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Animal Fact Sheet

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Violet-backed Starling

Cinnyricinclus leucogaster

The Violet-backed Starling, also known as the Plum-colored Starling, is a small, vividly colored bird native to sub-Saharan Africa. Males are easily recognized by their striking iridescent violet plu…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Sturnidae
Habitat: Open woodland and forest edges
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 34-44 grams
Scientific name: Cinnyricinclus leucogaster

Did you know?

- Despite their vivid coloration, Violet-backed Starlings are often overlooked in their natural habitat because females blend in so well with their sur…
- Male Violet-backed Starlings display brilliant purple feathers that appear metallic in sunlight. Unlike many starlings, this species exhibits strong …

What I learned

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