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MARABOU STORK

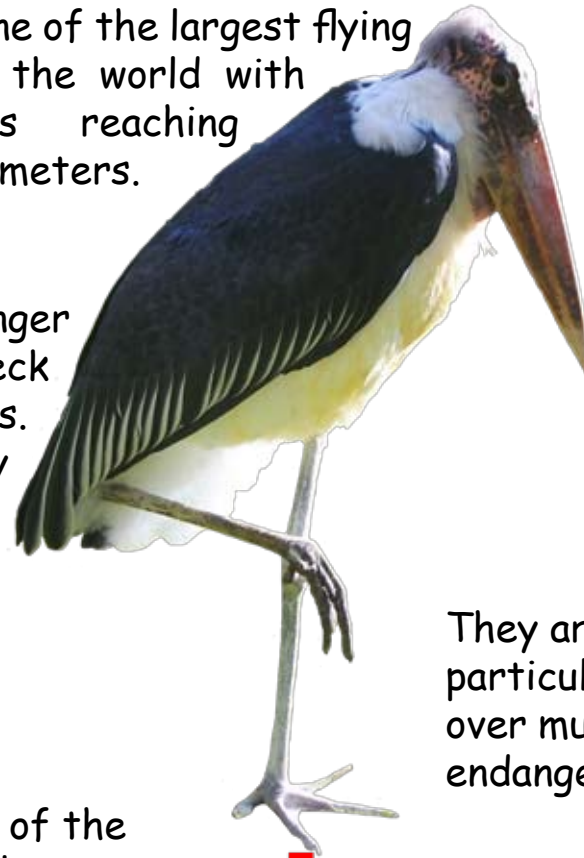
Leptaptilus crumeniferus



This is one of the largest flying birds in the world with wingspans reaching nearly 3 meters.



As a frequent scavenger the bald head and neck are excellent adaptations. Feathers would quickly get caked in blood each time the bird put its head into a corpse.



In breeding season the back of the neck turns a beautiful pale blue-green, and the spots on the face and forehead become encrusted with dried blood from foraging alongside vultures - very attractive!

FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Tropical Africa
Habitat	Dry open savannahs near large lakes/ rivers
Diet	Just about any kind of animal, dead or alive
Average height	1.5m
Average weight	8-9kg
Number of eggs	2-3
Incubation	29-31 days

They are protected by law in many places particularly in India. Although common over much of the range they are listed as endangered in South Africa.

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST
for the Marabou Stork



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