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Purple Gallinule

Porphyrio martinicus

The Purple Gallinule is a strikingly colorful bird known for its bright purple-blue plumage, greenish wings and back, and vivid red-and-yellow bill. Found primarily in wetlands, marshes, and swamps, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Rallidae

Habitat: Freshwater marshes, swamps, ponds, and wetland edges

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-7 years

Weight: 140-300 grams

Scientific name: *Porphyrio martinicus*

Did you know?

- Despite their tropical appearance, Purple Gallinules occasionally wander as far north as Canada during migration, surprising birdwatchers with rare sightings.
- Purple Gallinules can deftly walk on floating lily pads to reach seeds and insects, and their brightly colored plumage offers effective camouflage among the lily pads.

What I learned
