

# Yellow-billed Stork

## *Mycteria ibis*



**Range:** Sub-Saharan Africa

**Size:** ♂:97cm(38in)

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**Weight :**♂: 2.3kg (2.7--4.3 lbs)

♀ :1.9 kg (2.7-4.3 lbs)

**Wing:** 150cm ( 59 in)

**Habitat:** open country, urban

**Incubation:** 30 days

**Eggs:** 2-3usually 2

**Fledge:** 4 weeks

**Sexual maturity:** 36 months

**Nest:**Platform

**Social:** gregarious

**Breeding:** monogamous

**Movement :**generally sedentary

**Food:** Fish and amphibians

**IUCN:** least concern

**Subspecies :**monotypic

**Longevity:** captive: 19 yrs Wild: n/a

Order:Ciconiiformes Family:Ciconiidae

The yellow-billed storks have remarkable adaptations. These birds are known to have the quickest muscular reflex of the neck, allowing almost all food to be caught in the water. Their long, narrow, curve tipped bills allow them only to catch small prey such as small fish, frogs, insects and worms passing by in the water. Yellow-billed storks are intelligent birds. These birds created a technique to help them catch more prey in the water. They typically use one foot to stir up the water or mud which disturbs and flushes out the

prey. Then they submerge their heads quickly in the water snapping their bills on small prey. Yellow-billed storks bills are great fishing tools.