

Hadedda Ibis

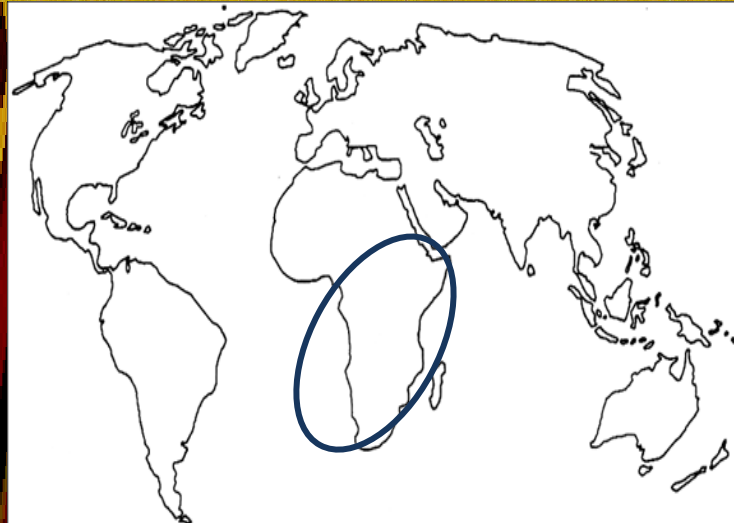
Bostrychia hagedash



The Hadedda is a bird hated by many people because of their piercing call made early in the morning and throughout most of the day - often when you want to sleep.

The Hadedda is found throughout open grasslands, savannah and wetlands, as well as urban parks, school fields and gardens. They are found in Sudan, Ethiopia, Senegal, Uganda, Tanzania, Gabon, Congo, Cameroon, Gambia, Kenya, Somalia and South Africa. Although very common in most areas, they suffer high losses of chicks and eggs in some areas – only 3 chicks successfully raised from 67 eggs in one study.

The nest is a flimsy platform of sticks and twigs and is built on everything from telephone poles to the middle of large trees. The chicks develop quickly and are independent at around 50 days of age although they will follow their parents and beg for food for the same amount of time after they leave the nest.



Lifespan: 15 Years

Weight: 1kg – 1.25kg

Size: 65 - 76 cm

Breeding Season: Almost Year Round

Incubation Period: 25 - 28 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 3

Diet: Mostly Insects, Millipedes, Centipedes, Earthworms and Snails.

Problems They Face: Shooting for fun, trapping for trade and Food.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened. Common to Abundant in most areas it is found.