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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-necked Stilt

Himantopus mexicanus

The Black-necked Stilt is a striking wader known for its long, slender pink legs and contrasting black-and-white plumage. This bird is commonly found in shallow wetlands, marshes, and mudflats across…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Recurvirostridae
Habitat: Shallow wetlands, marshes, mudflats, and ponds
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 140-200 grams
Scientific name: Himantopus mexicanus

Did you know?

- Despite their delicate appearance, Black-necked Stilts are fiercely protective parents and will aggressively defend their nests against much larger i…
- Black-necked Stilts have some of the longest legs in proportion to their body size of any bird. They perform elaborate distraction displays to protec…

What I learned

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