



BROWN PELICAN



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Population: ~300,000 (estimated)

Lifespan: 10-25 years (wild), up to 40 years (captivity)

Size: 1-1.5 m long (3.3-5 ft); wingspan 2-2.3 m (6.6-7.5 ft)

Weight: 2.7-5 kg (6-11 lb)

Speed: Up to 48 km/h (30 mph)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** Brown with white head (adult)
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Keen vision
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Webbed feet, broad wings

IUCN Red list category
Least Concern

FUN FACT !

Dives from 20 m

HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Americas

Preferred Habitat: Coastal waters

Elevation Range: 0-100 m (0-328 ft)



DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Fish
Foraging Method: Plunge dives
Adaptations: Pouch for catching

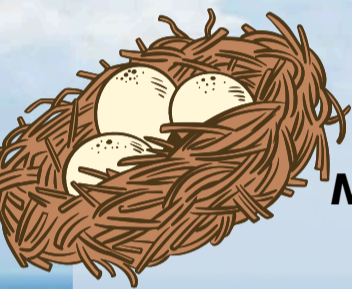


Survival Score:

Strength: 4/10
Stealth: 5/10
Adaptability: 7/10

UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Plunge Dive: From height
Pouch: Drains water



REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

Mating Season: March-August
Gestation: 28-30 days (incubation)
Clutch Size: 2-3 eggs
Parental Care: Both parents feed 2-3



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Fish control
Indicator Species: Signals coastal health
Cultural Significance: Louisiana state bird

THREATS

Fishing lines, pollution



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Protected, monitoring



Call to Action: Reduce fishing waste, protect coasts, spread awareness

INTERESTING FACTS

Dives headfirst

Pouch expands

Nearly extinct in 1960s

