

The Great River Road scenic lookout tower provides a nice look at Credit Island Park across the river on the Iowa side where eagles often roost. To get to Credit Island, take U.S. Highway 61 (West River Drive) south from Davenport. Our group saw an eagle feasting on a skunk carcass here (see *Eagles in Winter* article in this issue).

Highlights: The Quad Cities is such a great area to watch eagles because of the Elton E. Fawks Bald Eagle Refuge, home of about 10 percent of the state's total wintering Bald Eagle population. Located between the Mississippi River and Illinois Highway 84 near Lock and Dam 14 and Illiniwek Forest Preserve, the refuge is off limits to humans between October 1 and April 1.

The Quad Cities Bald Eagle Days will be the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February. Call 1-800-747-7800 for more information.

NEW BOSTON, ILLINOIS

Where to go: One-half mile south of Lock and Dam No. 17.

Highlights: Ingram has seen up to 150 birds here.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Where to go: Burlington Power Plant. If passable, use road three-quarters of a mile south of plant for a better view but get permission before entering.

Also check the city park overlook, three blocks north of US Highway 3, and Carthage Lake, two miles south past the toll bridge to Illinois.

Highlights: Ingram has seen up to 150 eagles within 1000 feet in Carthage Lake. He suggests staying in your car so you don't disturb the birds. If you are heading south to Keokuk, watch for eagles soaring over the bluffs.

OTHER SITES ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER:

Pere Marquette State Park near Grafton, Illinois, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

Keokuk, Iowa: A parking lot un-

der the Keokuk bridge.

Warsaw, Illinois: The memorial at the top of the hill.

Canton, Missouri: Lock and Dam No. 20 offers views of 8-10 eagles.

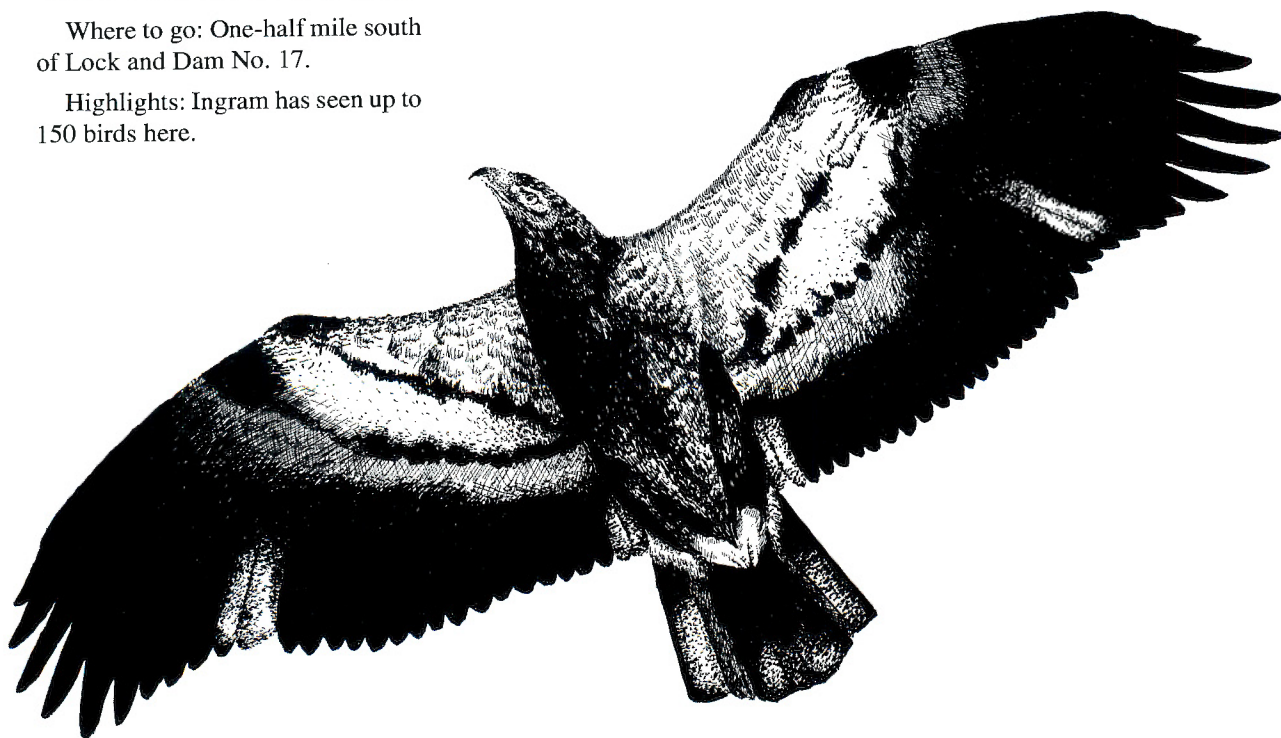
Clarksville, Missouri: Lock and Dam No. 24 offers good views from the power plant and the park south of town.

Winfield, Missouri: Lock and Dam No. 25. Eagles roost south of the ferry at Winfield. 🦅

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First-year Bald Eagle. Drawing by Brian K. Willis.