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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Jacana

Actophilornis africanus

The African jacana runs the standard bird family upside down. Females are about 1.5 times heavier than males, hold a territory, and mate with up to four of them; the males build the nests, incubate t…

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.
- Females routinely destroy a male's clutch, which brings him back into breeding condition so she can mate with him again — a reversal of the infantici…

What I learned

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