe, hoping for another visit from The First Lady.	Dloebel2016_AEF

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2/9/2019	5:26:00 PM	MrP	Arrivals/Departures	We find MrP looking super handsome basking in the sun while perched on the lateral branch as I tune in at 3:30pm. His eagle glances dart here and there with head feathers roused up. He finally decides to fly the coop and heads across the arboretum towards the right of the PPT and out of sight. Things have been quiet for some time as an adult does a fly by under the nest around 4:20. At 4:32 MrP returns to the nest all fluffed up and handsome. He's proudly wearing his white blaze and showing off his full crop. He heads up to the Overhead branch as the sun begins to set along the horizon. MrP shakes it out, rousing up his feathers. Such an iconic DC sight to see him quietly perched on the OH. This girl is smitten. MrP lets out some sneezing sounds and appears to potentially be working on casting a pellet... or maybe just stuffing that big meal back down into his crop. Everything feels so serene and quiet. Soft bird chirps and other wildlife white noise is heard in the background as we observe the golden glow of the sun as it prepares to say good night. MrP remains relaxed on the OH branch looking out at his territory and owning it. Way to go MrP! And with that, he flies off at 5:22pm into the sunset but returns minutes later and lands in the nest to do a little nest keeping.	freebird_AEF
2/10/2019	12:30 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Even without eagles, even in the heart of winter, watching this nest is healing, mesmerizing peace	Dloebel2016_AEF
2/10/2019	3:15:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP arrived with some fluffy stuff to add to the nesting material. It was a whirlwind visit as he dropped off his grassy gift, spun around and flew off. See you later, MrP!	freebird_AEF
2/10/2019	4:00:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP returns with more fluffy stuff wearing his skinny white blaze tie. He settles in to test out the nest bowl but he almost acts like a kid with his talons in a candy jar, as he becomes alert and looks outward a couple of times for TFL. He stands up and shows off his crop. MrP, you really need to do some serious feaking. TFL isn't going to want to rub beaks with you! He moves to stand at the high nest rails that he's built up and looks out from the edge of the nest. Such a handsome guy — dirty feet, tail, beak and all. He hops up and flies through the V branch and soars downward toward the floor of the arboretum before flying upward and out of sight	freebird_AEF
2/10/2019	11:18:00 PM	Welcome back, DC Family!	Weather and Thoughts	Good evening DC Eagle Family. It's a hot mess outside...not with the temperature, but with the mix of nasty weather in the DC area. Some snow as well as a light rain/snow mix is expected until the morning hours. Currently it is 36 degrees. A second bout of the same is expected Monday night into Tuesday. Mr.P and TFL are most likely perched somewhere within the Nest Territory, out of cam view. I hope everyone is having a wonderful night and it's great to see you all back with us this season! The nest looks spectacular. Mr.P and TFL appear healthy and strong. Mr.P totally has been working out those legs, they are looking fine, and TFL certainly had her share of tasty treats over the off season as she is looking as Voluptuous as ever. No female eagle can work those curves, like TFL...and I think Mr.P will agree! They most definitely are ready to rock and roll some eggs! We love our DC eagles and the territory is always so peaceful to observe. It's like a comfy blanket. Isn't it? When the cams are turned on and we get our first live look at the nest - it just feels right. It feels like we are where we need to be. It's a place so many are familiar with, yet also so many are unaware of. It's our little treasure in the middle of the chaos in DC. Living here in DC, I can live with some of that chaos, but NOT The Blue Jay Gang. They need to 86 the area and be gone! I will admit, I do love all birds, including those little blue annoyances. I just like my ears to not bleed while I watch the nest. I'll tell you this much.... The World would be a lot better off if everyone had a little dose of Mr.P and TFL in their life..... as I always say, everything is right in the World when we have Mr.P in it. So I'll leave it at that and say, WELCOME BACK, DC Eagle Peeps!	FreeSoars_AEF
2/11/2019	10:46:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating	MrP follows TFL over to the Lateral branch where she's comfortably perched. He calls out and makes his intentions known. She abides and a mating occurs. Once the mating is complete, MrP remains on top of TFL and takes a break. TFL makes soft chortling noise. MrP pops back down onto the Lateral branch for a few minutes before taking off.	freebird_AEF
2/11/2019	3:05:00 PM	MrP	Fluff	MrP brought in some fluff, quick like at 3:05, and was off moments later. The nest is drying out a bit and DC is in for some nice weather near the end of the week but still, fluff is exactly what the nest needed. Does he know something we don't know? Nah, probably just humanizing, wishful thinking by this hopeful volunteer	Dloebel2016_AEF
2/11/2019	4:38:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Food, Eat, Stick, Eat	MrP flies in at 4:38 with a huge catfish, followed hot on his heels, er, talons, by TFL. He watches. She eats. He goes off for a stick. She eats. He fluffs. She eats. He guards. She eats.	Dloebel2016_AEF
2/11/2019	6:34:00 AM	Eagle	Perching/Vocals	We awaken to a picture postcard scene this morning. It did indeed snow at the Arboretum last night, a mixture of ice and snow to be sure but beautiful none the less. The nest is covered in a blanket of snow, the ground a glistening carpet of white. The sweet sound of vocals fills the air at 6:34am. Someone is not far. Our cam op extraordinaire pans around and what does she find? An eagle perching on a branch, obscured by the foliage and darkness but hard to miss that gorgeous white head and tail. Who could it be is anyone's guess at the moment? The eagle quietly perches, paying no mind to the fact that hundreds of fans are waiting to get a glimpse of that handsome face. A big stretch of the wings at 6:58am, a call out to the crowd, a shake of the feathers. But still we wait.	earlybird_AEF

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2/11/2019	7:00:00 AM	Eagle	Departure	The sky is now light, the birds are serenading us with their morning songs. The Arboretum has awakened. Our beautiful eagle continues perching on the snow-covered branch. S/he finally turns her/himself around and stretches out her/his wings one more time. Now we should be able to see who it is. But no. This lovely trickster is good at hiding. Off s/he goes at 7:09am before we ever get a chance to see her/him clearly. Was that you MrP? Are you playing a little hide and seek with us this morning? We'll give you this round but we'll be ready for the next.	earlybird_AEF
2/11/2019	7:34:00 AM	MrP	Prey Delivered/Perching	What a beautiful view of MrP flying in with a fish on Cam B. It's a headless fish, to be sure, but it looks like a big, fat juicy one. It doesn't appear that this one is for TFL. MrP digs right in and chows down. Maybe he'll save some leftovers for his lady. What a sweet mate. He does leave a little something for TFL and no wonder. He has a bulging crop now and is sporting a handsome wide white tie. He wears it well. I didn't realize the wide ties were back in style. MrP might be starting a brand-new trend. He flies to the Primary Perching Tree at 7:48am and perches in one of his favorite spots. Some of us have affectionally called that "The Donut Hole". But something is just a little different. The branch has broken off, perhaps sometime in the off season. It doesn't seem to bother MrP at all. He perches at the top of that broken branch looking as majestic as ever.	earlybird_AEF
2/11/2019	9:45:00 AM	MrP	Perching	MrP continues to perch on the Primary Perching Tree looking as regal as ever. The King of the Arboretum surveying his domain, we, his faithful followers giving him the homage that he deserves. We bow to you in reverence MrP. Thank you for letting us gaze on your beauty all of these many minutes. With that our handsome eagle flies off from his throne and onto his nest. He tidies up a bit and moves up to the Overhead Branch to enjoy that beautiful snow covered view.	earlybird_AEF
2/11/2019	10:13:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating	MrP flies back down in the nest and who should join him but TFL. She sees that nice piece of fish that MrP left for her and she's more than happy to accept it. She enjoys her meal while MrP gets on with the chores. TFL gets her fill and moves up to the Overhead branch. MrP jogs on up the Left V Branch and joins her on the OH. They share some sweet conversation before they mate at 10:21am. MrP flies off and returns with a huge stick. So cute to see him try out the nest bowl. TFL returns to the nest and helps MrP with some more nest work before they both move out to perch, MrP on the Left V Branch, TFL on the Lateral.	earlybird_AEF
2/12/2019	12:20:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure/Perching	MrP stopped by the nest around 12:20. He did a little tossing of nesting material, picked up a small bone scrap, it looked like he was going to take it with him but I guess it wasn't worthy since he ended up dropping it before heading up the Left V and flying across the arboretum to perch high atop a tree just to the right of the PPT. He was wearing a good sized crop and while perched across the way, he appeared to be content, shaking his tail feathers and rousing up a bit. He only remained perched for around 15 minutes before heading off to his next perching spot or great adventure	freebird_AEF
2/12/2019	1:21:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP returns at 1:21. He's adding all kinds of fluffy, fun stuff to the nest. It makes me think he's expecting an egg soon. He wing walks up the Right V and off he goes at 1:23. He flies out across the arboretum to the right of the PPT, upward and skyward continuing right until out of sight.	freebird_AEF
2/12/2019	8:36:00 PM	Sweet Eagle Dreams	Empty Nest	All is quiet on the home front, not that we expected it to be chaos - just yet! Soon as we see some bundles of love immerse from their shells, that will all change. For now, we sit and twiddle our thumbs wondering when we will see an egg. We are just as prepared as Mr. P and TFL are! They have been constructing their grand fortress one stick at a time over the years, and their hard work has paid off. The nest looks amazing and it's definitely eaglet-ready. The pressure is on. I was telling our DC Team that I envision Mr.P dropping eagle beanie babies in the nest and saying to the camera: "THERE, are you all happy now?" LOL. Not TOO much pressure on him, right? Ah, but what will be, will be. Some potential nasty weather may come through at the end of the week, as well as the beginning of next week. There is talk that there may be three rounds of some wintry mix. But, we shall see. For tonight, it's blue skies and a chilly 40 degrees. We haven't had many days of a night full of stars here lately, due to the drab and dreary days of rain. Wherever Mr.P and TFL are perched, they have a nice starry view right now! Have a great night, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
2/12/2019	7:37:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	It's a rainy morning at the DC nest. Light rain and drizzle are expected throughout the day with temperatures near 43 degrees. There will be clearing overnight and dry conditions tomorrow. MrP makes a brief appearance at 7:37am, a very brief appearance. If you blinked, you missed it. He flies in the nest, snatches up a piece of leftover fish and is gone in a flash. I guess he was hungry. No other sightings as of 8:30am.	earlybird_AEF
2/12/2019	3:00:00 PM	MrP	Perching/Departure	The rain has continued to fall, there appears to be some fog rolling in. MrP has stopped by several times today, bringing in fluff and rummaging around for leftovers. We had a nice visit from him just a little earlier as he perched on a tree nearby. It's always a treat to see MrP, especially on these rainy days. TFL has likely found a sheltered spot to ride out the rain. It should begin to move out during the early evening hours so perhaps our two stars will make an appearance before nightfall. We sure hope so. We've missed seeing them together today. They've been so sweet as if they're on a second honeymoon. This is their special time together, before the eggs are laid, before the eaglets are hatched. Just the two of them.....for now.	earlybird_AEF

