White-Tailed Eagle

The white-tailed eagle (ojirowashi; Haliaeetus albicilla) is one of the largest eagles in the world. A fully grown eagle can weigh up to 7 kilograms and have a wingspan of up to 230 centimeters. The indigenous Ainu people called the eagle onneu, meaning, “the old one.”

These eagles inhabit coastal and inland areas of the far Northern Hemisphere from Greenland to Hokkaido, including the Shiretoko Peninsula. Shiretoko is one of the most notable breeding areas in Japan.

The eagle has been listed as a threatened species and a Natural Monument of Japan.