

Black-headed Ibis

Scientific Name: *Threskiornis melanocephalus*

Family: Threskiornithidae

Conservation Status:

Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:

Schedule IV

IUCN Status: Near Threatened

CITES: No special status

Length: 65-76 cm

Distribution:

The black-headed ibis is native to Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam. They are migratory or vagrant in Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Mongolia.

Habitat:

Forest, Grassland, Marine Intertidal, Marine Coastal/Supratidal, Artificial/Aquatic & Marine, Wetlands (inland). It is versatile being able to use a large variety of natural and man-made habitats.

Diet: They feed on various fish, crustaceans, frogs, tadpoles, snails, adults and larvae of insects, worms, algal matters.

Generation length (years): 10 years

Threats: Aquaculture, natural system modifications such as dams and water management, pollution, destruction of roosting and nesting sites, hunting and collection of eggs and nestlings from colonies.



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