

Animal Fact Sheet

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Secretary Bird

Sagittarius serpentarius

The Secretary Bird is a large, terrestrial bird of prey native to sub-Saharan Africa, easily recognized by its long legs, eagle-like body, and distinctive black-tipped feathers that resemble quill pe...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Sagittariidae

Habitat: Savanna and open grassland

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 10-15 years in the wild

Weight: 2.3–4.5 kg

Scientific name: *Sagittarius serpentarius*

Did you know?

- Despite their impressive size and fierce hunting skills, Secretary Birds are capable of flight and can soar great distances, though they prefer to wa...
- Secretary Birds are one of the few birds of prey that hunt on foot, covering up to 30 km a day. Their name is thought to come from the quill-like fea...

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