



## Spunky-The Little Squawker!

Swoop! A huge bald eagle snatched up a baby hawk. It dropped the baby into a nest of three hungry eaglets.

The little hawk squawked. The mother eagle fed her eaglets and the hawk chick too.

Was the mother eagle confused? Eagles are birds of prey. They eat smaller birds. Those eaglets could have eaten the hawk chick. But they didn't.

The hawk kept squawking and the mother eagle kept feeding it. It grew big. The eaglets grew even bigger – four times bigger.

People were puzzled by this odd bird behaviour. They gathered under the tree. They took out their binoculars and watched the nest.

They scratched their heads. They asked important scientific bird questions.

Why? What if? When? How? What? They guessed answers, made notes, watched, and made more notes.

“Why don't the eagles eat the baby hawk?”

“We don't know,” they said.

“What if the eaglets get really hungry, will they eat him then?”

“Probably,” they said.



“When will he start acting like a hawk?”

“We don't know,” they said. “He might think he's an eagle.”

“How will he learn to act like a hawk?”

“Who knows? But he sure is a little squawker.”

“How will he survive when he takes flight?”

“We have to wait and see,” they said.

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The little hawk grew big enough to leave the nest.

Off he flew. Then back he came! He plunked himself down in the nest and squawked for dinner.

“He is one spunky hawk,” the people said. And so they called him Spunky.

