

# White-headed Buffalo Weaver

## *Dinemellia dinemellia*



**Range:** Northeastern Africa  
**Size:** ♂: 17-19cm(6.5-7.5in)  
♀: 17-19cm (6.5-7.5 in)  
**Weight :**♂: 57-85 g (2-3oz)  
♀ : 57-85 g (2-3 oz)  
**Wing:** 11.5-13 cm (4.4-5 in)  
**Habitat:** Scrublands  
**Incubation:** 11-14 days  
**Eggs:** 3-4  
**Fledge:** 21 days  
**Sexual maturity:** 1 year  
**Nest:** multi room woven nest  
**Social:** colonial  
**Breeding:** monogamous  
**Movement :**generally sedentary  
**Food:** Insects  
**IUCN:** least concern  
**Subspecies :** 2  
**Longevity:** captive: 20 yrs Wild: N/A

Order:Passiformes Family: Ploceidae

The White-headed Buffalo Weaver gets its name from its habit of following buffalo and other large hoof stock foraging on insects disturbed by the large animals. Like other species of weavers it lives in large colonies and builds large complex nests.

There are two subspecies *D. d. dinemelli* from northern part of its range: Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, northern Kenya and *D. d. boehmi* from the southern part of its range: Kenya and Tanzania.