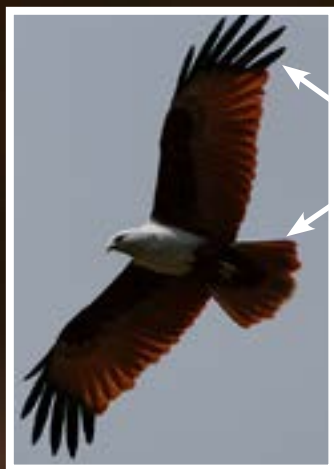


Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Where to look:

Above sand dunes, coastal waters, and mangroves



Relatively short tail
and dark finger-like
wing tips

Size: up to 51cm with
a 120cm wingspan

(Adult) white head
and chest, chestnut
brown coloured body

Dark eyes, strongly
hooked, yellow beak

Similar species:

Juvenile brahminy kites are easy to confuse with many other birds of prey, so record only on adults. Ospreys, whistling kites and black-breasted kites can look similar when on the wing; however, brahminy kites can be distinguished by their dark 'fingered' wingtips, chestnut brown wings and body that is half white and half brown

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