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2/13/2019	11:55:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Mating / Departure	MrP arrives back at the nest just before noon. He scans the area for TFL. I thought maybe she would follow him in but when she doesn't, MrP waits several minutes then decides he may as well eat some of the fish he left earlier. He doesn't have much of a crop so maybe it's a good idea. That way he'll take care of himself and be ready to catch a fresh one for TFL later. Still he hesitates, displaying with what appears to be strong instincts to leave the fish for his Lady. He begins fussing around with a bit of housekeeping and moves out to the Lateral branch. MrP ate very little so he leaves almost the entire fish for TFL. MrP continues looking around and flies back into the nest to aerate. And well played, MrP. TFL arrives at 12:07. She lands in the nest and goes right to the fish. MrP digs deep in the nest while his Lady feasts on her fish. It doesn't take long for TFL to finish the fish and she helps MrP with some house cleaning. She thinks the nesting material goes to the right and MrP thinks it should go to the left but in the end, they work well together as a team. MrP moves out of the center of the nest bowl and makes room for TFL to take charge. The nest looks beautiful and TFL appears quite pleased. MrP begins stick duty, they both stop and spend a moment side by side observing their surroundings. TFL helps (ha-ha) MrP with a stick he was working on. She takes it from him but he retrieves it from her and places it where it belongs. TFL walks out to the Lateral branch and does some after lunch feaking. MrP heads out to join TFL and vocalizes before mating. This time he hops right off rather than hanging out on TFL's back. TFL's feathers are lifted and roused up a bit. She shakes it off and at 12:20, MrP heads off across the arboretum while TFL remains perched. TFL lets out some sharp and short calls and MrP replies with eagle chatter from where he's perched at or near the PPT.	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	12:27:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Perching / Arrival / Vocals	MrP returns to the nest at 12:27. At 12:28 both MrP and TFL vocalize. Something is in the area bugging them. MrP walks up the Left V above TFL looking upward and in various directions while vocalizing. Things quiet down quickly while both of our eagles remain in their perched positions	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	12:36:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Alert	TFL begins to vocalize in a squonky fashion. Both MrP and TFL continue to be on alert. They watch in unison as someone flies overhead. A hawk was seen in the area earlier today, so that might be who is ruffling their feathers. Either way, MrP has positioned himself above TFL and they each face different directions. They're quite a team!	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	12:46:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Departure/Return	MrP departs at 12:46. TFL intently watches from the Lateral branch. MrP returns with some nesting material two minutes later and TFL joins him in the nest to help out. While still paying attention to their surroundings, it seems things have quieted down and they get back to the business of nest duty. TFL decides MrP can handle the work alone and returns to perch at the Lateral branch. MrP engages in stick wrangling which always cracks me up and then tests out the nest bowl.	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	12:58:00 PM	MrP & TFL	Mating/Nest Work	MrP joins TFL on the Lateral branch, vocalizes and another mating ensues. He then flies off at 12:59. When he returns a minute later with a new stick, TFL hops into the nest to help but quickly becomes distracted and moves to the V branch to peer outward. MrP gets her attention once again when she turns around and a stick is bobbing around in the air. She helps trim some small limbs off the end of the stick then returns to perch at the Lateral branch while MrP continues nest duties. He settles back in to check out the comfort level of the nest bowl. I just adore how his back legs almost look like he's swimming as he pushes himself down to snuggle in. MrP departs at 1:11. We see him zing by underneath the nest and TFL watches. He returns with another stick and is seriously getting the nest ready. He snuggles into the nest bowl again and tosses grassy material around him. It looks like he's pretty pleased with his work	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	1:17 PM	MrP & TFL	Departure	MrP flies off at 1:17 and TFL departs at 1:19pm.	freebird_AEF
2/13/2019	6:35:00 AM	MrP	Perching/Arrival/Departure	The weather has much improved this morning with cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid-thirties. The sun is expected to come out with highs in the forties and breezy conditions. MrP has been found on the NW side of the nest, perching on a branch at 6:35am. He looks gorgeous with his feathers all puffed up against the chill. He flies over to the nest at 6:45am, ties up a bit before marching up the Right V Branch. He flies but a few minutes later to the Primary Perching Tree and perches on the now broken branch. Broken branch or not, that's one of his favorite places to watch over his nest and it appears that he will continue to do so. That spot is all too familiar to all of us who have been watching this nest in the past. It warms our heart to see him perching there once again. MrP flies at 7:03am.	earlybird_AEF
2/13/2019	7:05:00 AM	MrP	Nest Work/Departure	We see a beautiful fly by as MrP soars around the nest on Cam A. He quickly returns with a tree. Well, it may not have the roots but it sure looks big enough to plant. MrP has been delivering some huge branches this season and its always amusing to watch him try to maneuver them around the nest. This time's no different. He slips and slides on the nest rails as he tries to push the branch down with his talon, wings flapping every which and that for balance. Surprisingly it doesn't take long before he finds his perfect spot, right next to the Right V Branch. He marches up the Right V Branch and over to yonder tree to perch a spell. He flies back to the Overhead Branch and into the nest to continue with the nest work. He does like to make the place neat and tidy before TFL's arrival. He moves up the Left V and is off again at 7:27am.	earlybird_AEF

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2/13/2019	8:48:00 AM	MrP	Prey Delivered	MrP returns to the nest at 8:48am with a huge fish for TFL. Breakfast for two, we wonder? It's certainly large enough. But wait! Where are you going with that fish MrP? Apparently, this fish isn't meant to be shared. MrP flies over to the Big Branch and digs right in. TFL is not going to be happy about this. But wait! I spoke too soon. MrP grabs up the fish with his talon and brings it back to the nest. It looks like this fish is going to be breakfast for two after all. There's a nice big piece left for TFL. Aren't you the sweetest MrP. He's proceeds to work on the nest for a short time before he moves up the Right V Branch and flies off at 9:17am.	earlybird_AEF
2/13/2019	9:20:00 AM	MrP	Nest Work/Perching	MrP isn't finished with the renovations just yet. There's still work to be done. He returns to the nest with a sturdy looking branch at 9:20am, places it on the side rails and prances up the Right V Branch. He flies again at 9:29am, not up but down. So cute to seem him gathering up fluff on the ground. He brings a nice bunch up to the nest, distributes it around the bowl and rearranges some sticks. It appears that he's ready for a well-deserved break as he marches up the Left V Branch and onto the Overhead Branch. He calmly gazes around and enjoys that beautiful view. He flies at 10:06am.	earlybird_AEF
2/14/2019	11:02:00 AM	Empty Nest	Blue Jay Gang	Silence at the nest, Blue Jay Gang screaming in the background. Ear plugs in for the next hour, for me.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/14/2019	11:13:02 AM	Empty Nest	Hawk and Gas Price	Thanks to our amazing cam op, we have a single Hawk seen on Cam A. Such beauty. S/he looks so peaceful perched on a branch that almost looks suspended in the air. Also, we got a good shot of Shell's Gas price across New York Ave. \$2.53 a gallon for regular.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/14/2019	11:58:00 AM	Empty Nest	Happy Valentines Day. New Season	On this beautiful Valentine's Day, there is no better place to be than at the DC Arboretum with our beloved eagle couple, Mr. P and TFL. No need to brave the cold or the traffic. All you need is an online connection and a color screen. Cozy up with some lovely chocolates and a glass of your favorite spirit, and take some time to view our eagles as they prepare for the arrival of new family. The crib rails are newly built high and secure, the nest floor is getting fluffier by the hour, and our pair's bonding activities, well, I'm not bragging or anything, but they easily get the medal for best in show this year!! So grab a seat or two and enjoy the view. Am glad to be back this year and seeing you here too. Here's to an adventurous season. In a world fraught with uncertainty and hostility, we are fortunate to have this DC niche for serenity, beauty, and love.	kaco4_AEF
2/14/2019	10:00:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating / Departure	At the start of the hour, MrP and TFL are in the nest together. TFL moves up to the OH branch around 10:05 and MrP joins her for a mating around 10:08. They then perch side by side on the OH together. MrP departs around 10:18. TFL stays in place, quietly perched, preening and observing her territory. It was so calming and peaceful spending this time with her. Finally, around 10:50, TFL flies off and all is quiet in the nest area.	freebird_AEF
2/14/2019	12:16:00 PM	MrP	Arrival	MrP arrives with talons full of fluff. He doesn't stay long and he's off again.	freebird_AEF
2/14/2019	6:32:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching/Mating	Today is a day to show your loved ones how much you care. MrP and TFL do just that on this early Valentine's morning. Together they fly into the nest at 6:32am, together they move the sticks, together they aerate the fluff. They work in harmonious bliss, beak to beak, side by side. MrP looks on as TFL flies off to a tree in the distance at 6:37am. MrP continues to gaze out at his lovely lady through the V. He flies to join her 6:44am and they sweetly mate. Together they perch on the branch, preen their feathers and gaze around. Together they sound the vocals at 6:56am. Whatever disturbed them seems to have passed on by. MrP flies off to the nest to continue with the morning chores. TFL flies off and returns to the nest with some fluff. MrP flies off and returns with a stick. Together they tidy up the nest before TFL departs at 7:25am. She flies over to a branch and who should join her but her handsome mate. They share some sweet talk before they mate once again. What a wonderful way to start this day of love.	earlybird_AEF
2/14/2019	8:41:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Nest Work	MrP returns to the nest with some fluff at 8:41am. TFL flies over to join him a short while later. She does her special little wiggle dance for him with some soft vocals. So cute how he pays her no mind at all and just continues with the nest work. MrP proceeds to place some nesting material between the V Branches. TFL proceeds to promptly remove the nesting material from the V Branches. These two can be so hilarious sometimes. She gives him a few neck love bites. "It's okay Dear, I know you're trying your best but I am the interior designer of this nest". TFL flies off to a branch in the distance. MrP flies off soon after and returns with another "tree". He's been finding some of the biggest branches this season. It's so amazing to see him carry such big and awkward sticks. He's off again at 9:32am, TFL's back at 9:36am with some fluff. TFL flies and MrP's back with a stick. Busy! Busy! Busy! MrP marches up the Right V Branch and he's off again at 9:45am. His work is not finished yet. He returns once again with a stick and TFL joins him at 9:54am.	earlybird_AEF
2/14/2019	2:44:00 PM	TFL	Arrival/Departure	TFL's back in the nest at 2:44pm. She just stands in the center, not barely moving, a beautiful statue. We wonder, can this be it? On this day in 2016, our sweet Liberty's egg was laid, so it's possible. Our anticipation is growing as we watch her. It grows and grows for 7 long minutes until our lovely TFL flies off into the sky. Not yet but getting closer every day.	earlybird_AEF
2/15/2019	10:04:00 AM	MrP	Food Delivery / Departure	MrP arrives with fluff and a UFO (unidentified furry object). He leaves it in the nest and departs at 10:08.	freebird_AEF

