

# Crowned Hornbill

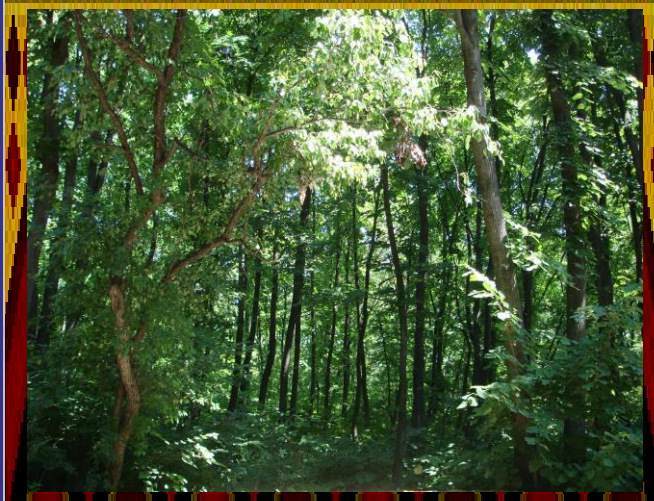
*Tockus albeterminatus*



The Crowned Hornbill is found in Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, DRC, Somalia, Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa.

Crowned Hornbills frequent forested or lightly wooded areas with thicker coastal patches, and riverine and coastal forest on the eastern coast of southern Africa. They can also be found in open fields and gardens in urban areas. They catch most of their food in the canopy of trees and will also fly up into the air to catch flying prey.

The pairs mate for life and both partners are very territorial. As with most hornbills (except the ground hornbills), they nest in cavities in trees into which the female seals herself as soon as she is about to lay her eggs. The male will provide food to her and the chicks through a vertical slit which is left unsealed. Once the chicks are old enough, the female breaks out of the nest and helps the male to bring them food. Once the chicks are feathered, they will leave the nest but hang around close to it and rely on the parents for food for up to 3 more months.



**Lifespan:** 40 Years

**Weight:** 180 - 330 g

**Size:** 50 cm

**Breeding Season:** September - July

**Incubation Period:** 25 - 27 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 5

**Diet:** Mostly Insects but also Fruit, small birds, Lizards, small Mammals

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for food.

**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened