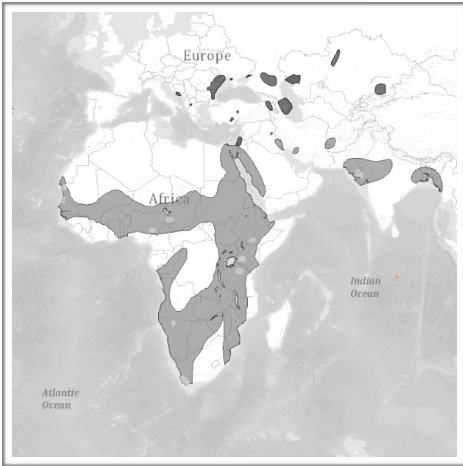


Great White Pelican

Pelecanus onocrotalus



Range: Europe, Asia and Africa

Size: ♂: 175 cm (69 in)

♀: 148 cm (58 in)

Weight : ♂: 9-15 kg (20-33 lbs)

♀ : 5-9 kg(11-20 lbs)

Wing: 360 cm (142 in)

Bill: ♂: 47 cm (

Habitat: Fresh and brackish
water

Incubation: 28-31 days

Eggs: 1-3

Fledge: 10 weeks

Sexual maturity: 48-60 months

Nest: on ground

Social: gregarious

Breeding: seasonally
monogamous

Movement : Migratory

Food: fish

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies : monotypic

Longevity: captive: 46 yrs

Wild:

Order: Pelecaniformes **Family:** Pelecanidae

One of the largest species of pelicans the Great White Pelican has a wingspan of over ten feet and a bill measuring 18 inches. 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.

There are two major distinct populations. One lives in Northern Europe and Asia. This population migrates annually to Northern Africa and India. The second population lives in sub-Saharan Africa and is mostly sedentary.