

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500671**

Cessna 402C

11 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500671
Location: Batchelor NT
Date: 11 November 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1537

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	3
Total	0	0	0	4

Aircraft Details: Cessna 402C
Registration: VH-ANO
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Charter (Carriage of Passengers)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Batchelor NT
Departure Time: 1537
Destination: Port Keats NT

Approved for Release: 24th December, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that as the aircraft was climbing through 3000 feet when it suffered a bird strike. The aircraft was landed at the DEPARTURE aerodrome without further incident. The bird, an eagle, became embedded in the vertical stabiliser.