

Viewers frustrated as baby eagle dies on webcam

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This still image from streaming online video provided by Biodiversity Research Institute shows an adult bald eagle, center, feeding a young eaglet Wednesday afternoon, June 25, 2014 in a nest at an undisclosed location along coastal Maine. Webcast viewers saw another eaglet in the nest die over the weekend, when it seemed the parents had abandoned the nest. Erynn Call, state raptor specialist, said the death was a common occurrence in nature and is representative of what happens in other nests. She said it is the state's policy not to intervene. (AP Photo/Biodiversity Research Institute)

Maine wildlife officials are defending their decision not to intervene before an eaglet featured on a wildlife webcam died.

Viewers across the country expressed alarm when it seemed that the parents had abandoned a pair of baby eagles in a coastal Maine nest. One of the eaglets died over the weekend, but the other is still alive.

Erynn Call, state raptor specialist in Maine, said it's common for eaglets to die in nature and that what happened is representative of what happens in other [nests](#). She says it's the state's policy not to intervene.

She also says the eaglets weren't abandoned. She says the parents are simply spending less time at the nest to prepare the eaglets to branch out on their own.

The webcam is operated by the Biodiversity Research Institute.

More information: www.briloon.org/eaglecam1

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