

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

When to look:

Year-round. Breeds
May - August

Dark grey back with a white head, chest and belly. Dark eyes. Light grey beak.

Size: up to 84cm

Voice: far-carrying metallic clanking

Juvenile (first year) head buffish and 'spiky', contrasting with patchy cream and dark brown body and wings; underwing pattern also patchy, but note half-moon at base of tail feathers. Older juveniles have pale buff-grey tail.



Similar species:

Osprey: bold dark eye mark; slimmer, arched wings with black 'wrist' mark.

Wedge-tailed Eagle: blacker; larger; diamond-shaped black tail.

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