

HAAST'S EAGLE

- Haast's eagle is endemic (native) to New Zealand
- Used to live in the South Island of New Zealand but became extinct (died out) around 1400 AD (around 600 years ago)
- 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.
- Haast's eagle were probably the largest eagle EVER!
 - Weighed up to around 17kg
 - Up to three metre wingspan
 - Up to 90cm tall
 - Had strong beaks
 - Feet and claws were big – similar to the size of tiger feet!
 - Ate other birds
 - When hunting it is thought they could attack their prey at 80km per hour



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

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