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Animal Fact Sheet

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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 s…
- Purple Gallinules can deftly walk on floating lily pads to reach seeds and insects, and their brightly colored plumage offers effective camouflage am…

What I learned

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