

New webcam showcases breeding Spanish Imperial Eagle

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SEO/BirdLife invites you to follow the first days of the life of 3 eagle chicks in the Mediterranean forest in Castilla-La Mancha via a webcam at www.aguilaimperial.org Once again this spring and summer, everyone has the unique and wonderful opportunity to see live webcam images of a family of Spanish Imperial Eagles, the most threatened bird of prey in Europe, the populations of which are mainly located in Spain. The pictures show the ups and downs of the daily fight for survival of three little eagle chicks as they are brought up by their parents. The webcam has been installed near a nest in the Cabañeros National Park sited in central Spain, as part of the conservation programme for the Iberian imperial eagle *Alzando el vuelo?*, a flagship project of SEO/BirdLife since 2006. *Alzando el vuelo?* is based on land stewardship principles that involve not only the voluntary collaboration of private landowners, but also the participation of local councils and schools throughout the distribution of the species in central and south-western Spain. **Endemic species of the Iberian peninsula** According to BirdLife on behalf of the IUCN, the eagle is classified as Vulnerable. There are only 282 breeding pairs in the world, all of them located in the Iberian Peninsula. The main risks that the species faces are electrocution in powerlines, poor prey availability, habitat destruction and illegal persecution (poisoning, shooting). Despite these threats, the Spanish Imperial Eagle population has shown a slow but continuous increase during recent years.
