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**Two Bald Eagles to be Released at Mass Audubon’s Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary**

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Cummaquid/Eastham. August 21, 2019. Mass Audubon’s Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all, and Wild Care, a wildlife rehabilitation center located in Eastham, are teaming up to release two juvenile Bald Eagles on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 1-3 PM at the Sanctuary, located on 345 Bone Hill Road, Cummaquid. (*The public is invited to a lecture on eagles, followed by the release. Registration info provided below. RSVP and fee is required, with space limited to 20 attendees.)*

The two Bald Eagles were rescued and treated by Wild Care, after exhibiting abnormal behavior in the wild. The birds showed signs of starvation and other health issues, likely due to being young, inexperienced hunters. They have recovered, and are gaining strength in Wild Care’s large aviary, until their scheduled release, on August 30th.

“Wild Care, is extremely fortunate to have a large raptor aviary that meets the State of Massachusetts’ minimum size requirements to house and condition eagles for release,” Stephanie Ellis states. “I am incredibly grateful to have accommodations for these magnificent birds, and for the support of local veterinarians and MassWildlife. We have also received amazing community support with daily donations of fresh and frozen fish, allowing us to care for these ravenous birds!”

Join Jason Zimmer, MassWildlife District Supervisor for a brief lecture, on the natural history and distribution of this wonderful species in Massachusetts, beginning at 1PM. Wild Care’s Rehabilitation staff and Executive Director, will then provide a few words on the two birds’ individual paths to recovery, followed by the release.

“Long Pasture is an ideal location for a wildlife release, with 110 acres of protected sanctuary on Cape Cod Bay,” states Ian Ives, Sanctuary Director. “The last-known breeding pair of bald eagles nesting on Cape Cod was documented over 100 years ago in 1905. There have been sporadic sightings since the 1980’s and one nest was identified in Brewster this year. Mass Audubon’s Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary is the perfect location to release the eagles given its location on the banks of Barnstable Harbor”.

**REGISTRATION AND DETAILS:**

Following the eagle lecture, guests will then hike out onto Long Pasture's trails and meet Wild Care’s rehabilitation specialists, and witness these majestic birds return to the wild. Please join Mass Audubon Long Pasture Sanctuary and Wild Care Cape Cod for this special program celebrating the hard work of rehabilitation, land preservation, and hope! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. This program is recommended for kids ages 8 and up.

**Members**: Adult $20.00, Child $18.00

**Non-members**: Adult $25.00, Child $20.00

[Register online](https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/long-pasture/69613-two-juvenile-bald-eagle-releases) or call 508-362-7475 to register by phone. For more information, contact: [Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary](https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/long-pasture), 345 Bone Hill Road, P.O. Box 235, Cummaquid, MA 02637 or longpasture@massaudubon.org.

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***About Wild Care:***

*Wild Care’s mission is to treat injured, ill and orphaned native wildlife for release, to prevent wildlife casualties through public education and live counseling, and to engage the community in conservation through volunteerism. Since our founding, Wild Care has accepted over 27,000 wild creatures, representing 275 species of native birds, mammals, and reptiles. On average, Wild Care receives over 1,800 wild animals per year for treatment. If you encounter injured, orphaned or ill wildlife please call Wild Care’s “Wildlife Helpline” at 508-240- 2255.*

## *About Mass Audubon:*

## *Mass Audubon protects 38,000 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all. As Massachusetts’ largest nature conservation nonprofit, we welcome more than a half million visitors a year to our wildlife sanctuaries and 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state’s natural treasures for wildlife and for all people—a vision shared in 1896 by our founders, two extraordinary Boston women.*

*Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. With more than 125,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state for today and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at* [*massaudubon.org*](http://www.massaudubon.org/)*.*