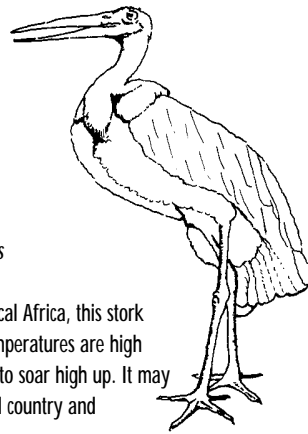


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MARABOU STORK



Scientific Name: *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*

Found across much of tropical and subtropical Africa, this stork with a 10-foot wingspan lives wherever temperatures are high enough to provide warm air currents for it to soar high up. It may live in wetlands, lakes and rivers, or in arid country and wooded savanna.



STATUS: Common across its range.



DIET IN THE WILD: Dead animals, frogs, snakes, small mammals, grasshoppers.

ZOO DIET: Soft-billed Diet, Nebraska Birds of Prey Diet, smelt.



FUN FACTS: It frequently soars to more than 15,000 feet and can be a danger to light airplanes. Its fine lower tail feathers once were used to trim women's clothes.