

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199603492**

**Aero Commander Div
Shrike Commander**

24 October 1996

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199603492 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 28km SE Perth, Aerodrome
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Thursday 24 October 1996
Time: 1359 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Aero Commander Div
Aircraft Model: 500-S
Aircraft Registration: VH-KAV **Serial Number:** 3164
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Mapping/Photo/Survey
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Jandakot WA
Departure Time: 1325 WST
Destination: Jandakot WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	ATPL	1516.0	3730

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The aircraft was engaged in low-level survey operations over an area of trees in the hills to the east of Perth. The pilot saw a pair of wedge-tail eagles and, despite evasive action, hit one of them. The aircraft sustained some damage which did not prevent the pilot safely tracking to and landing at Jandakot.

The eagle had hit the left wing and caused compression of the leading edge outboard of the left engine.