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Today, Bald Eagles are found in every county of the state, and many are choosing to make Alabama their permanent residence.

A few days ago I saw this eagle flying over our backyard toward Waverly Circle and beyond, so you might see it one afternoon around your yard.

A few years ago, in the spring of 2018, we were fortunate to see a flock of White Pelicans land on our lake. Some suggested that a storm had caused them to veer off their migratory route. They spent the night, then all flew off presumably to get back on track.

The pelican pictures were taken by me.

I’m not saying that our founders envisioned Bald Eagles or pelicans when they created this neighborhood, but I think they probably knew that creating a lake a few years after would give the community something no other homes in Bessemer had, and that it would also be a selling point for their properties.

They set up rules and became the governing board that enforced the rules, and since that time there has been a board of directors to manage the property and affairs of the community.

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White pelicans on their way to, most likely, North Dakota or Canada, where they breed on inland lakes.

Playful white pelicans, with a wingspan of 9 feet.

White Pelicans showing off.

A flock of birds flying in the sky

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A couple of white birds standing in the water

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A group of white birds standing on grass next to water

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