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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

The Northern Lapwing is a striking wader, known for its iridescent green and purple plumage, distinctive black crest, and broad, rounded wings. This medium-sized bird is commonly found in open farmla…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Charadriidae
Habitat: Wet grasslands and farmlands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 150-320 grams
Scientific name: Vanellus vanellus

Did you know?

- The Northern Lapwing's beautiful metallic plumage is not caused by pigments but by microscopic structures in the feathers that reflect light.
- Northern Lapwings perform spectacular aerial displays with dramatic twists and rolls during the breeding season. Their cryptic eggs are so well camou…

What I learned

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