

Animal Fact Sheet

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Marabou Stork

Leptoptilos crumenifer

The Marabou Stork is a large wading bird native to sub-Saharan Africa, easily recognized by its massive size, bald head, and distinctive inflatable throat pouch. It can stand up to 1.5 meters tall an...

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 have hollow leg bones and air sacs that help reduce weight for soaring flight. Their bare head and neck are adaptations for feeding on...

What I learned
