

Animal Fact Sheet

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African Jacana

Actophilornis africanus

The African Jacana is a striking wader bird known for its long toes and claws, which enable it to walk across floating vegetation in shallow lakes and wetlands. It displays a chestnut-brown body, whi...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Jacanidae

Habitat: Freshwater wetlands

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 137-260 grams

Scientific name: *Actophilornis africanus*

Did you know?

- African Jacana chicks can swim and dive underwater to escape predators within hours of hatching.
- African Jacanas are sometimes called 'lily-trotters' for their ability to walk on floating vegetation. Their toes can reach up to 7 cm long, helping ...

What I learned

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