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Animal Fact Sheet

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European Bee-eater

Merops apiaster

The European Bee-eater is a vividly colored, slender bird known for its striking plumage featuring green, yellow, blue, and chestnut tones. This migratory bird breeds in southern and central Europe a…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Meropidae
Habitat: Open countryside, river valleys, sandbanks, and farmland with scattered trees
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 44-78 grams
Scientific name: Merops apiaster

Did you know?

- Despite their name, European Bee-eaters can consume up to 250 bees daily without harming themselves or significantly impacting local bee populations.
- European Bee-eaters are immune to bee and wasp stings and skillfully remove the stinger before eating. They are highly social, often breeding in colo…

What I learned

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