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2/15/2019	10:33:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival / Mating / Departure	Both MrP and TFL arrive at the nest together and TFL wastes no time and digs into the UFO. After taking some bites, she consumes the entire critter in one big gulp while MrP works in the nest. TFL pushes MrP away from the nest bowl and fluffs it up with a motherly touch. They stand in the nest together observingly in tune with their surroundings. MrP continues his work and TFL moves out to the Lateral branch to perch. At 10:45, MrP joins TFL on the Lateral branch and a mating occurs. They perch together leaning into the wind side by side.	freebird_AEF
2/15/2019	11:03:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Departure	TFL remains on the Lateral branch and MrP stands in the nest preening and hanging out. Both seem relaxed. MrP takes the opportunity to check out the nest bowl and looks adorable as usual resting in it and tossing nesting material all around himself, tucking himself in. It's so nice having them "home" and sharing a peaceful, quiet moment. MrP flies out of the nest at 11:14. TFL watches and vocalizes while remaining perched. At 11:28, TFL appears to be wind surfing on the Lateral branch on this beautiful, mild, sunny day. And at 11:40, TFL departs.	freebird_AEF
2/15/2019	1:48:00 PM	MrP	Arrival / Departure	MrP arrives with a very important stick delivery. This one is meant for the space between the V. Will it stick or will it fall? 4:44pm: It fell.	freebird_AEF
2/15/2019	6:40:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP, our eagle of the hour has arrived. We can usually count on him to be here bright and early to start the morning chores. This morning he brings along a wide piece of bark to place on the nest rails. It takes him less than a minute before he flies off into the trees, perhaps he's on his way to get more supplies. He's stepped up his game this season. No more "Stick Depot" for him. No sir. He's moved onto "Tree Depot". He's returned with some of the biggest branches ever this year. Our MrP is the best when it comes to building his nest. A master architect, to be sure.	earlybird_AEF
2/15/2019	7:28:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure/Perching	The nest is rocking and rolling this morning. We're expecting brisk winds throughout the day with temperatures in the mid-sixties. Not bad at all for the middle of February. This warming trend won't last long, but we'll enjoy it while we can. Tonight, it will turn chilly with a chance of some snow and rain and colder temperatures tomorrow. MrP's back at 7:28am with some brief vocals. What's got you all roused up MrP? Could he be calling out to TFL? Perhaps. He aerates the fluff and flies off. But not for long. TFL comes flying in, lands on the Overhead Branch and into the nest. In the meantime, MrP makes a beeline back and joins his lady. Sweet maneuver. TFL seems very happy to see him. She does her little wiggle dance, shaking her tailfeathers and singing softly to him. This is just the cutest. It appears that she's trying to tell him something and it appears that he gets the message this time. TFL flies to a tree to the right of the nest, MrP follows right behind and they sweetly mate on the branch at 7:36am. The Honeymoon continues. These two have been so loving with each other. MrP flies off as TFL looks on. He returns to the nest with some fluff and departs once again.	earlybird_AEF
2/15/2019	8:19:00 AM	MrP & Sub-Adult	Mating/Prey Delivered/Intruder/Chase	MrP's back at work in the nest at 8:19am. The nest is really shaping up. The side rails are high, the fluff is deep. MrP aerates the bowl and gives it a try. It looks like he's ready for some eggs. He raises his head and calls out to TFL. He flies over to join her and they mate once again at 8:20am. Oh yes. A second Honeymoon indeed. MrP flies off, TFL follows shortly after. MrP returns at 8:44am with a special gift for TFL. A squirrel for his lady's dining pleasure. MrP looks above and sounds the warning vocals. This is not TFL returning but a sub-adult looking for a free meal. MrP squeals at it and gives chase. MrP's back at the nest again at 8:46am, still sounding the warning vocals, angry as we've ever seen him. This squirrel is meant for TFL and he's going to protect it for all he's worth. We see a flash of white tail with dark spots, MrP gives chase again. The sub-adult flies through the V in a flash but TFL's breakfast remains in the nest. MrP returns again at 8:49am, still all roused up, still trying to protect TFL's meal. He flies again at 8:51am. It all happens so quickly, it's all but a blur, but something flies through the nest and this time the squirrel is gone. It appears that the sub-adult was able to take off with TFL's meal after all. We see eagles circling around above, we see an eagle perched high on a branch in the distance. S/he flies off at 8:58am. All is calm and quiet at 9:15am. We watch and wait for MrP and TFL's return.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	11:35:00 AM	MrP	Arrival / Prey Delivery	At about 11:35, Mr.P flies to the nest with quite a large fish. Half eaten on one side. He drops it down and starts fussing with the nest materials. He seems on alert for a short moment as his neck cranes and he traces the sky. He adds some simple warning vocals for whatever is in the area, to be gone. Forever and a day, he stands behind his beautiful fish, looking out. He seems tempted for a split moment or two to take a bite, but he wants TFL to come enjoy it. So, he sits and sits and sits...he does some crop drops and you can ever so slightly see his white tie buried behind his fluffy brown feathers. He certainly had his fill with the portion of the fish he ate. As of 12:46 pm, he continues to stay in the nest, presumably waiting for TFL. He does look a bit tense as he bucks up his chest and then let's it stick out. His neck is "arched" in a way he appears to also be on alert.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/16/2019	12:48:00 PM	MrP	Alert	The year is 2025 and MrP still has not budged. For well over an hour he has protected the nest, the fish and his territory. He does some side steps, finally, and moves a stick into place, then, back to attention. Standing tall with his eyes wide open, listening, looking and remaining on top of his game. I truly want to rub some Aveeno lotion on his feet. I have never seen such rough, bumpy, dirty feet on an eagle, as MrP's. It's for sure a sign of a hard and dedicated worker and provider. He does not slack in that area.	FreeSoars_AEF

