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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops

Upupa epops is a pinkish, black-and-white barred bird with a fan of a crest and a long curved bill, and it defends its nest with chemical warfare. The female and her nestlings have a preen gland that…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Upupidae
Habitat: Open woodlands, grasslands, savannas, orchards, and farmlands
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 46-89 grams
Scientific name: Upupa epops

Did you know?

- The Eurasian Hoopoe was once considered sacred in Ancient Egypt and is frequently depicted in ancient art and hieroglyphs.
- The bacteria in the hoopoe's preen gland belong mainly to the genus Enterococcus and produce bacteriocins — the bird is effectively farming its own a…

What I learned

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