

# 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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