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2/16/2019	1:30:00 PM	TFL	Arrival / Mating / Departure	Finally! At 1:28 Queen TFL arrives to the nest and goes right for the fish. Mr.P's attitude did a 180. He gleamed, looked excited to see her and started messing more with the nestorations instantly, as TFL ate her plump, juicy and perfectly Old Bay seasoned fish. At 1:38, after a quick digestion, Mr.P and TFL head to the Lateral Branch and mated. At 1:39, Mr.P flew off the Nest Tree, out of cam view. TFL remains perched on the Lateral as of 1:43 PM. Mr.P now is seen doing some fly-bys. Within moments he arrives with a new stick, places it at the V and checks out the nest bowl. TFL gives him the side eye as she watches him. He then jumps the left V, as now both of them are looking out into their domain.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/16/2019	1:53:00 PM	MrP and TFL	Departure	At 1:53 PM, TFL and MrP fly off in sync, out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/16/2019	2:35:00 PM	MrP	Arrival	Mr.P arrives back to the nest with a stick, places it and jumps up to the left V.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/16/2019	5:50:00 PM	MrP	Arrival / Departure	Mr.P arrives at the nest and takes a look around to make sure no unwelcomed wildlife came to the nest to mess with it while he was out and about. All looks well. He turns the outdoor light on, and off he goes 5 minutes later. I don't know why he just doesn't sleep in his own home. He has lots of branches to perch on, or better yet, a comfy nest bowl, which I might add looks better than any sleep number bed I have ever tried out. Oh well, eagles will be eagles....Sleep tight Mr.P and TFL, oh yeah, and you too, DC Eagle Family! It's 41 degrees at the nest with clear skies. Winds are at 8mph.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/16/2019	6:30:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching	The birds begin to waken, the sky begins to lighten, our eagles are not yet home but we're expecting MrP at any moment. He did make one more visit last evening, one last check of the nest at 5:55pm. He perched on the Lateral Branch for a bit and flew off at 6:03pm. He's usually the first one here and the last one to leave. Right on schedule MrP arrives at 6:37am. He aerates the fluff and moves up the Left V branch with some vocals. What a beautiful view he is seeing. The IR still on, the lights sparkling in the distance, the horizon in shades of gray. And then that sudden burst of color as the IR goes off. Truly a privilege to watch the majestic Mr. President as he gazes out at the sights of DC.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	7:30:00 AM	MrP	Perching	MrP continues to perch on the Left V Branch, watching over his territory and perhaps waiting for his beautiful lady's arrival. Something comes a little too close for comfort at 7:30am. MrP crouches down with a steely gaze, flaps his wings, flies down in the nest and back up the Left V Branch. It appears that some silly bird was attempting to dive bomb MrP. It happens so quickly, just a flash of feathers but we can hear a Blue Jay loud and clear nearby. It wouldn't surprise me if that is exactly what it was. TFL was dive bombed by one of them just recently. It appears that the Blue Jays haven't cleaned up their act after all. So much for that cleaning company of theirs. Just a reuse to harass the eagles and snatch their fluff. We're onto you now and so is MrP.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	7:55:00 AM	MrP	Departure	The Blue Jay moves on, at least for the moment, MrP flies off at 7:55am. We hear rustling leaves and squirrel chatter nearby. Could that be Nutterbutter? We haven't spotted him yet this season, perhaps he's moved to a safer dwelling. It's hard to believe that he wouldn't be snatching the fluff if he was still residing in the lower level. But still, it sure would be nice if that bushy tailed tree climber would just stop by to say hello.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	8:38:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching/Departure	I believe this is MrP who returns to the nest at 8:38am. He marches up the Left V Branch, perches for a bit before he flies off at 9:02am. He's back in minutes with a stick, places it in the nest and jogs back up the Left v Branch. He moves over to the Overhead branch and flies off shortly after.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	3:00:00 PM	MrP	Perching	MrP has had a busy morning, standing guard over a fish that was meant for his lady, delivering sticks and building a protective fortress for his future little ones, aerating the nest bowl so it's comfortable for his family. He enjoys a well-deserved break as he perches on the Left V Branch, the sun smiling down on him, the baby blue sky as his backdrop. There's a golden glow about him that fills our hearts with warmth. We know that he is an eagle of loyalty and dedication, that he will do everything and anything that's needed to nurture and care for his family. He's a wonderful dad, provider and mate, the perfect companion for TFL. He gazes out at the beautiful view, foliage in shades of brown and green as far as the eye can see, buildings dotted along the horizon. MrP and TFL have chosen well. This is the perfect place to raise their family. With a big wing stretch and a hop around on the branch, MrP flies back down to the nest. Break time is over there's still work to be done.	earlybird_AEF
2/16/2019	3:21:00 PM	MrP	Nest Work	MrP's nest work is interrupted by something out beyond the nest. He gives out a call at 3:21pm and scans the sky. Nothing is visible from my vantage point but MrP watches above for just a few more minutes before he resumes his work. He aerates the nesting material and shimmy's down in the nest bowl, pulling the blanket of fluff all around him. Sweet memories flood us of all the eaglets before. We can't help but think of Freedom and Liberty, Honor and Glory, Victory and Valor. Soon we hope to add two more special little ones to that growing list. MrP rearranges some sticks near the Lateral Branch. Whoops! Branch overboard! The look on his face is priceless as he watches the branch fall. MrP has lost more than a few to gravity but it always puts a smile on our faces to see his reaction. You are adorable MrP! He starts to get antsy at 3:48pm. You can just see it in his body language as he looks attentively around and stretches his wings. He flies at 3:50pm but is back in minutes with a stick. He quickly places it in the nest and marches back up the Left V Branch to enjoy that beautiful view once again.	earlybird_AEF

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2/17/2019	6:30:00 AM	MrP	Arrival	The Tulip Poplar Tree stands tall and proud, an eagle's nest nestled in its strong and sturdy branches. A nest lovingly built by two very special eagles for their very special little ones. A nest surrounded by intricately woven sticks that MrP and TFL have so carefully and diligently placed one by one. A fortress made with love and care to keep their little ones safe and secure. The IR gives it a welcoming glow that only we can see. MrP arrives promptly at 6:30am. The first order of business, check out the nest bowl. Is it comfortable? Check. Is the bowl nice and deep? Check. Is there plenty of fluff? Check. Will TFL be pleased with it? Check. All systems are go. All we need now are the eggs. Our excitement and anticipation are growing. MrP flies over to the Primary Perching Tree, perhaps he's waiting with excitement too.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	6:41:00 AM	MrP	Departure	The sky looks gorgeous in shades of gold, lavender, pink and blue as the sun rises. MrP continues to perch on the Primary Perching tree but not for long. He flies off into that beautiful sky at 6:41am.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	8:15:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating	MrP arrives with some fluff at 8:15am with TFL arriving on the Overhead branch soon after. MrP flies off but immediately returns when TFL flies down to the nest. She softly chirps and does her little wiggle dance against MrP to let him know how much she cares. She moves over to the Lateral Branch and gives him some special looks. He doesn't hesitate to accept the invitation and joins her on the branch. They share some sweet talk before they mate at 8:23am.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	8:24:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Perching/Departure	TFL and MrP sweetly perch together on the Lateral branch in contented bliss. No words are needed, just two eagles enjoying each other's company in companionable silence. MrP flies off at 8:24am. He may have noticed that some of the fluff is missing from the nest this morning. The Blue Jay Cleaning Crew has been at it again. Their idea of cleaning seems to be snatching MrP's fluff while he's out and about. That's no way to run a business. This will never do. MrP has his work cut out for him this morning. Time to replenish the nest.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	8:29:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP returns at 8:29am with a stick. He quickly places it in the nest as TFL supervises from the Lateral Branch. He flies off again a few minutes later. TFL remains on the Lateral Branch until 9:05am, when she too flies off.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	2:28:00 PM	MrP	Prey Delivery/Departure	MrP arrives at the nest with a catfish at 2:28pm. He may have had a nibble or two or three but the rest of this delicious fish is a gift for TFL. He places it carefully in the nest and looks all around. "Where can she be?" She's nowhere in sight, he picks it up in his talon and flies off into the trees with it. Is he worried that this fish will be swooped up by another eagle before TFL gets a chance to eat it? Perhaps. Or is he planning to eat it himself? Perhaps. It does look mighty tempting. MrP's back in two minutes flat with the fish. MrP has been known to sneak an extra bite or two but this time it appears that he's saving this fish for his very special lady. He carefully places it in the nest again. This time he calls out for her. "Dinner is waiting Dear". Still, no sign of TFL. But does he eat her fish? No, he does not! MrP is a wonderful mate and provider and this fish is meant for TFL. He calls out again in just the sweetest voice but to no avail. TFL must be out and about running some errands before the big day. Finally, at 2:43pm, he flies off, leaving the fish behind. I wonder if he's going out to find her. I bet he is.	earlybird_AEF
2/17/2019	3:25:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure/Perching/Eating	MrP's back for a brief check of the fish at 3:25pm. He perches on a branch, takes a quick peek in the nest and flies off. Yes, the fish is still there. You are adorable MrP! He returns once again at 3:33pm and immediately flies off to the big branch. This time the fish goes with him. It looks like TFL won't be having this fish dinner after all. Enjoy MrP.	earlybird_AEF
2/18/2019	4:12:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	It's been quiet at the nest for most of the afternoon. MrP made a brief stick delivery during the lunch time hour, but sigh, it went overboard. Since then, there have been no sounds other than some birds chirping in the background and the howling wind.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/18/2019	6:45:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Vocals/Departure	I believe this is MrP who arrives on the Lateral Branch at 6:45am. He seems to be on alert as he intently looks around the area and sounds the vocals. It's hard to know what's got him so excited but he flies at 6:59am.	earlybird_AEF
2/18/2019	7:24:00 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	MrP returns to the nest at 7:24am and aerates the fluff. He moves up to the Overhead branch at 7:27am to join TFL where they sweetly mate. MrP flies off to a nearby tree while TFL continues to perch on the OH Branch. So cute to see MrP grab up a stick in his beak and come flying back to the nest. TFL calls out with some soft chirps. It sounds like a little romance might be on her mind. MrP quickly finishes up the task at hand and marches up the Left V Branch. "I'm here sweetie". TFL softly chirps again and MrP joins her on the OH Branch. They share some sweet conversation before they mate for the second time this morning. MrP flies off, returns with some nesting material and moves back up the Left V branch. TFL softly calls out again but no mating this time. MrP is departs at 7:50am, TFL follows at 7:54am.	earlybird_AEF
2/18/2019	9:50:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching	MrP's back in the nest at 9:50am. He briefly works on the nest chores before he jogs up the Left V Branch, flies over to the Overhead branch and off to a tree near the PPT. As of 10:10am he remains perched on the branch.	earlybird_AEF

