

## **Nest site selection and nesting behaviour of the Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus australis* in northern New South Wales**

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We describe aspects of the nesting behaviour, including nest site selection, of the Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus australis* in New South Wales over a four-year period (2003–2006). Nests were usually placed in the topmost foliage of tall trees, less than 100 metres from water and more than 200 metres from a road or house. The Forest Red Gum *Eucalyptus tereticornis* and Swamp Turpentine *Lophostemon suaveolens* were the most common nest tree species. The well-documented 'up-down display' was observed, as was a previously undescribed 'tree-top display'. The incubation period was 32 to 38 days.