

Eagle Weekend - Lake Barkley

January 29, 2011

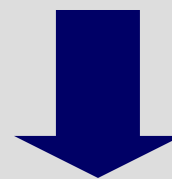


Eagle Weekend at Lake Barkley is always an enjoyable, fun event. And this year, our third trip, was our best yet.

We saw about 60 eagles, plus a variety of heron, hawk, deer, and other wildlife (even an armadillo!)

On Saturday morning, we took the boat cruise aboard the CQ Princess. The CQ Princess is a beautiful excursion yacht with a very relaxing journey. Plus, all the hot chocolate you can drink!

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Hopefully you can identify the eagles in the above photos. We only have a small camera, not one with telephoto lens, etc. We just enjoy viewing the eagles with our binoculars. But, the eagles are easy to spot with the backdrop of gray trees and their football shape with white head. Also, since the temperature was very warm (mid-50's) there were many fisherman out, and we believe this activity kept the eagles up in the trees and not flying over the water like they usually do. It was a very scenic day to enjoy a lake cruise!



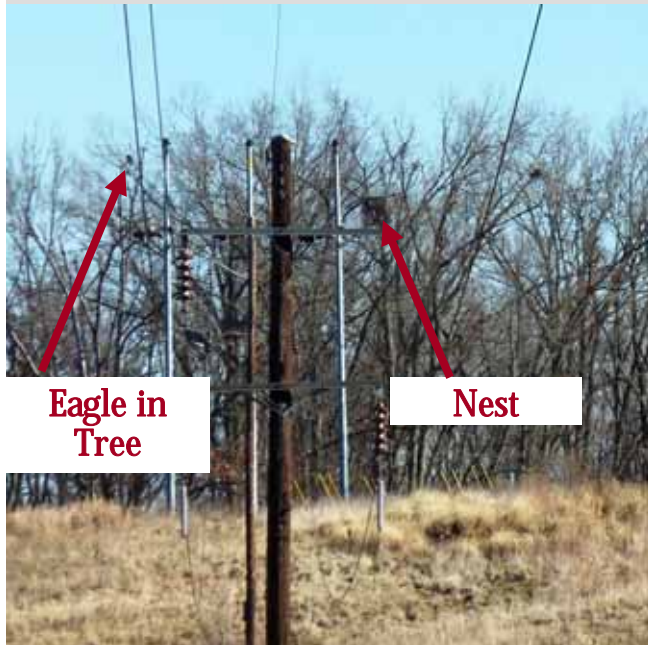
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Saturday afternoon we took a van tour, which we didn't think would be that exciting, but it turned out better than the boat cruise. We saw eagle nest and eagle landing in the nest; an eagle catching a fish and eating it in a tree; and an eagle roost where there were about 21 eagles in a cluster. Very spectacular tour!



Eagle in Tree

Nest



Eagle landing in Nest



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Above: Eagle roost with a cluster of about 21 eagles. Very cool!

While the eagles were at a distance, the tour had several long-range telescopes set-up and these allowed us to zoom in close where we can see the eagles in detail. Saturday evening, the Southwest High School, in Somerset, Ky., provided a demonstration of raptors (*below*). They have a raptor rehabilitation center that cares for injured, owls, hawks, eagles, etc. They do great work.



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