

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Greater Adjutant

*Leptoptilos dubius*

The Greater Adjutant is a large wading bird and one of the rarest storks in the world. Distinctive for its massive wedge-shaped bill, bare head and neck, and prominent inflatable neck pouch, it reach...

### 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...
- The Greater Adjutant gets its name from its stiff marching gait, resembling a military adjutant. It is one of only three species of 'adjutant storks'...

### What I learned

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