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Crested Ibis

Nipponia nippon

Nipponia nippon is a white ibis with a shaggy crest, a bare red face and salmon-pink flush in the wings, and it came about as close to extinction as a species can and still return. Once widespread ac…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Threskiornithidae
Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, rice paddies, and riverbanks
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1.8–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Nipponia nippon

Did you know?

- By the 1980s, only seven wild Crested Ibises remained in the world, all found in a remote Chinese village, making their recovery one of the most rema…
- The species name Nipponia nippon means, essentially, "Japan of Japan," which makes the bird's extinction in wild Japan an awkward piece of history an…

What I learned

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