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Animal Fact Sheet

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Red-legged Seriema

Cariama cristata

The Red-legged Seriema is a large, terrestrial bird native to South America, easily recognized by its long red legs, upright stance, and distinctive crest of feathers above its beak. It prefers open …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Cariamidae
Habitat: Grasslands and savannas
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1.2–1.5 kg
Scientific name: Cariama cristata

Did you know?

- Despite their size and wings, Red-legged Seriemas are reluctant fliers and prefer to escape threats by running rapidly instead of taking flight.
- Red-legged Seriemas use their strong legs to kill prey by striking or throwing it against the ground. Their unique vocalizations can be heard up to 1…

What I learned

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