



WOOD STORK



QUICK FACTS

Scientific Name: *Mycteria americana*

Population: ~150,000 (estimated)

Lifespan: 15-20 years (wild), up to 27 years (captivity)

Size: 0.8-1.1 m tall (2.6-3.6 ft); wingspan 1.4-1.7 m

Weight: 2-3.3 kg (4.4-7.3 lb)

Speed: Up to 40 km/h (25 mph)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Color:** White with black
- **Sensory Adaptations:** Touch bill, vision
- **Limb & Tail Functionality:** Long legs, broad wings



IUCN Red list category
Least Concern

FUN FACT !

Feels for prey

HABITAT & DISTRIBUTION



Range: Southeastern U.S., South America

Preferred Habitat:

Marshes, swamps

Elevation Range: 0-500 m
(0-1,640 ft)





DIET & NUTRITION

Primary Diet: Fish, crustaceans
Foraging Method: Tactile hunting
Adaptations: Sensitive bill

UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS

Tactile Foraging: Bill snaps shut
Colonial Nesting: Large groups

Survival Score:
Strength: 5/10
Stealth: 6/10
Adaptability: 7/10



REPRODUCTION & LIFE CYCLE

Mating Season: Winter-Spring
Gestation: 28-32 days (incubation)
Clutch Size: 2-5 eggs
Parental Care: Both parents feed 2-3 months



ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Role: Wetland health
Indicator Species: Signals water levels
Cultural Significance: Florida bird



THREATS

Wetland loss, disturbance



CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Protected, monitoring



Call to Action: Protect wetlands, reduce disturbance, spread awareness

INTERESTING FACTS

Bill snaps in 25 ms

Nests in colonies

Recovered population

