

Pacific Baza

Aviceda subcristata



Adaptation to environment

- “Altitudinal migrant” – travels to lower land in winter when there are fewer insects in the mountains
- Sharp hooked beak for catching and tearing apart prey
- Sharp, curved talons for catching prey
- Sharp sighted for peering into foliage for prey
- Soft plumage makes it light and buoyant for agile flight.

Feeding relationships

What do I eat?

- Animals that live in foliage of trees – stick insects, lizards, tree frogs
- Skims edge of foliage or sits in trees to scan for prey
- Deliberately crashes into foliage with wings & tail spread to flush out slow-moving insects.

What eats me?

- Larger hawks
- Pythons.

- Length: 50 cm • Wingspan: to 110 cm • Crest on head – only crested hawk in Australia.