

White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae*

When to look:

Throughout year; breeds
October to December

White face and
pointed grey bill

Low,
bouncing
flight



Size: 60-70cm

Light blue-
grey colour

Similar species:

The White-necked Heron (*Ardea pacifica*) is a large heron with a white head and a long white neck with a double line of black spots running down the front. The Pied Heron (*A. picata*) is a similar slate-black heron with contrasting white throat and neck, but it is a much smaller (43 cm - 52 cm) bird, with a crested dark cap that extends below the eyes, yellow legs, and a bill that is mostly yellow.

Dull yellow legs

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