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## Southern Ground Hornbill

*Bucorvus leadbeateri*

The Southern Ground Hornbill is the largest species of hornbill, easily recognized by its predominantly black plumage, striking red facial and throat skin, and long, heavy bill. Native to the savanna...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Bucorvidae

**Habitat:** Savanna and open grassland

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 35-50 years

**Weight:** 3.5-6.2 kg

**Scientific name:** *Bucorvus leadbeateri*

### Did you know?

- Southern Ground Hornbills are considered a symbol of rain and fertility in many African cultures, but are also sometimes persecuted due to superstitions.
- Southern Ground Hornbills are one of the few bird species known to use tools, such as sticks to extract prey from tree bark. They can live for up to ...

### What I learned