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Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-tailed Widowbird

Euplectes progne

Euplectes progne is a black African grassland bird about the size of a sparrow with a tail that, in the breeding male, reaches 50 cm or more - up to half a metre of streaming feathers on a 20 cm body…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ploceidae
Habitat: Grassland
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-6 years
Weight: 25-35 grams
Scientific name: Euplectes progne

Did you know?

- A male's tail can be up to three times the length of its body during the breeding season, making it one of the longest tail-to-body ratios of any bir…
- Andersson's tail-swapping experiment is reproduced in almost every undergraduate biology textbook and is the reason the long-tailed widowbird appears…

What I learned

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