

## Wedge-tailed Eagle

As a boy, I often watched from the Blue Mountains clifftops, Wedge-tailed Eagles flying across the valleys. They took off from the cliffs poderously, with a slow wing beat. But once airborne were able to stretch out their powerful wings and glide, riding the updrafts from the valley floors far below. They climbed, dived, and wheeled, and often just floated in the sky.

I was fascinated watching them but now its many years since I saw an Eagle in the Mountains. I fear that increased numbers of people, environmental problems, or whatever have led to their disappearance.