



American Bald Eagle
haliaeetus leucocephalus

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On June 20, 1782, the U.S. Congress in Independence Hall voted to make the bald eagle the symbol of the United States when they approved the design of the Great Seal. Independence Park's eagle lived with the Peale family in Philadelphia. From 1854-1876, this preserved raptor sat atop the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall.

"The escutcheon (shield) is borne on the breast of an American Eagle without any other supporters to denote that the USA ought to rely on their own virtue."

--Charles Thomson