



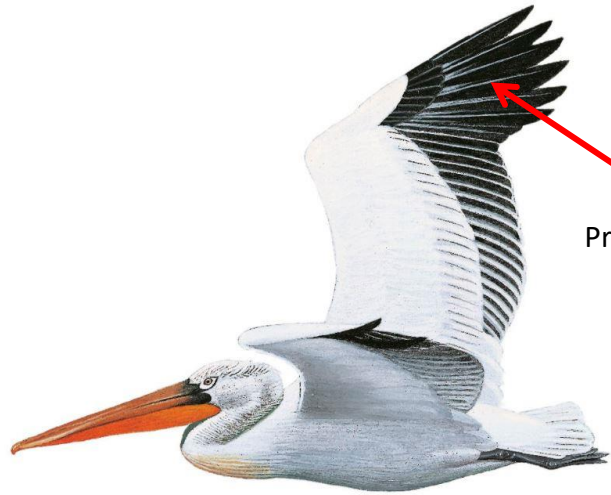
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## List of Pelicans found in India

<b>Sno.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b><i>Binomial Name</i></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Dalmatian Pelican</b>	<b><i>Pelecanus crispus</i></b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Great White Pelican</b>	<b><i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i></b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Spot-billed Pelican</b>	<b><i>Pelecanus philippensis</i></b>

# Dalmatian Pelican identification Tips

Dalmatian Pelican : *Pelecanus crispus* : Winter Visitor to North West India



Primaries & Secondaries are Black

Bill is mostly blackish grey with partly yellow cutting edges to maxilla, pale nail, pouch pale reddish orange with black stripe

Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming unkempt crest

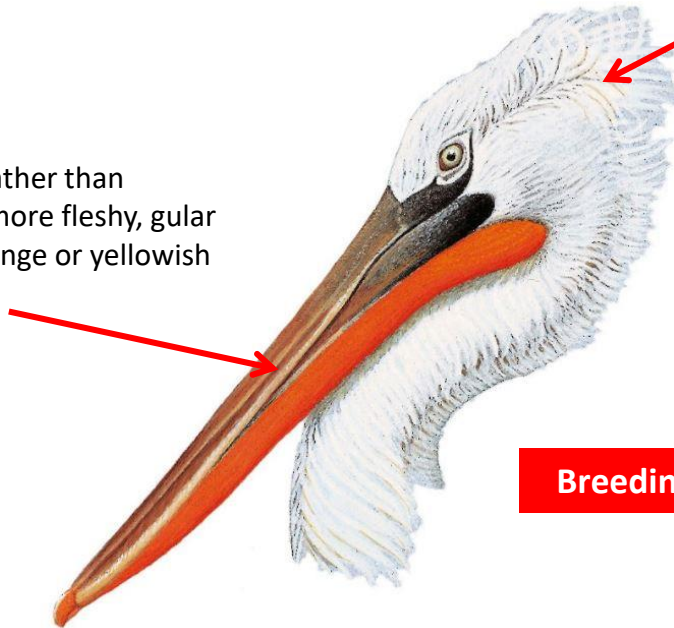
Chalky White Upperparts

Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming larger crest

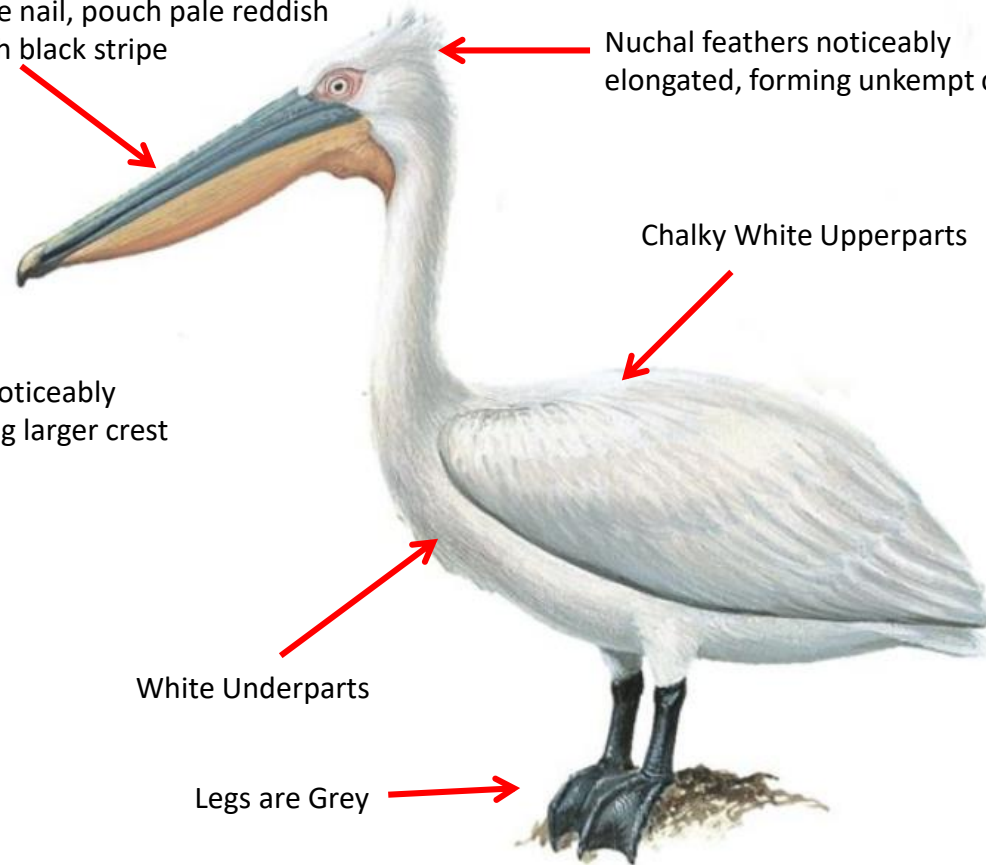
White Underparts

Legs are Grey

Bill turns grey rather than blackish, sides more fleshy, gular pouch more orange or yellowish

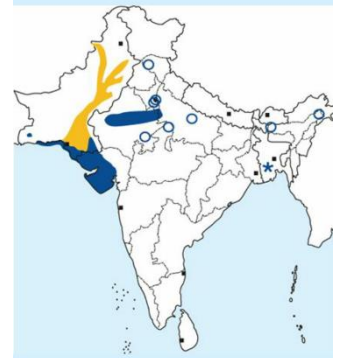


**Breeding**



**Non-Breeding**

## Distribution



**Important id point**

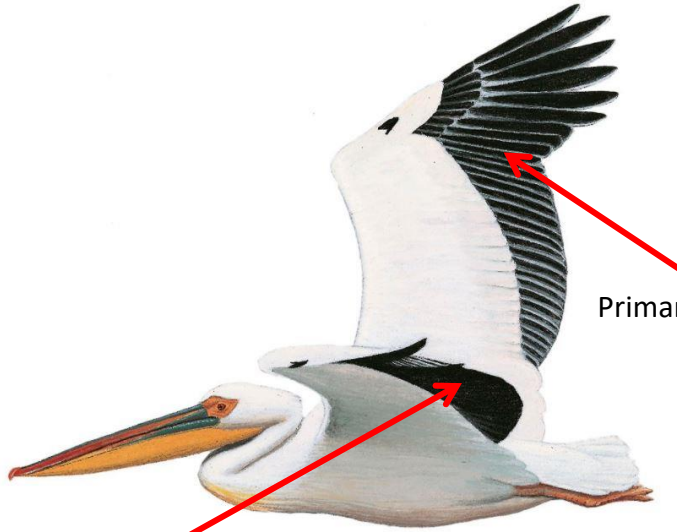
**Both the sexes are similar**

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# Great White Pelican identification Tips

Great White Pelican : *Pelecanus onocrotalus* : Breeds in Gujarat; Winter visitor to North India



Primaries & Secondaries are Black

Underwing edges are Black

Bill is bluish, reddish on cutting edges of maxilla along most of its length, pale tip, gular pouch paler yellow

Facial skin Pinkish

Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming unkempt crest

Chalky White Upperparts with a Pink wash

Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming larger crest

Facial skin Yellow

Bill is bluish grey, reddish on cutting edges of maxilla along most of its length, red bill tip, gular pouch cream-yellow to yolk-yellow

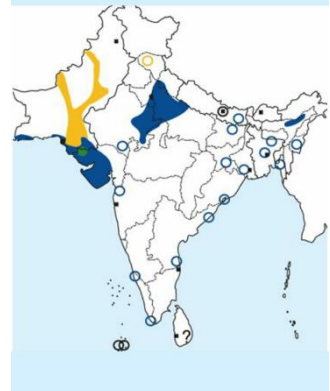
White Underparts with Pink wash

Legs are Flesh/Pink

**Breeding**

**Non-Breeding**

## Distribution



**Important id point**

**Both the sexes are similar**

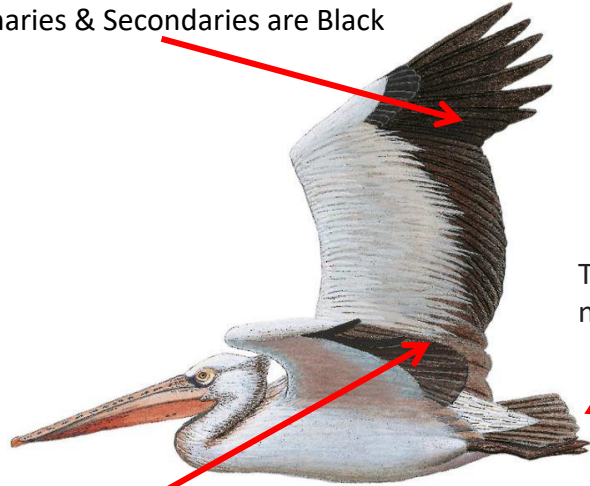
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# Spot-billed Pelican identification Tips

**Spot-billed Pelican: *Pelecanus philippensis*** : Breeds in South & North East : Sporadic widespread winter visitor in India

