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Scarlet Ibis

Eudocimus ruber

The Scarlet Ibis is a striking wading bird known for its brilliant red plumage, which develops as the bird matures due to a diet rich in carotenoids. Native to northern South America and the Caribbean...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Threskiornithidae

Habitat: Wetlands and coastal lagoons

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 1.4-1.7 kg

Scientific name: *Eudocimus ruber*

Did you know?

- Despite their bold coloring, Scarlet Ibises hatch with gray or brown feathers, only turning scarlet after several years of eating carotenoid-rich food...
- Scarlet Ibises get their vibrant color from eating crustaceans like shrimp and crabs. They often fly in V-shaped formations during migration and roost...

What I learned