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2/18/2019	4:30:00 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The roar of the wind continues this late afternoon, the nest sways back and forth. The Tulip Poplar Tree cradles the nest in its branches, protecting it from the elements. What a beautiful nest it is. MrP and TFL have done well. All looks ready. We hope to have a visit from MrP before the setting sun. He's usually the first one to arrive in the morning and the last one to leave in the evening. MrP likes to make sure his nest is in tip top condition before he goes off for the night, just in case precious egg DC8 is ready to make its appearance into the world. Everything has to be just right for his little ones. The nest bowl looks perfect to us but MrP is the perfectionist and he'll make sure that every stick and every bit of nesting material is put in exactly the right place over and over and over again. Have I mentioned lately how totally adorable he is? MrP has not returned as of 5:30pm. Perhaps he and TFL are cuddled up on a branch together enjoying the beautiful sunset.	earlybird_AEF
2/18/2019	6:01:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP arrives for his nightly check of the nest at 6:01pm. His nest work is interrupted by the sounds of rustling below. It could just be a squirrel or a deer but MrP doesn't like anything near his nest. He stops, looks down and listens. He doesn't seem too concerned and just gets back to aerating the fluff. The nest looks neat and tidy now, MrP seems pleased with his work. He flies off for the night at 6:07pm. We'll see you bright and early tomorrow MrP. Sweet eagle dreams.	earlybird_AEF
2/19/2019	10:12 AM	Mr. P	Arrival / Prey Delivery	MrP arrives with a huge catfish. He plops it down, moves some hay around and makes a mess of it. It appears like it is now a catfish on top of hay spaghetti. Like Fish Parmesan. After a few minutes, he hops up to the left V and perches there.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/19/2019	11:14 AM	Mr. P	Departure	At 11:14, Mr. P departs the tree from the left V. Catfish remains in the nest.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/19/2019	11:20 AM	Mr. P	Arrival / Prey Delivery	Well, that was quick. Mr.P returns to the nest screaming and calling out, as he drops another headless fish in the nest. After a hot minute of giving off some warning vocals, he quickly departs the nest and out of cam view. 2 fish are in the nest now.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/19/2019	2:46 PM	Mr. P	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P arrives back at the nest, just moments after leaving. He futzes quickly with nesting material and then jumps to the Left V. He stops short and starts to stare out into his domain. Paying close attention to movements and sounds within his nest territory. Mr. P departs at 2:58	FreeSoars_AEF
2/19/2019	4:40 PM	Mr. P	Arrival / Eating / Departure	Mr.P came to the nest at about 4:40, and he went right for one of the fish. He didn't want that fresh fish for TFL to go to waste, so he enjoyed a nice dinner for himself. He also departed with the Catfish in his talons just three minutes later. Perhaps bringing it to TFL or just another meal for himself off of the nest.	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	4:50 PM	Mr. P	Arrial / Nest Work	Mr.P is back with a massive in-your-face crop and white blaze. So...I guess he ate the Catfish afterall. He immediately goes to the nest floor and digs deep, like way deep, like all the way to South America deep. He aerates like a mad man. Then he checks out the nest bowl for comfort and decides that if TFL doesn't lay an egg soon, he will. He currently is standing at the V. His white blazes stands out - as his ginormous crop protrudes a few feet away from his chest. He's stocked up for the storm to come.	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	5:25 PM	Mr. P	Departure	At 5:25, Mr. P departs the nest after doing one more check on the nest bowl. He fluffs the hay and off he goes. Surprised he was able to. I thought that crop would weigh him down and he'd go overboard, like most of his sticks.	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	5:40 PM	Mr. P and TFL	Mating / Nest Work / Perching	At about 5:40, Mr. P and TFL show up at the nest, they mate on the OH, then Mr. P drops to the nest to do more work in the nest bowl, as well as check it out for comfort. He looks precious as he moves hay around him. I'm telling you...he is more prepared for this than she is! LOL! TFL stays on the OH.	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	5:53 PM	TFL	Departure	TFL departs the nest from the OH. Mr. P is looks up as she leaves and has a look on his face like "Woah...you get back here and lay an egg!"	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	5:58 PM	Mr. P	Departure / Perching	At 5:58, Mr. P departs the Nest Tree and heads to the PPT. at 6:01 he departs the PPT.	Freesoars_AEF
2/19/2019	6:30 PM	Weather Alert	Weather Alert - Evening Update	A winter storm warning will be moving into the DC area in the very early morning. It will snow, with approximate accumulations in downtown DC between 2-4", it will then transition over to sleet by midday and then rain, possibly into the evening, as the temperatures rise into the high 40's. An expected quick melt should happen with this snow as temperatures will be in the mid 50's on Thursday. Earlybird will post an update in the morning should anything change with this impending wintry mix storm.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/19/2019	6:33:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP is the first to arrive at first light as is his pattern. He gives the nest a quick check, aerates the fluff and flies at 6:39am.	earlybird_AEF
2/19/2019	7:49 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Mating/Departure	MrP arrives with a huge branch at 7:49am. He nips and bites and pulls and prods to get it exactly where he wants it. He trots up the V branches but quickly returns to the nest. His lady has arrived and she seems in a very loving mood. She softly chirps and does her little wiggle dance before moving over to the Lateral branch. An invitation? We wonder. MrP seems to think so. He joins her with some sweet talk and they mate at 8:00am. MrP flies off for more supplies while TFL preens her lovely feathers in the morning sun. He returns to the nest work for just a bit before joining TFL on the Lateral Branch once again. TFL softly chirps, MrP sweetly talks and they mate for the second time at 8:15am. They contently perch side by side on the Lateral Branch, giving each other some special looks and enjoying each other's company. So beautiful to see them together like this. MrP finally flies at 8:19am and is quickly back with a stick. He finishes up the work at hand and marches up the Right V Branch for a well-deserved break. TFL looks on as he departs at 8:44am.	earlybird_AEF

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2/19/2019	9:00 AM	TFL	Departure	It's a chilly but beautiful morning at the Arboretum with temperatures near thirty degrees. TFL continues perching on the Lateral branch with the sun shining down on her and the birds serenading her with their morning songs. Finally at 9:00am, she rouses her feathers and flies off into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
2/20/2019	6:30 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	The snow has begun to fall, giving the illusion of confetti being tossed up in the air. A celebration of sorts of what's yet to come. It's a beautiful vision of white, a light covering on the nest already by 7:00am. The forecast is still predicting 2-4 inches and changing over to ice then rain later tonight. By tomorrow, it may just be a memory as temperatures will rise in the fifties. The winter weather in DC is ever changing. MrP's talons are the first footprints in the snow as he arrives at 7:11am. He digs through the snow and quickly uncovers the nesting material, revealing the bowl that they have so lovingly formed. He looks like he's about to fly but not just yet. Instead he wiggles down in that special cup meant for his eggs, his body melting the snow with its warmth. MrP is always prompt and prepared. The three P's; Prompt, Prepared and Perfect. Even in the midst of a snowstorm, he's always at the ready, staying prepared and making sure that everything is perfect for his family. That's our MrP and we love him dearly. He flies off into the snow filled sky at 7:24am.	earlybird_AEF
2/20/2019	10:00 AM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	It's been quiet at the nest, just the muffled sounds of snow drifting through the air. MrP hasn't been back since early morning and TFL has yet to make an appearance. The snow has continued to accumulate since, the nest bowl now covered once again. No doubt, MrP will dig it out when he returns. We look forward to seeing MrP and TFL back here soon.	earlybird_AEF
2/20/2019	5:47 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	The nest is covered in a carpet of snow, the branches encased in glistening ice. Our beautiful pair have been elsewhere today, perhaps the weather will keep MrP from his nightly nest check. I should have never doubted you MrP. The diligent and dedicated MrP arrives at the nest at 5:47pm. Neither snow nor sleet nor freezing rain will keep you away from your nest. He does just a bit of digging before he marches up the Left V branch and over to a nearby tree. It looks like he may have to wait for the melting warmth of tomorrow before he can clear the nest bowl from the ice-covered snow. He returns within minutes and brings TFL with him. How wonderful to see her. She moves up the Left V Branch and onto the Overhead Branch. MrP marches up to join her and they sweetly mate at 5:53pm. TFL looks on as MrP flies off. TFL follows shortly after at 6:05pm. See you both tomorrow. Sweet Eagle Dreams.	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	10:28 AM	TFL	Departure	At 10:28, TFL departs the tree from the Overhead Branch and flies out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/21/2019	12:30 PM	Mr. P	Arrival	Mr.P arrives at 12:30 with a massive crop. He aerates, moves a stick around and jumps up to the Overhead Branch to perch.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/21/2019	1:20 PM	Mr. P	Departure	Mr. P has departed the tree from the Overhead Branch and out of cam view.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/21/2019	2:32 PM	Mr. P	Arrival and Departure	Mr. P arrives at 2:32 with a big wad of fresh hay. He drops it down and begins to dig up existing nesting material. Aerating and moving it all over, mixing it in with the fresh hay. The snow in the nest is almost all melted. Mr.P departed 8 minutes later.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/21/2019	5:45 PM	Mr. P	Arrival / Prey Delivery / Departure	Mr. P flew in with another fish. The weather was so beautiful today so I'm sure it was an easy catch with calm water. After he dropped the fish down he proceeded to do some tying up and messed with the fluff. Before taking off to the PPT, he ate some more of the fish, his white blaze expanding with each bite. It was a busy day at the nest, and I'm sure he's ready to close his eyes. Sweet Dreams, DC Eagle Family.	FreeSoars_AEF
2/21/2019	6:39 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	We have clear skies this morning, the Arboretum an enchanted winter wonderland with a pristine covering of snow on the ground and branches. We expect to see MrP here soon. His talon tracks still remain in the nest from last evening's attempt to uncover the bowl. Today his job will be much easier as temperatures reach the low fifties. MrP promptly arrives at 6:39am with a stick in his talon. He's ready to get to work. He quickly places the stick in the nest, marches up the Right V Branch and flies off, perhaps to get more supplies.	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	8:44 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching	MrP returns at 8:44am. He does a quick check of the nest, jogs up the Left V Branch and onto the Overhead. He rouses, preens, gives a little shake of his tail feathers and he's off to a tree in the distance at 8:52am.	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	9:09 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Perching/Departure	MrP flies off from the tree and returns at 9:09am with a lovely sprig of leaves, perhaps a gift for his sweetheart when she arrives. The sweet interaction between the two of them has been a joy to see. MrP gets onto the work at hand, rearranging sticks. He tries his best to reach one that's in the V Perch but it just doesn't want to cooperate. So cute to see him pull and pull on it but it snaps back like a boomerang. Never mind with that. He flies off again. TFL arrives on the Overhead branch at 9:20am looking as beautiful as ever as she basks in the golden sun. MrP obvious agrees. He flies up to join her and they sweetly mate at 9:22am. MrP returns to the nest but he just can't resist his lovely lady. She calls out to him with some soft chirps and he's only too willing to answer the call. He jogs up to join her with some sweet talk and they mate again at 9:29am. They give each other some special looks and share some happy conversation before MrP departs. He's quickly back with a stick but flies again at 9:37am.	earlybird_AEF

