

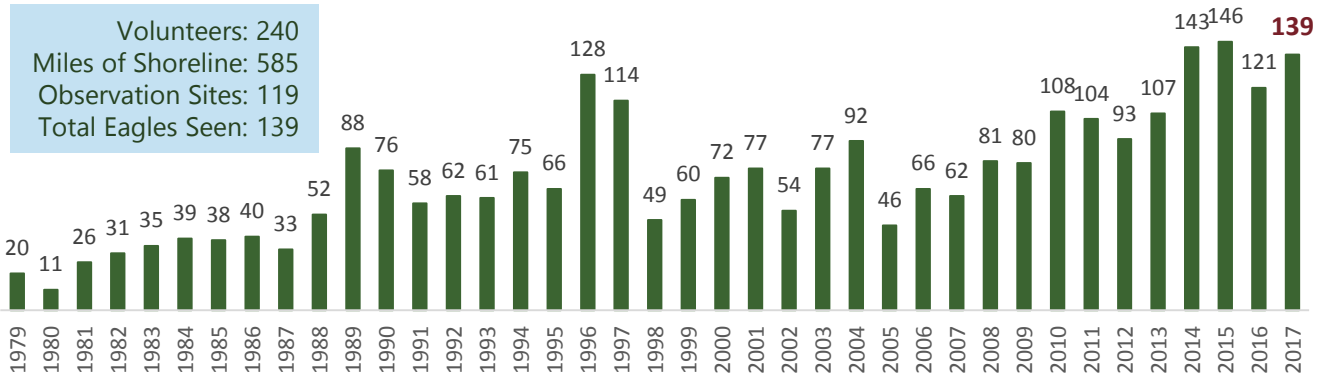
CT Bald Eagles

2017 Statewide Summary



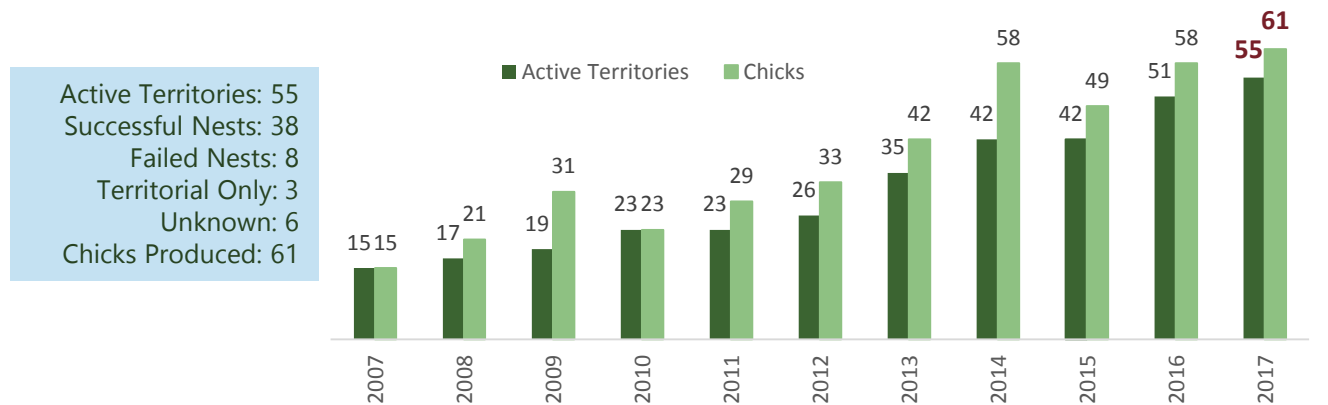
Midwinter Eagle Survey Results

The Midwinter Eagle Survey was January 14th, 2017. More eagles were counted in 2017 than 2016, likely a result of a record number of volunteers, clear weather, and a colder winter. The mean daily average at BDL during December was 32°F in 2016, much colder than the 43°F in 2015. More ice to our north pushes eagles south into Connecticut. Next year's Midwinter Eagle Survey will be January 13th, 2018.



Breeding Season Results

The 2017 breeding season saw new record highs for the numbers of active territories, successful nests, and chicks produced. This includes 9 new nesting territories, some on lakes with no modern record of nesting eagles. In August of 2007, the bald eagle was removed from the federal endangered species list. In the intervening decade, the number of territories in Connecticut has increased nearly fourfold. Since the bald eagle added to the endangered species list in 1973, Connecticut nest have produced at least 488 chicks. Of those, 405 chicks have been produced since the eagle was delisted in 2007.



These numbers represent thousands of hours of effort provided by hundreds volunteers. To those individuals and organizations who have selflessly contributed their time and talents:

THANKS! This would not be possible without you.