

The Mating Ritual of the American Bald Eagle

— From “The Big Year” (2011), a light comedy about Birding starring Steve Martin, Jack Black and Owen Wilson.

“Of all courtship rituals, none is as spectacular as the Bald Eagle. A male and female climb to dizzying heights, and then join in free fall . . . plummeting down to earth, locked in each other’s embrace . . . separating only at the very last moment.”

Talk about an orgasmic rush! Footage of the ritual is included in the movie. — Chuck