

Jabiru

Jabiru mycteria



Range: Mexico to Argentina. Vagrant to Texas

Size: ♂: 120-140 cm (47-55 in)

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Weight: ♂: 4.3-9 kg (9.5-20 lbs)

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Wing: 230-280 cm (90-108 in)

Habitat: open wetlands

Incubation: 27-32 days

Eggs: 2-5

Fledge: 15-16 weeks

Sexual maturity: n/a

Nest: platform deeper than wide

Social: gregarious

Breeding: monogamous

Movement: generally sedentary

Food: fish, mollusk and amphibians

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies: monotypic

Longevity: 36 yrs



Order: Ciconiiformes **Family:** Ciconiidae

The Jabiru is the tallest flying bird found in South America and Central America, often standing around the same height as the flightless and much heavier American Rhea, and has the second largest wingspan, after the Andean Condor.

The plumage is mostly white, but the head and upper neck are featherless and black, with a featherless red stretchable pouch at the base. The sexes are similar in appearance but the male is larger, which can be noticeable when the sexes are together. While it can give the impression of being an ungainly bird on the ground, the Jabiru is a powerful and graceful flier.