

Ngurlarl (*ng-url-arl*)*

- wedge-tailed eagle

Thuri - day

Wajarri speakers call the wedge-tailed eagle ngurlarl.

Line up
tab

Ngurlarl is a **thuri** raptor with a hooked beak and large talons. **Ngurlarl** can grow 1m from head to tail-tip with a wing-span of up to 2.3m making **ngurlarl** Australia's largest bird of prey and one of the biggest eagles in the world.

Young birds have golden brown feathers while adults are dark brown to black with white and bronze feathers on their necks and wings.

Have you seen **ngurlarl** take off from the ground? **Ngurlarl's** flight starts with slow and powerful wing beats. Once on the wing **ngurlarl** uses the warm **thuri** thermals and circles effortlessly at great heights of 2,000m where its strong vision helps locate prey over vast distances.

*What other information or stories about **ngurlarl** can you discover?*

*Why is **ngurlarl** called wedge-tailed eagle in English?*

*Do **ngurlarl's** eyes see the same way human eyes see?*

Instructions:

- Read the information supplied on *ngurlarl* and research images of this *thuri* raptor.
- Colour in the *ngurlarl* mask. Will it be a young juvenile or an adult?
- Cut out along all dotted lines, including eyes, beak and the tabs for the elastic.
- Fold along solid lines of the tabs for elastic.
- Punch the holes and attach tabs to the back of the mask, lining them up with the eyes as indicated above.
- Thread the elastic. Now you can be *ngurlarl* ready to ride high in the sky on the warm *thuri* thermals. What will you see?

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