

NAVAJO NATIONZOO & EAGLE REPOSITORY

Department of Natural Resources EXPO

Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort

April 28-29, 2026



NAVAJOZOO
WINDOW ROCK, AZ

MISSION STATEMENT

- ▶ The Zoo's Mission is to:
 - provide a quality exhibition of native plant and animal species to...
 - foster the understanding, appreciation, knowledge and respect of...
 - plants and animals that inhabit the Navajo Nation and the Southwest.

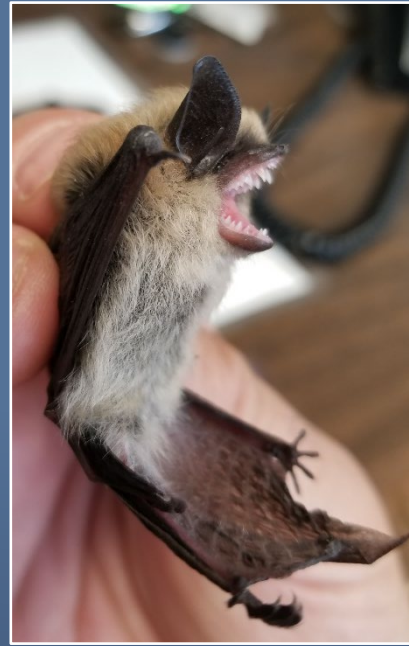
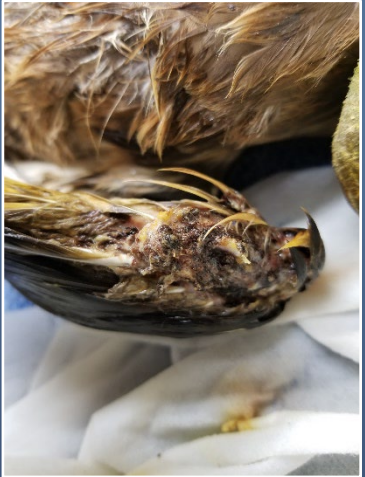


WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

- ▶ Only Native American Owned-and-Operated Zoo in the US
- ▶ Mostly only house Native Animals to the Navajo Nation & Southwest
- ▶ Nearly all animals have been Orphaned or Injured in the wild
- ▶ Free Admission – always & for everyone



INJURED ANIMAL TRIAGE



NAVAJO NATION GOLDEN EAGLE SANCTUARY



EAGLE SANCTUARY

Grand Opened July 1, 2016

5 Golden Eagles



The Navajo Nation Eagle Sanctuary and Education Center was made possible with the dedicated efforts and financial assistance of the following sponsors:

President Ben Shelly & the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Navajo Nation Tourism Department



U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority

Frontier Communications Corporation

Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department

Navajo Telecommunications and Utilities Department

Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority

Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

Navajo Forestry Department

Eagle Environmental, Inc.

We also thank **Navajo Nation Design & Engineering Services** for their assistance with project management services;

And many thanks to the **Navajo Nation Zoo Staff** for their dedicated efforts for the development and continued daily operation of this Eagle Sanctuary.

Architect: Lee Gamelsky Architects P.C.

General Contractor: Urbano LC



Dedication: July 1, 2016



EAGLE SANCTUARY

10 Project Sponsors !



PURPOSE

Houses Injured, Non-Releasable Golden Eagles

Provides Legal source of Eagle Feathers

Provides Education on Eagles

Provides a place for visitors to sit and enjoy Golden Eagles



EAGLE SANCTUARY

Currently houses 16 Golden Eagles
All are Non-releasable to the wild



EAGLE SANCTUARY

Lots of Perching Space





EAGLE FOOD

Bird-of-Prey Diet

(10# x 5 days/week)

Rats

(20 x 1 day/week)

Quail

(20 x 1 day/week)



SERVING
THE NAVAJO PEOPLE
WITH
LIVE EAGLE FEATHERS
SINCE 2012

EAGLE FEATHERS



The Navajo Nation Eagle Feather Application

Application MUST be Complete for Processing



Mail
No. _____



Name: _____
Last First MI Date of Birth

Address: _____
P.O. Box or Street City State Zip

Phone: _____
Cell Number Home / Message Number

Applicant must
present valid
I.D. & C.I.B.

ID info: _____
S.S. No. Census No. Driver License or ID No. State Expiration

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Federal law protecting eagles. This law provides for Native American use of eagle feather for religious purposes. Molted eagle feathers are accumulated by the Navajo Nation and made available to Native Americans under permit MB054509-0.

