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View looking up through the Glenn Dale azalea collection on the azalea hillside at Mt. Hamilton in the US National Arboretum. If you look carefully, in the distance you'll see a tall tulip poplar tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) that, since 2014, has been a favored nesting place for a pair of bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). Since the bald eagle is protected by federal laws, the area is partially closed to visitor foot and car traffic to protect them. In 2016 the pair produced and cared for two eaglets that successfully took flight. Photo Barbara Bullock.



#### On the Back Cover

Another spring 2016 view of Azalea Hillside on Mt. Hamilton at the National Arboretum. Part-shade woodland conditions and excellent drainage have helped this special collection of Glenn Dale azaleas thrive and survive since the 1940s. Photo Barbara Bullock.

