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Animal Fact Sheet

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Marabou Stork

Leptoptilos crumenifer

Leptoptilos crumenifer stands 1.5 m tall with a wingspan that can approach 3.2 m - among the largest of any land bird - and it is spectacularly ugly by design. The head and neck are bald because the …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ciconiidae
Habitat: Wetlands and open savannas near water bodies
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 25-40 years
Weight: 4.5-8 kg
Scientific name: Leptoptilos crumenifer

Did you know?

- Despite their ungainly look, Marabou Storks are capable of soaring gracefully for hours, using thermals to travel vast distances with minimal energy.
- Marabou storks will dominate vultures at a carcass through sheer size and reach, and vultures give way to them. They swallow surprising things whole …

What I learned

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