Application for a permit to acquire an eagle feather requires certification that the requesting individual is an enrolled member of an Indian Tribe that is federally recognized under the Federally Recognized Tribal List Act of 1994, 25 USC 479a-1, 108 Stat. 4791. Proof of tribal membership must be presented, and verified, to complete this application.

I hereby certify that I am requesting an eagle feather for religious purposes and that the information submitted herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements made here may subject me to criminal penalties of 18 USC 1001. I hereby agree that I understand and will comply with all Navajo Nation and Federal Laws regarding eagles and eagle feathers.

Applicant Signature : _____ Date: _____

**If feather(s) will be given/gifted to another person, provide their ID and Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB):

Name: _____
Last First MI Census No.

ID info: _____
S.S. No. Driver License or ID No. State Expiration

(Refer to 'Eagle Feather Distribution Policy' for maximum allowed feather allocation)

FEATHER(S)
REQUESTED: _____ Tail _____ Plume _____ Body _____ Wing (Primary) _____ Wing (Secondary)

IDENTIFY PURPOSE FOR FEATHER(S):
 Personal Use Navajo Ceremony Native American Church
 Pow Wow Gift for Other Person Other _____

Official Use Only: applicant does not complete this section

Application Complete: _____
sign & date

Review Complete: _____
sign & date

Application Eligible?: YES NO

If NO, State Reason: _____

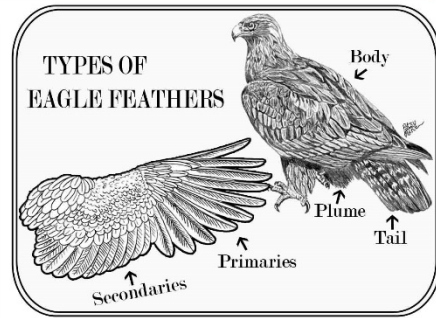
Database Entry: _____
sign & date

Database Entry No.: _____

Application Processed: _____
sign & date

Type of Feather(s): _____

No. Feather(s) & Database No.: _____



This permit is issued pursuant to U.S.F.W.S. Indian Religious Use Permit No. MB054509-0 and U.S. 50 CFR 22.

FEATHER APPLICATION

Application + CIB + ID



The Navajo Nation Eagle Feather Application

Application MUST be Complete for Processing within 30 days



Mail Completed Applications to:

Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife
P. O. Box 1480
Window Rock, Arizona 86515
Attn: Eagle Feather Application

Applicants must
provide valid copy
of I.D. & C.I.B.

Be sure to include:

- completed Eagle Feather Application
- photocopy of state issued identification (Driver's License)
- photocopy of Certificate of Indian Blood (C.I.B)

**** Please Note: You may apply for a maximum of two (2) Long Feathers (Tail and Wing) per year; one (1) of which may be a Tail Feather. Apply for:**

- 1 Tail and 1 Primary or Secondary Wing Feathers; or
- 2 Primary Wing Feathers; or
- 2 Secondary Wing Feathers; or
- 1 Primary and 1 Secondary Wing Feathers.

All applicants receive 2 Body and 2 Plume Feathers.

FEATHER APPLICATION

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EAGLE FEATHERS

Eagle Feather Stats. Since 2012:

1747 applicants

1800 recipients



EAGLE FEATHERS

Eagle Feather Stats. Since 2012:

