

# HAAST'S EAGLE

Haast's eagle is endemic to New Zealand – that means it's native - came from here New Zealand.

It used to live in the South Island of New Zealand but became extinct (died out) around 1400 – that's a very long time ago – 600 years ago.

Haast's eagle was HUGE – and probably the largest eagle EVER! It's thought when they were hunting prey it could attack at 80km per hour (that's really fast – as fast as a lion can run!).

You can see a sculpture of the Haast's Eagle at Macraes Heritage and Art Park in East Otago – but beware the sculpture is bigger than the eagle was (phew!)



- Weighed up to around 17kg (that's the weight of a pre-schooler!)
- They were up to three metres across when its wings were outstretched (that's wider than the width of a bus – now, that is wide!)
- They had strong beaks
- They were up to 90cm tall
- Their feet and claws were big – like the size of tiger feet!
- Ate other birds

Ref: Otago Daily Times (19 Dec 2008) 'The Haast's Eagle has landed' accessed 30 March 2020

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