

# White-bellied Sea-Eagle

*Haliaeetus leucogaster*



## At a glance

### **What is it?**

White-bellied Sea Eagles are Australia's heaviest bird of prey and are related to America's Bald Eagle. They grow to about 80cm in length and can weigh up to 4.4 kg! Breeding occurs between May and October with only one or two eggs laid each year. In the Mallee CMA region they usually nest in tall River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*). They build nests that can be over 2m tall and 2m wide, and as high as 30m above the ground.

### **Where can I find it?**

In the Mallee CMA region, White-bellied Sea-Eagles can be found along the Murray and Darling Rivers. They can also be found along inland creeks and wetlands with higher water levels such as Hattah Lakes, Lakes Walla Walla, Powell, Lalbert and Albacuttya.

### **Quirky fact:**

White-bellied Sea-Eagles are a powerful hunter but are also notorious scavengers and pirates and have been seen chasing Silver Gulls and robbing them of small morsels of food, such as a potato chip!

Image courtesy Chris Field.