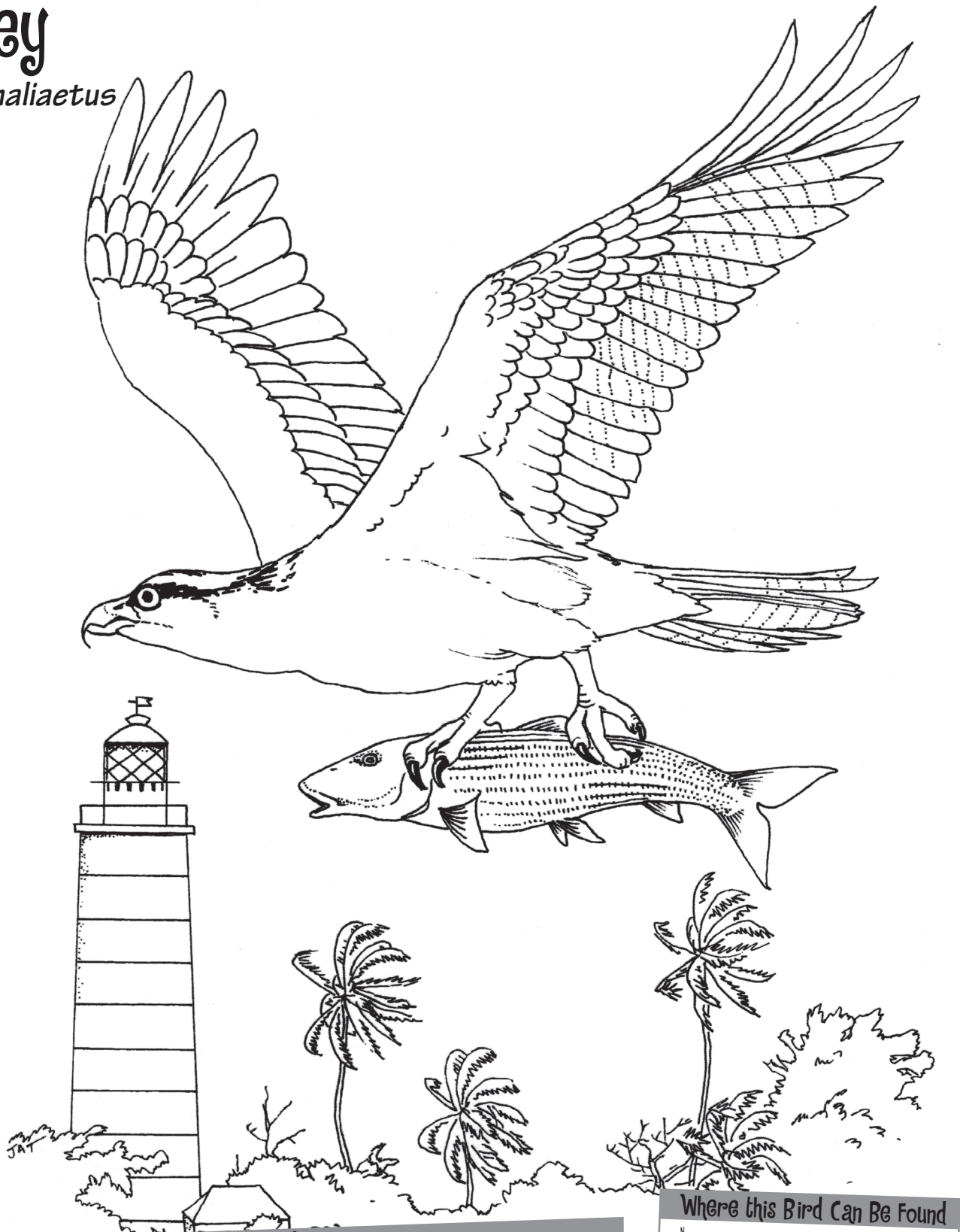


Osprey

Pandion haliaetus



About this Bird

The Osprey is a big, powerful fish-eating bird, with a hooked black bill. It has a white head with dark eye stripe, white underparts, dark brown back, and wings that are bent at the wrist. It frequents ponds, lakes and coastal areas. Ospreys plunge feet first to snatch fish from the water, gripping them with sharp talons (hooked claws). They have even been observed migrating while holding a fish! Ospreys are common migrants, seen from September to April. On some islands they breed and are present year-round. Pairs build a large bulky nest of twigs and will use the same nest year after year.

Bird Size 58 cm, 23 in.

Where this Bird Can Be Found