Primaries & Secondaries are Black



Tail silvery grey with narrow blackish shafts

Underwing edges are Black

Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming larger crest

Bill is pale flesh with diagnostic dark spots on side of upper mandible, dark spot at very base of lower mandible

Dull White head

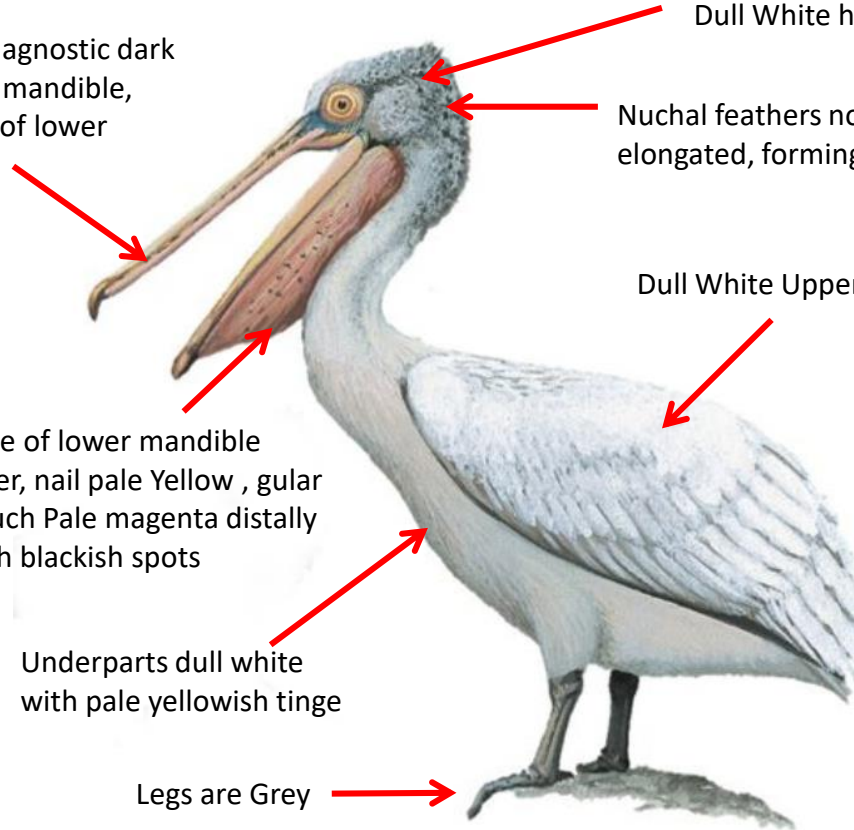
Nuchal feathers noticeably elongated, forming unkempt crest

Dull White Upperparts with a Pink wash

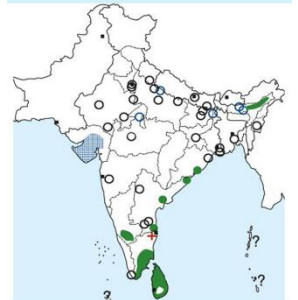
Base of lower mandible paler, nail pale Yellow, gular pouch Pale magenta distally with blackish spots

Underparts dull white with pale yellowish tinge

Legs are Grey



## Distribution



**Breeding**

**Non-Breeding**

**Important id point**

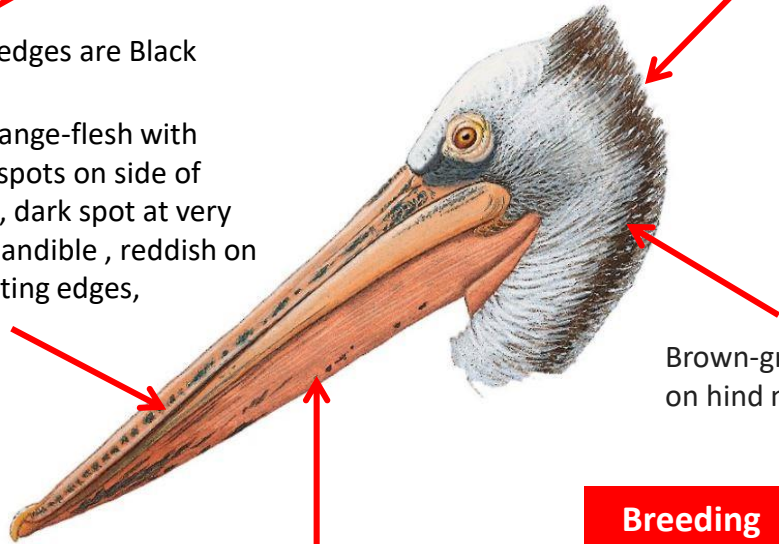
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Bill is flesh to orange-flesh with diagnostic dark spots on side of upper mandible, dark spot at very base of lower mandible, reddish on distal half of cutting edges,

Base of lower mandible paler, nail orange to fleshy yellow, gular pouch purplish red /magenta distally with blackish spots throughout, pale fleshy cream, pinker distally, with dark bluish-grey spotting



Brown-grey mane on hind neck