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Animal Fact Sheet

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Southern Ground Hornbill

Bucorvus leadbeateri

The southern ground hornbill (Bucorvus leadbeateri) is a black, turkey-sized hornbill that has given up flight for most purposes and walks the African savanna hunting on foot, killing snakes, tortois…

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 superstiti…
- A breeding group raises about one chick every three years, and the second egg is essentially insurance that is never cashed. Their booming dawn call …

What I learned

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