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Animal Fact Sheet

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Goliath Heron

Ardea goliath

The Goliath Heron is the world's largest heron, standing up to 1.5 meters (nearly 5 feet) tall with a striking rufous chestnut head and neck. This imposing bird is found primarily in sub-Saharan Afri…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ardeidae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 4-5 kg
Scientific name: Ardea goliath

Did you know?

- The Goliath Heron can catch and swallow fish up to 1 kg (2.2 lbs) in weight—sometimes nearly a quarter of its own body mass!
- Goliath Herons are solitary and fiercely territorial, rarely tolerating other herons nearby. Their deep barking call is distinctive and can be heard …

What I learned

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