

Eagle sightings on the rise in the Riverbend

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RIVERBEND - It's winter in the Riverbend and that means it's time for the area's annual migratory visitors, the American bald eagle.



Last week it was reported that five eagles had been spotted along the Great River Road, four had been seen at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, five had been reported along the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway as well as five at Pere Marquette and a total of 22 were seen at the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Some of the popular eagle watching spots throughout the area include:

Pere Marquette State Park
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge at Gilbert Lake
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge at Swan Lake
The Grafton Riverfront
Elsah
The TreeHouse Wildlife Center
Piasa Harbor
Clifton Terrace

The Audubon Center at Riverlands

The National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Locks and Dam

The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center

The Lewis and Clark State Historic Site

The Ted and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park

The Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

The Chain of Rocks Bridge

Several varieties of birds are currently in the area including the once endangered trumpeter swans, eagles, herons, egrets, and woodpeckers.

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