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Animal Fact Sheet

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White-throated Dipper

Cinclus cinclus

The white-throated dipper (Cinclus cinclus) is the only truly aquatic songbird, a plump, wren-shaped bird of fast upland streams that walks along the streambed underwater. Nothing else in the passeri…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Cinclidae
Habitat: Fast-flowing freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 46–70 g
Scientific name: Cinclus cinclus

Did you know?

- Unlike most songbirds, the White-throated Dipper has a special membrane that covers its eyes when submerged, allowing it to see clearly underwater.
- It is the only songbird in the world that swims and walks underwater. Its preen gland is about ten times larger than that of comparable songbirds, be…

What I learned

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