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BIRD field guide

White-bellied Sea-Eagle Haliaeetus leucogaster

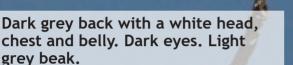
When to look: Year-round. Breeds May - August

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





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Size: up to 84cm

Voice: far-carrying metallic clanking

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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