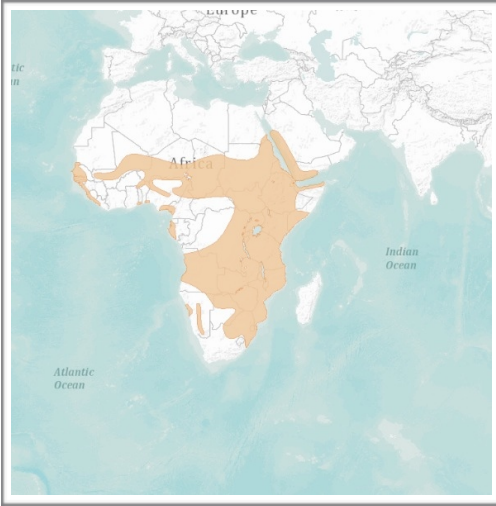


Pink-backed Pelican

Pelecanus rufescens



Range: Africa

Size: ♂: 125-155 cm(49-61 in)

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Weight :♂: 4-7 kg (8.8-15.4 lbs)

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Wing: 290 cm (114 in)

Habitat: Freshwater

Incubation: 33-34 days

Eggs: 2

Fledge: 12 weeks

Sexual maturity: 36 months

Nest: platform in trees

Social: gregarious

Breeding: seasonally
monogamous

Movement : Sedentary

Food: fish

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity: captive: 10 yrs

Wild:

Order: Pelecaniformes **Family:** Pelecanidae

One of the smaller species of pelicans the Pinked-backed pelican is easily distinguished from the other species of pelican which lives within its range the Great White Pelican (*P. onocrotalus*). In addition to the size the pink-backed pelican also differs in having a grayish plumage.

Preferring slow moving freshwater this pelican usually feeds singly or in small groups. swimming on the surface of the water it will quickly snatch at fish near the surface. Cichlids are a major prey item.