3930 Body

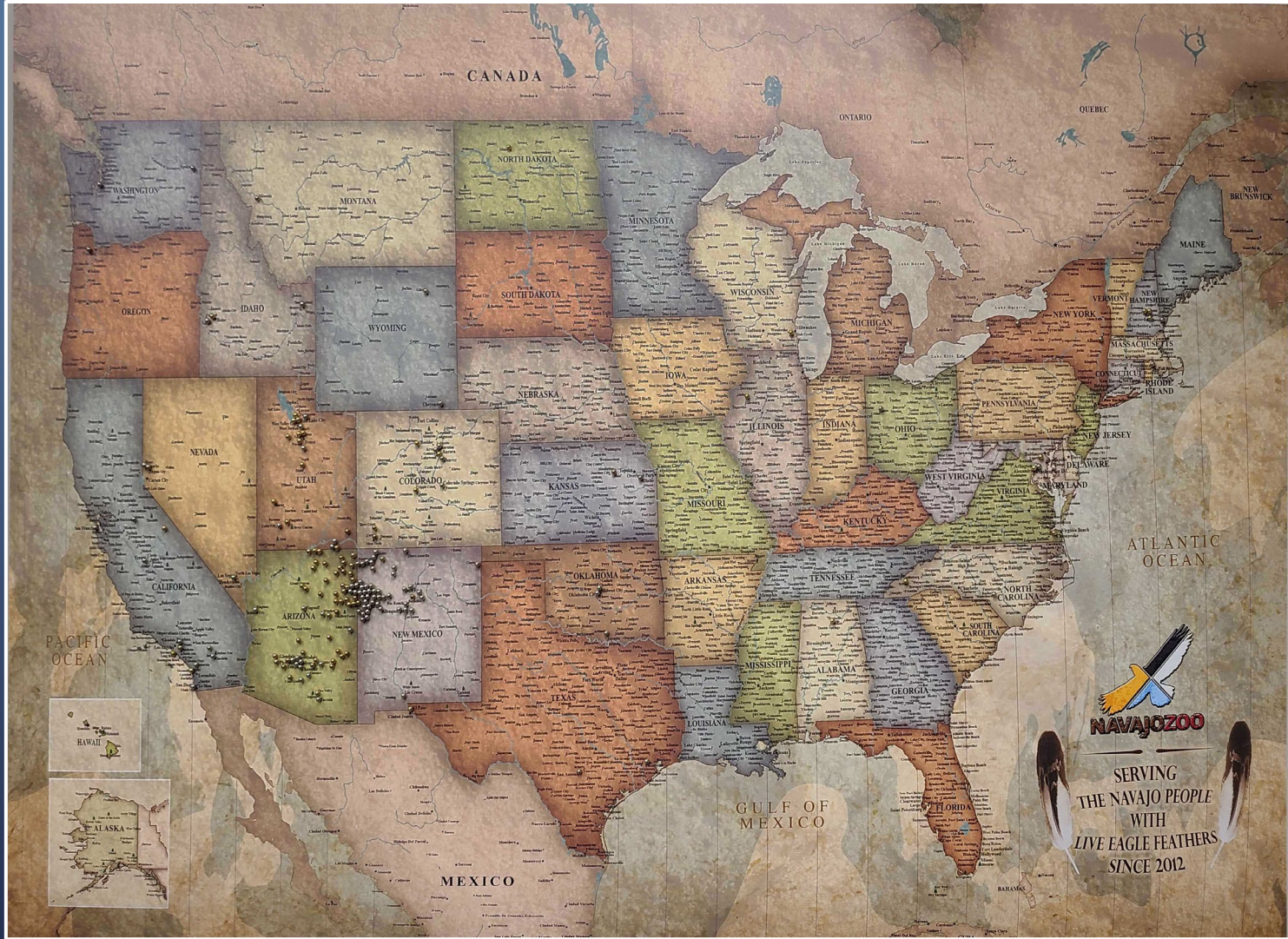
3471 Plume

1422 Secondary

975 Primary

778 Tail

10,576 TOTAL

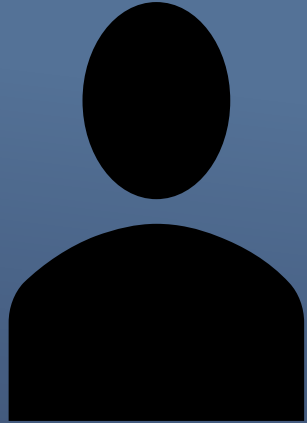


FEATHER DISTRIBUTION

26 States served



ZOO STAFF



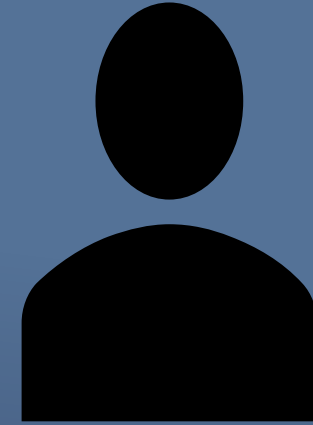
Terence Mull



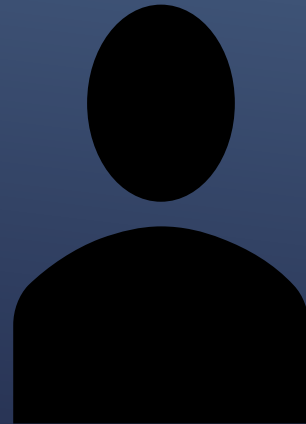
Stephanie Shirley



Gerald Greyeyes



Brennon Kee



Miguel Smith



Shane Littlesinger



Harlan Begay



THANK YOU

