



# Jackie and Shadow

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**Jackie** (c. 2012) and **Shadow** (c. 2014) are a wild female and male bald eagle couple who reside near Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County, California. Their attempts to hatch and raise offspring have been live-streamed by Friends of Big Bear Valley since 2018.

## History

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Bald eagles from points farther north, such as Idaho or Canada, migrate to Big Bear Valley, but most do not stay year-round.<sup>[1]</sup> San Bernardino National Forest rangers discovered in 2012 that this area had become nesting territory for eagles.<sup>[2]</sup> Jackie and Shadow are the only bald eagle current year-round residents at Big Bear Lake.<sup>[1]</sup>

Jackie, believed to be the first eaglet hatched in Big Bear Valley,<sup>[3]</sup> came to the public's attention in 2017, when she and her mate took over an abandoned nest beside a live-stream camera installed by Friends of Big Bear Valley.<sup>[4]</sup> Shadow came to the public's attention one year later, when he replaced Jackie's mate at that nest.<sup>[5]</sup> The nest itself is 145 feet (44 m) above ground in a Jeffrey pine in the National Forest near Fawnskin.<sup>[6]</sup> As the tree is near a parking lot, picnic area, and campsite, the Forest Service closes these facilities during nesting season each year, only reopening the area once the offspring have fledged.<sup>[7]</sup>

The live-stream gained significant attention in 2023, when Jackie and Shadow attempted to hatch eggs despite multiple atmospheric rivers that brought 45 inches (1.1 m) of snow to the area.<sup>[3][8]</sup> As of February 2024, Jackie and Shadow have laid 14+ eggs together, five of which have hatched, with two or three of the eaglets surviving into adulthood.<sup>[9][10][11] [12]</sup>

In 2025, the pair successfully hatched three eggs.<sup>[13]</sup>

## See also

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- Decorah Bald Eagles
- List of individual birds
- Southwest Florida Eagle Cam

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  - [Friends of Big Bear Valley livestreams \(https://www.youtube.com/@FOBBVCAM/streams\)](https://www.youtube.com/@FOBBVCAM/streams)
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