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2/21/2019	10:00 AM	TFL	Perching	TFL continues to perch on the Overhead branch, preening her lovely feathers. It's a beautiful sight to see as she cleans and straightens each one, flaring her tail out at one point like a lovely handheld fan. She's very slow and meticulous as she works, she wants to look her best for MrP when he returns. Perhaps he's bringing back a special surprise for her after the wonderful morning they had together. A romantic breakfast for two would be nice.	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	3:30 PM	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	The snow has almost melted, just a sprinkling left on the ground. The warmer weather has done its work. MrP has been busy at work this afternoon too, bringing in new moss and digging up the old. The nest bedding is full and fluffy once again, the only snow that's left is around the perimeter. What a difference a day makes, a cliché but so true. Yesterday we were in the chill of winter, today it feels more like the warmth of spring. Spring, a season of new beginnings and new life. Our anticipation is growing. Maybe we'll see an egg laid soon. MrP and TFL are both out and about enjoying this beautiful day. We hope to see them back here soon.	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	3:38 PM	Red-Tailed Hawk	Arrival/Nest Work	We have a beautiful visitor on the nest at 3:38pm. No, not an eagle but a Red-tailed hawk. But wait! Not one but two Red-tailed hawks and they appear to be a pair. One of them actually lies in MrP's freshly brought fluff. That will never do. MrP will not be happy. The second one flies off and brings back a stick. "Nestorations" we ask. Apparently so. S/he's off again and brings back yet another stick. Well, MrP and TFL sure won't appreciate this but they're doing a dandy of a job. The stick gatherer flies off one more time. The other one moves over to perch on the Lateral branch. What! TFL will not appreciate someone sleeping in her bed and someone perching on her branch. Enough is enough. Fly along little beauty before the occupants return. The Red-tailed hawk flies off at 3:54pm. But wait! The stick gatherer returns with another stick and flies off again. But s/he's back at 4:11pm with, you guessed it. Another stick and off s/he goes again. They are adorable!	earlybird_AEF
2/21/2019	5:08 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Prey Delivered/Departure	MrP returns to the nest with a special surprise for his lady. No sign of the hawks now. TFL follows right behind MrP and claims her prize, a juicy, delectable large fish. She digs right in and enjoys her meal while MrP moves up to the Overhead Branch. Maybe she'll save a little for him. She finishes her fish and marches up the Left V Branch and onto the OH Branch. She did leave some leftovers but MrP has already flown off. TFL flies off herself at 5:21pm.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	12:05 AM	Mr. P	Arrival / Departure / Perching	What a surprise. Mr. P came to the nest just after the stroke of midnight. He had a full crop and his white blaze was showing. He picked up a few pieces of nesting material and walked around the nest a few times. Being that it is so quiet at this hour, you could hear the crunching sound of the hay as he side stepped around in a circle. If you didn't see an eagle on the nest, you'd think it was a late night critter that made its way up there. But nope, it was our dear Mr.P doing a late night check on his fortress. After spending about 10 minutes in the nest, he took off across to the PPT, where he is still perched at 1:20 AM. He is definitely anxious and restless waiting for an egg! Considering we are up as late as he is, we are just as anxious, too!	FreeSoars_AEF
2/22/2019	6:20 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching	MrP has arrived a little earlier this morning. The fish that he brought in last evening must have been too tempting for him to resist. He enjoys some breakfast before he gets on with his morning chores. He fluffs up the moss and lies down in the bowl. MrP doesn't stay there long. The Arboretum is filled with the sounds of birds and other wildlife. He stands, looks around intently and moves up the Left V branch. He can get a much better view from up there. He continues to watch over his nest at 6:55am.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	7:31 AM	MrP	Nest Work/Departure	MrP flies from the Left V Branch at 7:31am and much to the Blue Jays chagrin, he's back in two minutes. The Blue Jay Cleaning Crew was busy at work, snatching some fluff but MrP's return curtailed all that. He brings a stick along with him and gets to work in the V Perch. He seems pleased with the results and flies off again to a tree in the distance. He returns at 7:41am to perch on the Overhead branch, perhaps waiting for TFL's arrival. It doesn't appear that he ate all the fish this morning. He may have left a little something for her. He's off again at 7:48am.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	8:40 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching/Mating	The skies are cloudy this morning with temperatures currently in the mid-thirties. No precipitation is forecasted today but tomorrow we can expect periods of rain. MrP returns at 8:40am. He aerates the fluff and moves up the Left V Branch to enjoy a short break. He flies back down in the nest just in time for TFL's arrival on the Overhead Branch. She looks so fetching this morning that MrP can't resist. He jogs up the V and they sweetly mate on the OH Branch. TFL looks on as MrP flies off. Will he bring back a stick or fluff for her? That's the burning question. He always likes to please his lady especially after a romantic interlude. He returns with a very large branch. Oh yes! She's very pleased about that. So pleased that she sends him some soft chirps and some special looks. He jogs up the V and they mate once again. Their second honeymoon continues. What a joy it is to see them so loving together. MrP's off again and returns with yet another stick. He finishes up with some nest work and moves up the Left V Branch while TFL remains on the OH Branch.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	9:38 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating/Departure/Perching	It appears that this last branch pleased TFL too. MrP joins her on the Overhead Branch and they have mating number three at 9:38am. MrP's off again and returns with another large branch. Will there be mating number four? Not quite yet. MrP works on the renovations, tries out the nest bowl and looks up at TFL. "Look Dear, it's ready for you." I think MrP wants those eggs as much as we do. He flies off once again. What will he bring back this time?	earlybird_AEF

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2/22/2019	9:58 AM	MrP	Nest Work	MrP's outdone himself this time. He brings back a huge branch. He awkwardly straddles it as he lands in the nest. He pulls himself off and with wings flapping and talons stomping he manages to maneuver it around the nest and partially into the V Perch. Don't lose it MrP. He pushes it with his talon, he nibbles it with his beak, all in an attempt to place that ungainly branch right where he wants it. Finally, he appears to be pleased with the results and moves onto another stick. But he's not quite there yet. He's back to pushing and pulling it for just a minute or two more. Whew. That was hard work. Time to move up the Right V Branch for a little R&R.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	10:29 AM	MrP & TFL	Departure	During MrP's shenanigans with the huge stick, TFL flew off from the Overhead branch at 10:04am. MrP flies off a short time later at 10:29am from the Right V Branch.	earlybird_AEF
2/22/2019	6:30 PM	MrP, TFL, Red-tailed Hawks	Nest Work/Departure/Perching	It's been a lively afternoon at the DC nest. The Red-tailed Hawks came for another visit at 1:00pm. They brought in some small sticks to assist with the restorations and even went as far as snatching MrP's leftover fish without even a backward glance. What little mischief makers they are but as cute as they can be. The two of them poked and prodded around the nest for awhile and snuck out the back door before MrP or TFL saw them. Or so we thought. Things seemed to change at 1:48pm when MrP and TFL came flying in full speed ahead and sounded the alert vocals. It appeared that a chase ensued but hard to tell who chased what. We believe that MrP may have been escorting the hawks out of the area while TFL watched from the Overhead branch. But still, we can't be sure. We did hear some of the red-tailed hawks' beautiful calls before and after the possible encounter so we may just be seeing them again sometime soon. I must admit that I wouldn't mind that one bit. They are adorable. The rest of the day went on as usual for MrP and TFL. TFL flew off to have some time for herself before the big day and MrP continued getting the nest ready for his little ones. MrP now perches quietly on a tree nearby watching over his nest as night draws near. He's had a busy day and deserves a good night's rest. Sweet Eagle Dreams MrP.	earlybird_AEF
2/23/2019	1:45 AM	Mr. P	Perching	Mr. P has continued to perch in the PPT as of 1:45 am. He has been there since he departed the nest hours ago, just before it became dark out. His head is tucked into his back to relax his neck and he looks very content. Perhaps an egg today? We shall see! It's 43 degrees and partly cloudy. Sweet Eagle Dreams, DC Eagle Family!	FreeSoars_AEF
2/23/2019	5:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Prey Delivered/Departure	MrP arrived with a fish and bulging crop shortly after 5pm. He carried it in with one foot and proceeded to walk around with it like a shoe. He didn't stay long before he and the fish took off flying towards the PPT. Within a minute or two, MrP and his new friend returned to the nest. He continued looking around for TFL but finally gave in to temptation and devoured a good portion of the fish. Around 5:20, MrP, who at this point I'm calling Mr. Pop-A-Crop, settles in to perch either at the PPT or a tree next to it. He appears very well fed as he perches, continues to look around for TFL, does some feaking to clean that beak of his and takes a moment for relaxation and digestion. I believe he left a tail portion of fish in the nest for TFL (or for a snack later).	freebird_AEF
2/23/2019	6:30 AM	MrP	ArrivalNest Work/Departure	It was such a sweet sight to see MrP sleeping in the nest before first light this morning. It was quite unexpected, we had to do a double take. Is this TFL? No, just the very watchful and ever steadfast MrP. He stayed nearby the entire night, perhaps he was guarding his nest from those pesky but adorable Red-tailed hawks. They seemed to make themselves right at home yesterday, even going as far as sneaking off with MrP's fish. That will never do. MrP will be keeping an eagle eye on them. MrP tidies up the nest before he flies off at 6:37am.	earlybird_AEF
2/23/2019	7:03 AM	Red-Tailed Hawks	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	The Red-tailed Hawks are back for another visit this morning at 7:03am. They go about the business of redecorating the nest. I'm not so sure MrP and TFL will appreciate that. As far as I know they haven't hired an interior decorator, but I could be wrong. They did hire the Blue Jay cleaning Crew and we can see how that turned out. Instead of cleaning up the nest, they've been cleaning out the fluff. Fluff snatchers just like that bushy tailed tree climber Nutterbutter. I do miss him. We've been told that Nutterbutter may have been spotted recently. I'll be keeping my eyes out, just in case he shows up again. The Red-tailed hawks both are gone by 7:09am. But not far. We see a fly by on cam B shortly after.	earlybird_AEF
2/23/2019	7:39 AM	MrP, TFL, Red-tailed Hawks	Arrival/Chase/Departure/Mating	MrP's back at 7:39am and he's anything but happy. He sounds as angry as we've ever heard him. He tracks something above and sounds the alert vocals. It's the Red-tailed hawks waiting to get back in the nest and MrP's not having it. Off he goes, the chase is on. Back and forth they go, the Red-tailed hawks and MrP and perhaps even TFL. She arrives and perches on the Overhead Branch and sounds the warning sirens. "Stay away from my nest!" It seems like this goes on for an eternity but it only lasts minutes. MrP's back in the nest and jogs up the Left V branch to join TFL and amid all this chaos, they mate. This is a time to strengthen their bond and to show all that this is their nest and they are here to stay. They continue to vocalize after the mating. One of the Red-tailed hawks tries to dive bomb them as they perch on the OH Branch. Not a good thing to do. The Red-tailed Hawks are no match for these two fierce eagles. MrP and TFL continue with the vocals and continue to be on guard but things begin to calm down. MrP flies down and begins to work in the nest. MrP looks on as TFL flies at 8:04am. MrP stands guard in the nest a while longer before he too flies off at 8:12am.	earlybird_AEF

