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Brown Pelican

Pelecanus occidentalis

The Brown Pelican is a large coastal bird known for its striking appearance, featuring a long bill with a distinctive throat pouch and a brownish-gray body. It is easily recognized by its habit of di...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Pelecanidae

Habitat: Coastal marine and estuarine environments

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-25 years

Weight: 2-5 kg

Scientific name: *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Did you know?

- The Brown Pelican was once endangered due to pesticide pollution, but has made a remarkable recovery after DDT was banned in the United States.
- Brown Pelicans are famous for their plunge-diving feeding method, where they drop from heights up to 20 meters to catch fish with their large pouches...

What I learned
