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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Adjutant

Leptoptilos dubius

Leptoptilos dubius is a 1.5 m stork with a bald, blotchy head, a huge wedge of a bill and a naked pink pouch dangling from its neck, and it is one of the rarest storks on Earth - down from a wide Sou…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ciconiidae
Habitat: Wetlands, marshes, and urban garbage dumps
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 25-30 years
Weight: 5-8 kg
Scientific name: Leptoptilos dubius

Did you know?

- At one point, the Greater Adjutant was considered a nuisance in urban areas, but now its largest breeding colonies are protected by local communities…
- Greater adjutants nest colonially in the tallest trees in villagers' yards, so protecting the species means persuading individual households not to f…

What I learned

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