



Sea Eagle

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Where to see one

Here in Millingtons Conservation Area the Sea Eagle is usually seen perching up tall trees or flying over the Prosser River and the coastal waters in search of food.

Description

The Sea Eagle has a white head, rump and under parts. It is grey on the back and wings. In flight the grey feathers are easily seen when the bird is viewed from below. The bill is grey with a darker tip. The eyes are dark brown and the feet are a cream white.

Similar Species

The Sea Eagle is the second largest raptor found in Australia. The largest is the Wedge Tail Eagle.

Breeding

They breed along the coast, in major rivers and within 5 km inland, in sheltered gullies. They build a large stick platform-type nest in trees. If there are no suitable trees they will go down on the rocks.

Feeding

They mainly eat aquatic animals as well as some birds and mammals. They will also eat dead animals near the shore line.

LIFE CYCLE



Breeding season is in September to February and eggs are incubated for 40 to 44 days.



The chicks are fed by both parents for 65 to 70 days.



Juvenile Sea Eagle remains in the nest until it can fly and survive on its own.



Adult Sea Eagle

White-bellied sea eagle



SIZE : 75cm - 85cm

WEIGHT :

female 2.8 - 4.2 kg

male 2.5 - 3.7kg

WING SPAN :180cm - 220cm

Interesting Facts

The White Bellied Sea Eagle is carnivorous.

White Bellied Sea Eagles are commonly seen in warm mornings, near the coasts holding their wings in a V-shape.

White Bellied Sea Eagles are aggressive.

Conversation Status

In Tasmania they are listed as a vulnerable species and protected under the conservation EPBC Act 1999.

In Tasmania there are less than 200 pairs. On average each pair produce less one young per year.

Threats

1. Nesting habitat destruction
2. Nest disturbance
3. Shooting, poisoning, trapping
- 4: Colliding with vehicles, powerlines, fences.

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