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Animal Fact Sheet

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Crested Caracara

Caracara plancus

The Crested Caracara is a striking bird of prey native to the Americas, easily recognized by its bold black cap, white neck, and orange facial skin. Unlike most falcons, it often walks on the ground,…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Falconidae
Habitat: Open country, grasslands, savannas, and scrublands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-20 years
Weight: 0.9-1.6 kg
Scientific name: Caracara plancus

Did you know?

- Despite being a falcon species, the Crested Caracara often acts more like a vulture, frequently feeding on carrion and even displacing vultures at ca…
- Crested Caracaras are one of the few raptors that regularly walk on the ground in search of food. They are sometimes called 'Mexican eagles' and are …

What I learned

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