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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Sarus Crane

*Antigone antigone*

The sarus crane (Antigone antigone) is the tallest flying bird alive, with big males reaching 1.8 metres and a wingspan near 2.5 metres. The bare red skin covering the head and upper neck is not feat…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird
**Family:** Gruidae
**Habitat:** Wetlands, marshes, and shallow lakes
**Diet:** Omnivore
**Conservation status:** Vulnerable
**Lifespan:** 15-20 years in the wild
**Weight:** 6-12 kg
**Scientific name:** Antigone antigone

## Did you know?

- Despite their size and power, Sarus Crane populations are declining due to habitat loss, making them one of the most threatened crane species in the …
- The sarus appears in the Ramayana: the poet Valmiki is said to have composed the first Sanskrit verse in grief after a hunter shot one of a mated pai…

## What I learned

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