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## Crested Ibis

*Nipponia nippon*

The Crested Ibis is a striking, medium-sized wading bird recognized by its pure white plumage, long down-curved bill, and elegant, wispy crest of white feathers on its head. During breeding season, i...

### 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 remarkable conservation stories.
- Crested Ibises perform graceful courtship displays involving synchronized bowing and bill snapping. Their distinctive call is a low, frog-like croak ...

### What I learned