EAGLE CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, INC.

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United States Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

Form N-Q

Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings of Registered Management Investment Company Investment Company Act file number: 811-05807 Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2017

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2017

## ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc.

Portfolio of Investments (as of September 30, 2017) (unaudited)

| Common Stock (91.5% of total investments) <u>Industry</u> Consumer | Shares | Cost        | LEVEL ONE<br>Market Value | % Total Inv | <b>7.</b> |
|--|--------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Colgate-Palmolive Co.  | 69,300 | \$4,347,559 | \$ 5,048,505              |             |           |
| PepsiCo, Inc.  | 10,000 | 168,296     | 1,114,300                 |             |           |
| repsico, inc.  | 10,000 | 100,270     | \$6,162,805               | 18.8        | %         |
| Data Processing  |        |             | Ψ 0,102,003               | 10.0        | 70        |
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc.                                    | 15,500 | 827,769     | 1,694,460                 |             |           |
| Paychex, Inc.  | 26,500 | 1,005,569   | 1,588,940                 |             |           |
| Tayonox, me.   | 20,500 | 1,005,507   | \$3,283,400               | 10.0        | %         |
| Data Processing  |        |             | Ψ 3,203,100               | 10.0        | ,,        |
| Abbott Laboratories Inc.   | 7,500  | 175,588     | 400,200                   |             |           |
| Johnson & Johnson  | 4,000  | 45,500      | 520,040                   |             |           |
| Stryker Corp.  | 11,000 | 47,141      | 1,562,220                 |             |           |
| Surjust cosp.  | 11,000 | .,,         | \$ 2,482,460              | 7.5         | %         |
| Food   |        |             | Ψ 2, 102, 100             | 7.0         | ,,        |
| Kraft Heinz Company  | 18,000 | 1,491,455   | 1,395,900                 |             |           |
| Thurst Tromb Company   | 10,000 | 1,151,100   | \$1,395,900               | 4.2         | %         |
| Industrial   |        |             | + -,,-                    |             | , -       |
| Illinois Tool Works Inc.   | 9,000  | 379,352     | 1,331,640                 |             |           |
| Waters Corp.*  | 6,000  | 302,341     | 1,077,120                 |             |           |
| , allers corp.   | 0,000  | 002,011     | \$ 2,408,760              | 7.2         | %         |
|  |        |             | <b>4 =</b> , .00, .00     |             | , 0       |
| Insurance  |        |             |                           |             |           |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc. B*   | 8,000  | 590,996     | 1,466,560                 |             |           |
| Markel Corp.*  | 1,300  | 831,360     | 1,388,374                 |             |           |
| White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd.                              | 1,898  | 1,573,361   | 1,626,586                 |             |           |
| Τ,   | ,      | , ,         | \$4,481,520               | 13.6        | %         |
| Mutual Fund Managers   |        |             | , , ,                     |             |           |
| Diamond Hill Investment Group                                      | 8,000  | 1,541,203   | 1,698,800                 |             |           |
| Franklin Resources, Inc.   | 36,000 | 1,203,445   | 1,602,360                 |             |           |
| T. Rowe Price Group Inc.   | 25,000 | 1,744,470   | 2,266,250                 |             |           |
| 1  | ,      | , ,         | \$5,567,410               | 16.9        | %         |
| Restaurant   |        |             |                           |             |           |
| Starbucks Corp.  | 15,000 | 821,571     | 805,650                   |             |           |
| •  |        |             | \$805,650                 | 2.7         | %         |
| Retail   |        |             |                           |             |           |
| AutoZone Inc.*   | 1,500  | 797,565     | 892,665                   |             |           |
| eBay Inc.*   | 45,000 | 1,131,960   | 1,730,700                 |             |           |
| O'Reilly Automotive Inc.*  | 4,000  | 814,758     | 861,480                   |             |           |
| ·  |        |             | \$3,484,845               | 10.6        | %         |
|  |        |             |                           |             |           |
| Total common stock investments                                     |        |             | \$30,072,750              |             |           |
|  |        |             |                           |             |           |
| Money Market Funds (8.5% of total investments)                     |        |             | LEVEL ONE                 |             |           |
| Morgan Stanley Inst. Liquidity Fund, Treasury, 0.90%               |        |             | 2,794,116                 | 8.5         | %         |
|  |        |             |                           |             |           |

| Total investments                 | \$32,866,866 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Accrued Investment Advisory Fees  | (18,431)     |
| All other assets less liabilities | 34,290       |
| Total net assets                  | \$32,882,725 |

<sup>\*</sup>Non-dividend paying security

### Footnote:

The following information is based upon federal income tax cost of portfolio investments, excluding money market investments, as of September 30, 2017:

Gross unrealized appreciation \$10,443,285 Gross unrealized depreciation 211,793 Net unrealized appreciation \$10,231,492

Federal income tax basis \$19,841,258

#### ITEM 2. Controls and Procedures

As of October 10, 2017, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) was performed by management with the participation of the registrant's President and Chief Executive Officer (who is the principal executive officer of the registrant) and the registrant's Chief Financial Officer (who is the principal financial officer of the registrant). Based on that evaluation, the registrant's President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer

(a) concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are effectively designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the registrant is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Commission's rules and forms, and that information required to be disclosed by the registrant has been accumulated and communicated to the registrant's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Fair Value Accounting—Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the (b) financial statements and provides a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.