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Decorah Eagles: DH3 Climbs Higher as the Nest Suddenly Feels Smaller

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The Decorah Eagles nest in Decorah, Iowa, suddenly felt smaller on May 27, 2026. At 64 days old, DH3 reached a new milestone by climbing up the V-branch and then making its way onto another branch across from it a few minutes later. It was one of those quiet but powerful moments when the nest no longer looks like the eaglets' whole world. Instead, it starts to look like the place a young eagle is preparing to leave behind.

DH4, now 62 days old, stayed closer to the nest while DH3 explored higher ground. The scene captured a familiar shift in eagle season: the stage where young eaglets begin standing taller, gripping harder, and looking beyond the edges of home.

Watch the moment DH3 climbs above the Decorah Eagles nest while DH4 stays below.



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DH3 Climbs Higher Above the Decorah Eagles Nest

DH3's climb began on the V-branch, a familiar part of the nest area that suddenly became the day's spotlight.

With careful steps and growing confidence, DH3 moved upward, using strong feet and talons to grip the branch. For a young eaglet, that kind of movement takes more than curiosity. It takes balance, coordination, strength, and trust in a body that is changing almost daily.

Then came the second climb.

After reaching the V-branch, DH3 made its way onto another branch across from it. This was not just a quick stretch near the nest bowl. DH3 was testing the space around the nest with purpose.

The same nest that once held two tiny chicks now has two growing eaglets big enough to make the branches look inviting.

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Why DH3's Climb Is Not Official Branching

Even though DH3's climb looked exciting, it does not officially count as branching.

Branching must be initiated with flight. In this case, DH3 walked and climbed up the branches instead of flying or flapping into position. Because of that, this moment is better described as an important pre-branching milestone.

That distinction matters, but it does not take anything away from the moment. DH3 showed the kind of confidence and physical control that often comes before official branching. The eaglet climbed higher, held its position, and explored beyond the central nest area.

This is the in-between stage, and it can be one of the most exciting parts of the season. DH3 is not officially branching yet, but the signs of the next chapter are beginning to show.

DH4 Watches From the Nest as DH3 Tests New Ground

While DH3 climbed higher, DH4 remained in the nest. At this age, every eaglet moves at its own pace. DH3 may be the one testing branches on this day, while DH4 continues building strength, watching, resting, and practicing from the nest. Those small differences are part of what makes sibling development so interesting to follow.

The Decorah Eagles nest is changing quickly now. One eaglet steps higher. The other watches. Later, the roles may shift. Together, DH3 and DH4 are moving through the same growth stage, but each one is doing it in its own way.

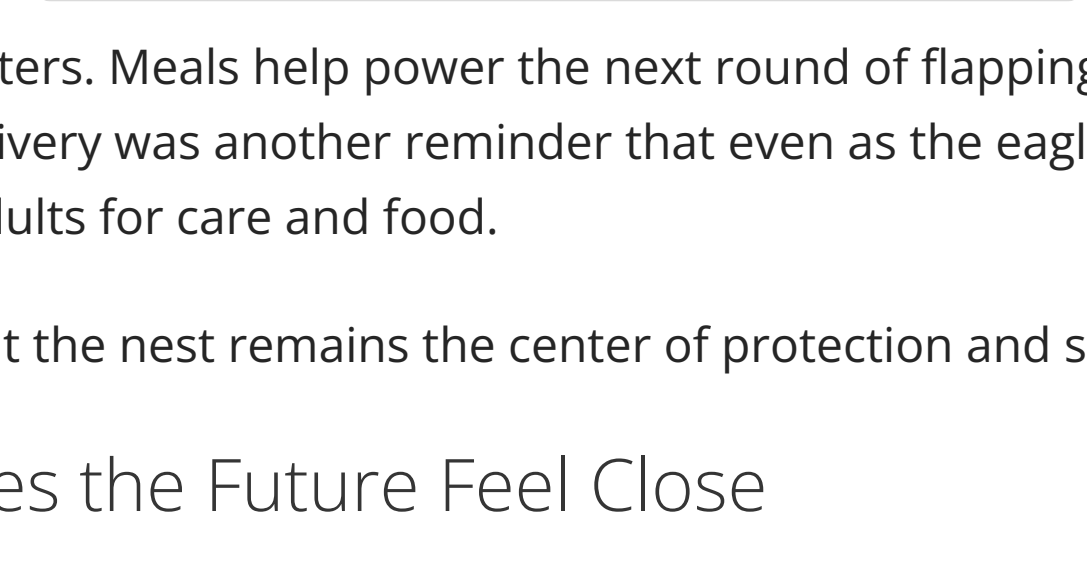
The nest is still home, but it is no longer just a nursery. It has become a training ground.

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HD Brings Raccoon After DH3's Big Climb

Later, HD brought raccoon to the nest, giving the day one more wild little exclamation point.

After DH3's climb, the food delivery felt like the perfect next scene. For the eaglets, of course, it was not a celebration. It was fuel. Growing bald eagles need steady meals to support feather growth, muscle development, wing exercises, climbing, food handling, and all the physical work that comes before fledging.



At this stage, every delivery matters. Meals help power the next round of flapping, stepping, gripping, balancing, and exploring. HD's raccoon delivery was another reminder that even as the eaglets begin reaching beyond the nest, they still depend on the adults for care and food.

DH3 may be climbing higher, but the nest remains the center of protection and survival.

A Milestone That Makes the Future Feel Close

DH3's two-branch climb gave Decorah Eagles viewers a glimpse of what is coming.

This was not official branching. It was not fledging. Yet it carried the unmistakable feeling of an eaglet moving closer to both. At 64 days old, DH3 climbed higher, DH4 watched from below, and HD later brought in raccoon as the nest day unfolded into one memorable snapshot of growth.

The nest still holds DH3 and DH4, but it no longer contains the whole story.

Each climb, stretch, wing flap, and branch test is part of the slow build toward independence. On this day, DH3 made that future feel just a little closer.

Video recorded and shared by chickiedee64 on YouTube. The live cam experience has been provided by the [Raptor Resource Project](#).

FAQ

How old were DH3 and DH4 during this Decorah Eagles milestone?

DH3 was 64 days old, and DH4 was 62 days old during this milestone on May 27, 2026.

Did DH3 officially branch?

No. DH3 climbed up the V-branch and another nearby branch, but this does not officially count as branching because branching must be initiated with flight.

What did DH3 do at the Decorah Eagles nest?

DH3 climbed up the V-branch and then moved onto another branch across from it, showing stronger balance, confidence, and pre-branching behavior.

What did HD bring to the nest later?

Later, HD brought raccoon to the nest, giving DH3 and DH4 another food delivery during this important growth stage.

Why is DH3 climbing higher important?

DH3 climbing higher is important because it shows growing strength, coordination, balance, and confidence. These are all important skills as eaglets move closer to official branching and eventually fledging.

Is DH4 developing normally too?

Yes. DH4 is only two days younger than DH3 and is also growing through this active pre-fledge stage. Eaglets often reach milestones at slightly different times.

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