

# Wood Stork

## *Mycteria americana*



**Range:** Southern US to South America

**Size:** ♂:56-74 cm(22-29 in)

♀:56- 74 cm (22-29 in)

**Weight :**♂:1.6-2.75 kg (2.7--4.3 lbs)

♀ :1.2-1.9kg (2.7-4.3 lbs)

**Wing:** 133-167 cm (57- 66 in)

**Habitat:** open country, urban

**Incubation:** 32-45days

**Eggs:** 1-3 usually 2

**Fledge:** 10-14 weeks

**Sexual maturity:** 36-48 months

**Nest:** Scrape

**Social:** gregarious

**Breeding:** monogamous

**Movement :**generally sedentary

**Food:** carrion

**IUCN:** least concern

**Subspecies :** 3

**Longevity:** captive: 30yrs Wild:18 yrs

**Order:**Ciconiiformes **Family:**Ciconiidae

The Wood stork is the only stork that breeds in the U.S. There is a small and endangered breeding population in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, along with a recently discovered rookery in southeastern North Carolina. The U.S. population of wood stork is listed as Endangered by the USFW although the world-wide population is listed by the IUCN as Least Concern.

One of the largest monitored nesting colonies in the United States is on the grounds of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. This provides an excellent opportunity for both research and education.