

HARPY EAGLE

Harpia harpyja

Order: Accipitriformes Family: Accipitridae

Measurements

Size: 89-105cm(35-41 in)

Weight: ♂4.8kg(10.6lb) ♀ 9kg(19.8lb)

Wingspan: ♂183 cm- 190 cm ♀ 190 cm-220cm

Tarsus: 11-13 cm

Subspecies: Monotypic



Late first year juvenile

With its impressive size and double crest the harpy eagle is unmistakable in the Central and South American rain forest. The adults have a grey head and black mask over the eyes, the back and breast are also black. The belly is white and the underside of the tail striped. It takes five years for the adult plumage to become apparent. The juvenile is white with the light grey back. The second year resembles the juvenile but the crest is tipped black and the chest band is pale grey. The third-year bird has a black tip crest now and the wing-coverts are strongly mottled and barred blackish the fourth year is similar to the adult with the exception of some grey on the back and breast band.