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## American White Pelican



**SIZE:** Just over 5 feet, with a 8-9 foot wingspan.

**DIET:** Fish; Scoops fish into beak pouch & swallows whole.

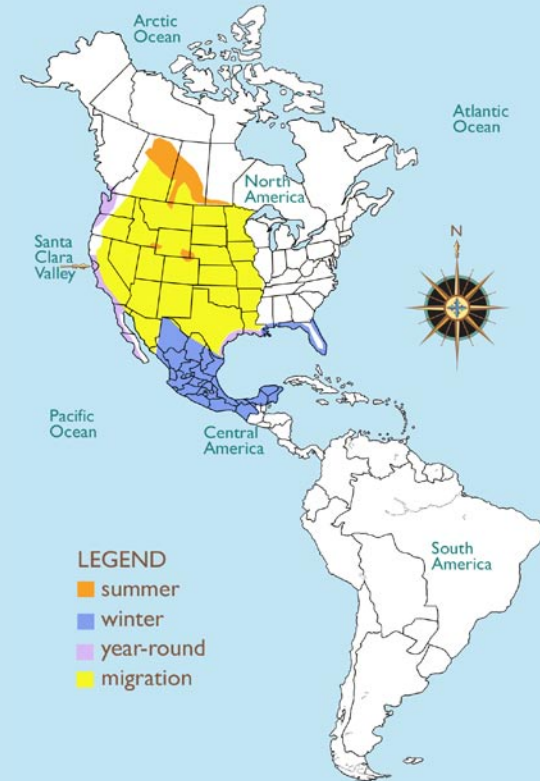
**BEHAVIOR:** The entire flock may work together to “herd” fish into shallow water.

**HABITAT:** Bay, ocean, and salt-water marshes.

**STATUS** Classified a species of special concern due to thinning of the eggshells and nest disturbance. Adults will abandon the nest if disturbed and young are then left in the sun to overheat and die.

**FUN FACTS:** Can scoop up to 3 lbs. of fish, with its bill. Breeds on prairies near large Canadian lakes and marshes west of the Rockies. In the Bay Area, look for the White Pelican, in large groups, at the Palo Alto Baylands.

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