

Abdim's Stork

Ciconia abdimii



Order:Ciconiiformes Family:Ciconiidae

Range: Sub-Saharan Africa

Size: : 80cm (36in)

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Weight : :1.3 kg (2.86 lbs)

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Wing: 40-47cm (15.75-18.7 in)

Habitat: grasslands near shallow
ponds and swamps

Incubation: 30-31 days

Eggs:2-5

Fledge: 8 - 9 weeks

Sexual maturity: 48-60 months

Nest:Platforms of sticks in low trees
and buildings

Social: gregarious

Breeding: monogamous

Movement : Migratory with rainy
seasons

Food: insects and small vertebrates

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies :monotypic

Longevity: captive: 20 yrs Wild:

The Abdim's Stork, also known as White-bellied Stork, is a black stork with grey legs, red knees and feet, grey bill and white underparts. It has red facial skin in front of eye and blue skin near the bill in breeding season.

Among the smallest storks, this species is welcomed and protected by local African belief as a harbinger of rain and good luck.