

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198903805**

**Cessna 152**

**5 September 1989**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198903805

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** 18 km SE Archerfield QLD

**Date:** 5 September 1989

**Time:** 958

**Highest Injury Level:** Minor

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 152

**Registration:** VH-FUH

**Serial Number:** A1520952

**Operation Type:** Aerial Work

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Archerfield QLD

**Departure Time:** N/K

**Destination:** Archerfield QLD

**Approved for Release:** 11th September 1989

#### **Circumstances:**

The aircraft struck a bird while cruising at 1500 feet. The bird shattered the windscreen and struck the occupants of the aircraft before coming to rest in the rear of the cabin area. The pilot reported that loss of the windscreen reduced aircraft performance to the extent that, while flying at about 1000 feet with cruise power set, the indicated airspeed was 65 knots compared to the normal 90 knots. The bird was later identified as a wedge tailed eagle. It had a wingspan of almost two metres.

#### **Significant Factors:**

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The aircraft collided with a bird during flight.