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2/23/2019	9:07 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching	It's a cloudy morning with temperatures in the mid-thirties and rain expected. MrP returns at 9:07 and gets back to the nest work. It appears that one of the long branches that he delivered yesterday isn't where he wants it and he's bound and determined to get it in the V Perch. He pulls and pushes on it with wings flapping and does manage to move it without it falling off the side. At least not yet. We can only imagine how many sticks are piled up under the nest from all the ones he's lost overboard. Its always funny to see his expression when that happens. He marches up the Left V branch for some morning preening and keeps watch over his nest. No sight or sound of the Red-tailed hawks now, hopefully they've got the message that its time to move on.	earlybird_AEF
2/23/2019	9:50 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching/Mating	MrP flies back down into the nest and back to rearranging that long branch at 9:50am. Apparently, he's still not pleased with its location. TFL returns to the Overhead just a minute or so later. MrP jogs up the Left V branch and they mate at 9:54am. So sweet to see how TFL sings out with joy and side steps closer to her handsome mate. These two are precious together. Their love and devotion seem to grow each year. MrP departs from the OH in search of the perfect stick. He's quickly back with another long one and comically maneuvers it around in the nest as TFL supervises from above.	earlybird_AEF
2/23/2019	2:30 PM	MrP & TFL	Prey Delivered	Update: 10:10am TFL seems quite pleased with all MrP's hard work as she supervises from the Lateral Branch. She gives him a special call and a special look at 10:10am. MrP, always eager to please his lady prances up the V Branch and onto the Overhead. It appears that TFL has romance on her mind once again. She wiggles herself against him with some soft chirps, letting him know how much she cares. This should win the prize for the cutest moment ever. MrP just hangs his head down with a handgog expression. "Sorry dear. It's been a busy morning. I just need a little break for now." Simply adorable. No mating this time but MrP more than makes up for it later. They both fly off but return around the 11:00 hour.. MrP doesn't arrive empty taloned but instead brings a fish for TFL. Now, that's the way to TFL's heart. She is more than pleased now.	earlybird_AEF
2/24/2019	6:30 AM	MrP	Perching/Eating	The rain continues in the Arboretum but we're expecting skies to clear with temperatures in the low sixties. MrP has continued to keep watch from a tree near the PPT throughout the night. He stretches his wings and flies over to the nest at 7:00am. Apparently MrP is a little hungry this morning. He grabs up a piece of leftover fish with his beak and departs for a tree in the distance to enjoy his breakfast.	earlybird_AEF
2/24/2019	7:15 AM	MrP	Perching	There's a mystical, magical feeling as the fog rolls in. MrP continues to perch on a distant branch, the fog obscuring the foliage behind him, his white head brilliant against the background. MrP has finished his meal and watches over his nest once again. The nest is empty now except for one lone fish tail, perhaps left there for TFL. MrP repositions himself on the branch and out of our view. He moves up higher on a branch and we're able to see him again. He flies to the nest at 7:51am. A very wet and soggy MrP perches on the Lateral Branch and moves into the nest. He gives that fish tail a second look. It looks so tempting and delicious. Can't let a good fish tail go to waste. He eats some of it but not all, marches up the Left V Branch and onto the Overhead Branch. Off he goes to a tree at 7:59am.	earlybird_AEF
2/24/2019	9:07 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	MrP flies over to the Overhead branch at 9:07am. The rain appears to have stopped. MrP perches with his wings outstretched, letting them dry in the breeze. TFL joins him as he moves down in the nest at 9:34am. A delicious fish tail still waits for her dining pleasure and she's only to happy to eat it. After a nice meal, TFL's ready to enjoy the view from the Overhead Branch. MrP follows her and they sweetly mate at 9:37am. MrP departs as TFL continues to perch on the OH Branch.	earlybird_AEF
2/24/2019	10:29 AM	MrP & TFL	Mating	MrP's back with a stick at 10:29am. He joins TFL on the Overhead Branch and they mate once again at 10:34am. MrP flies but is back within minutes carrying a bouquet of fluff for his lady. He marches up the Left V branch and is off again at 10:42am.	earlybird_AEF
2/25/2019	10:00 AM	MrP	Perched	MrP does a bit of work in the nest while stopping to look out on his surroundings. He heads out to perch on the lateral branch and shows off his awesome balancing skills, as wind gusts blow through the area, giving him a branch bronco ride. Yee-haw, MrP! As of 11am, MrP stays in place watching over his territory and the fish that's potentially waiting for TFL in the nest.	freebird_AEF
2/25/2019	7:00 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	We're aware of the technical issues with the cams and we hope to have them streaming again soon. The winds are gusty this morning with a high wind warning in effect until 6:00pm. We can report that everything is fine at the nest. MrP arrived at 6:20am as is his usual pattern, tidied up the nest and flew off a short while later.	earlybird_AEF
2/25/2019	8:47 AM	MrP, TFL, Sub-Adult	Arrival/ Alert/Mating/Departure	We have a brief visit by a lovely young sub-adult at 8:47am. TFL voices her annoyance as she flies in and perches on the Overhead Branch. MrP follows her in and quickly escorts the beauty away. The sub-adult clearly gets the message and flies off without a backwards glance. MrP returns and gets some work done in the nest before marching up the Left V branch to join TFL on the OH Branch. They share some sweet conversation before they mate at 8:56am. MrP flies off with TFL following soon after.	earlybird_AEF
2/25/2019	9:41 AM	MrP	Prey Delivered	MrP delivers a fish at 9:41am but immediately turns around and flies off with it. He returns at 9:57am with the same fish. He doesn't eat it but lays it in the nest and gets on with the morning chores. This yummy looking fish might just be a special gift for TFL.	earlybird_AEF

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2/25/2019	1:14 PM	MrP & TFL	Mating	MrP and TFL were both back at the nest at 1:14pm. TFL was simply delighted to see lunch waiting for her and proceeded to eat it with gusto. MrP spent some time working on the nest before flying over to the Big Branch. He returned a short while later and had a few sweet things to say to his lady before they mate at 1:30pm.	earlybird_AEF
2/25/2019	2:45 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP 's back on the nest at 2:45pm. He rummages around for a minute or two before he finds what he's looking for. It appears to be a leftover piece of fish and MrP appears to be hungry. No reason to let this delectable morsel go to waste. TFL's already had her fill and MrP wouldn't mind a bite or two for himself. So cute to see him look around before flying off with it. Was he waiting to see if TFL was coming in to claim the leftovers? Or was he trying to sneak out before she saw him? Lucky for MrP that she didn't return, and he was able to fly off with his prize. Bon appetite MrP.	earlybird_AEF
2/25/2019	3:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP delivers a stick to the nest at 3:00pm. This stick just will not cooperate. MrP pushes down one end of it, the other end pops up, MrP pushes that end down, the other is back up again. This will never do. MrP has had enough with this stick. He gives it a good old-fashioned foot stomping. MrP can be so cute when he's assertive. He steps away and seems quite pleased with himself. The stick looks perfect. He marches proudly up the left V branch, looks down to admire his stick work and flies off into the trees.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	6:26 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	It's a very chilly morning with sunny skies and a temperature of 27 degrees. Its expected to be near fifty degrees with clear skies this afternoon. A perfect day to lay an egg. I wonder? The anticipation is growing day by day as we get closer and closer to the big event. It could be any day now. We'll try our best to be patient but it sure is exciting to think about. MrP arrives in the nest around 6:26am. He's been hard at work getting the nest ready for his little ones. Every morning he aerates the moss and rearranges the sticks in preparation for the first egg to be shown off to the world. Today is no different. He's back to work on one of the big sticks that he delivered previously. He's stripped most of the bark off and moved it partially in the V Perch. So cute the way he stands on it with one foot, holding it in place as he nibbles at it. It appears that for the moment he's happy with its placement. He marches up the Left V branch and over to the Overhead Branch to enjoy a well-deserved break. He flies off at 7:54am.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	8:16 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Perching	MrP returns with a stick at 8:16am. He places it quickly in the V Perch, moves on to aerating the fluff and then back to the big stick from earlier. Apparently, he wasn't finished with that one yet. No surprise there. He didn't get the name "Mr. Perfectionist" for nothing. "Mr. Perfectionist" or MrP as we so fondly call him finishes up with the big stick for now and moves back to the fluff. So sweet how he wiggles himself down in the nest bowl and pulls the moss all around him, not once but twice. He must be practicing for the big day. I think he's as excited as we are. He jogs up the Left V branch and enjoys that beautiful view before flying off at 8:33am.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	9:09 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP's back at work in the nest at 9:09am. He flies off at 9:16am.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	9:44 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Perching	TFL arrives on the Overhead Branch at 9:44am. She greets MrP with some vocals as he flies to the nest at 9:47am. MrP does quite a spectacular maneuver as he departs from the nest, flies in a big loop around it, lands directly on TFL and they mate at 9:49am. TFL throws up her head and sings out her appreciation. "Nicely done Dear!" MrP with his chest all puffed up in pride flies off once again and returns with a bouquet of fluff for his lady. She's so appreciative that she gives him another shout out. MrP jogs up the Left V branch and onto the OH where they mate yet one more time. They perch quietly for a minute or two before TFL cuddles up close to him with some sweet talk and her cute wiggle dance. It appears that TFL is ready for a little more romance but MrP doesn't oblige this time. They perch contently together gazing out at their beautiful surroundings.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	1:30 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Perching/Departure	MrP and TFL continue to spend some time together on the Overhead Branch, basking in the golden sun and enjoying each other's company. MrP flies at 10:25am with TFL flying off into the big blue sky soon after. MrP returns to the nest at 12:54pm and gets a little more nest work done before he moves up to the Overhead Branch. He watches over his domain until 1:30pm when he's off again.	earlybird_AEF
2/26/2019	2:09 PM	MrP & TFL	Prey Delivered/Nest Work/Mating/Departure	MrP returns with his catch of the day at 2:09pm. TFL follows him into the nest whistling her approval. MrP has delivered a perch for her and she couldn't be more delighted. She grabs it up and begins to eat while MrP gets back to the nest work. He's apparently still not happy with the stick placement from earlier so for now that's priority number one. He pulls and pushes on it with more foot stomping until he finally gets it in the V Perch. He appears quite pleased; a celebration seems to be in order. Perhaps something special like a fish dinner for two. Of course, his lady will be more than willing to share after all his hard work. Oh no she won't. MrP reaches over to get a bite and the tea kettle whistles begin. Not a happy tea kettle but one that's boiling over. TFL's not about to give up her fish. MrP tries to get a bite one more time. TFL gives him some pecks to show she means business. MrP will have to wait his turn. Perhaps they'll be a little something leftover. TFL finishes up her meal and makes her way up to the OH branch. There are a few morsels left and MrP relishes every bit of it before he's off again at 2:23pm. But he doesn't go far. He takes off towards the trees, makes a loop back around to the nest, lands directly on top of TFL and they mate. What an amazing maneuver for the second time today. He's off again for more supplies a few minutes later. He brings back a stick and gets back to the nest work. TFL departs at 2:43pm with MrP following at 2:49pm.	earlybird_AEF

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2/27/2019	6:16 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	It's a clear and cold morning with temperatures in the mid-twenties. We're expecting partial sunshine throughout the day with a high of 46 degrees. MrP arrives promptly at 6:16am, his feathers all puffed out against the chill. He aerates the fluff and lies down in the bowl, pulling the blanket of moss all around him. He stands and aerates one more time before he wiggles down again. The bowl looks ready, full of fluff, an egg cup nicely formed. The fortress is in place, the side rails high, the sticks intertwined. All we need now are two sweet eggs to fill the cup. Our cup runneth over with love for MrP and TFL and all the eaglets before. MrP spends some time looking out at his domain, perhaps contemplating the future on what is yet to come. He flies off at 6:32am.	earlybird_AEF
2/27/2019	7:52 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP stopped by briefly at 7:52am. He did a quick nest check and was on his way at 7:58am.	earlybird_AEF
2/27/2019	9:11 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work/Departure	MrP returns to the nest at 9:11am. He aerates the fluff and is off again at 9:15am.	earlybird_AEF
2/27/2019	9:19 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Prey Delivered/Mating/Departure	TFL arrives in the nest at 9:19am with her own breakfast. It's rare that TFL delivers her own fish, she must have been very hungry this morning. MrP returns with a stick as TFL enjoys her meal. TFL finishes up her fish and marches up the Left V branch. MrP flies off and flies right back in to mate with TFL on the Left V at 9:30am. MrP flies off and quickly returns with a stick. TFL moves up to the Overhead Branch and departs at 9:35am. MrP flies off soon after.	earlybird_AEF
2/27/2019	12:52 PM	MrP & Red-tailed hawk.	Alert/Chase/Arrival	MrP has spent a good part of the day in or around the nest. The Red-tailed hawks have been a nuisance again today and MrP has been keeping watch over his nest. There was a brief confrontation at 12:52pm with one of them. MrP was in the nest when one of them made a very misguided attempt to enter. Our fearless MrP jumped up in the air with his very large talons outstretched in front of him as the hawk was flying towards him. The hawk, obvious seeing the error of his ways, skeddaddled out of there as fast as his wings would take him. MrP took off in chase but was quickly back and voicing his annoyance from the Overhead Branch. He flies off at 1:29pm but is back to the nest a few minutes later.	earlybird_AEF
2/27/2019	3:01 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	MrP has continued to stand guard in his nest this afternoon. He flies off every now and then to get supplies or check on his surroundings. He's making sure that those pesky Red-tailed hawks stay far away from his beautiful nest. MrP's back to work on the nest again at 2:59pm. TFL flies onto the Overhead Branch where MrP joins her and they mate at 3:01pm. MrP flies off with TFL following soon after.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	11:12 AM	MrP	Arrival/Perching	MrP lands on the OH branch. He's on watch, often looking in an upward direction, and he vocalizes as if to say, "I'm here. This is my tree and I'm king of this kingdom." What a wonderful guardian he is.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	11:41 AM	MrP	Departure	MrP flies off the OH branch and leaves the nest tree.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	11:46 AM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP Flies below the nest, loops around and returns with a stick. He wing walks up the Left V, stops to perch and look around, before departing at 11:54. A large bird is seen in the distance flying across the skyline at 11:56am.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	12:33 PM	MrP	Arrival/Perching	MrP lands in the nest and lightly fluffs nesting material, then slowly spins around in a circle while standing over the nest bowl. After a few minutes, he heads out to perch on the Lateral branch and vocalizes. MrP perches, preens and waits, letting out squonky squees on occasion. MrP goes back to the nest and begins doing some cleaning and fluffing.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	1:10 PM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Mating/Departure	At 1:10, TFL arrives and lands on the OH branch. MrP joins her at 1:14, and a noisy mating with both of them chattering and squeeing occurs. MrP departs at 1:15 and TFL departs moments later at 1:17pm.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	6:18 AM	MrP	Arrival/Nest Work	MrP perches on the same branch as he did last evening. It appears that he spent the night watching over his nest from there. He flies over to the nest as the sky begins to lighten. MrP likes to get his morning chores finished early before TFL's arrival. He aerates the moss and goes about the task of rearranging some sticks, paying particular attention to the V Perch. He's made a concerted effort to fill in that area and it looks like all of his hard work is paying off. Our handsome MrP finishes up his chores for now and attentively looks around at his domain. He's been extra vigilant since the hawk tried to enter the nest yesterday. That's not going to happen again on his watch if he has anything to say about it.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	6:45 AM	MrP	Departure	MrP marches up the Right V Branch to keep an eye on things from there. He had an enormous crop yesterday and that's more than likely why he has several crop drops now. He gazes around for just a bit longer before he flies off at 6:49am.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	7:00 AM	Eagle Vocabulary	Crop	Crop – widening in the esophagus where a hawk, eagle, falcon or vulture can store food.	earlybird_AEF

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2/28/2019	7:31 AM	MrP & TFL	Arrival/Nest Work/Mating/Departure	MrP returns with a lovely mound of fluff at 7:31am and distributes it around the nest. TFL arrives a few minutes later to help with the renovations. They aerate the moss in companionable silence before TFL marches up the Left V Branch and onto the Overhead Branch. MrP jogs up to join her and they mate at 7:38am. So sweet when TFL turns her head to give him a beak kiss while he's still on top of her and sings out with joy when the mating is over. What a heartwarming moment. The interaction between the two of them has been wonderful to see. MrP flies off in search of the perfect stick. TFL chirps her approval as he returns with a nice one. MrP moves up the Left V Branch once again, getting a little closer to his lady. TFL calls with some soft chirps as they survey their domain in the golden sun. MrP's off again at 8:00am and returns with another stick. TFL flies down to help him with the nest work before she flies off a few minutes later. MrP follows soon after.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	3:06 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP flies by on this beautiful sunny day and arrives in the nest at 3:06pm. He aerates the fluff and fiddles with the sticks in the V for a short while before moving up the Left V Branch. He flies off at 3:16pm.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	3:30 PM	Weather	Weather	Its a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the mid to upper forties. Tonight, we're expecting intermittent snow with 1-2 inches possible. There will be a changeover to rain tonight and occasional rain will continue tomorrow with temperatures in the upper thirties.	earlybird_AEF
2/28/2019	6:00 PM	MrP	Arrival/Departure	MrP arrives, lands in the nest and fluffs his precious nest bowl, making sure it's nice and soft in anticipation of egg laying. He's really out done himself on the nest rails this year. They are higher than I ever remember. He appears to be waiting to see if TFL will arrive. In the mean time, he decides to snuggle down into the nest bowl. Ahhh... so comfy! MrP continues to wait and then departs at 6:08pm. Sweet eagle dreams, MrP.	freebird_AEF
2/28/2019	7:00 PM	Event Log Updates	Event Log Updates	Please click on "March" to get the current updates.	earlybird_AEF