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BIRD LIFE OF SAADIYAT!

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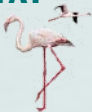
Your observations could contribute to protecting these beautiful habitats, don't forget to share what you've found!



BIRDS OF SAADIYAT

GREATER FLAMINGO (*Phoenicopterus roseus*)

- A large bird with pinkish-white feathers and long pink legs!
- You'll spot these graceful birds wading through the shallow waters of Saadiyat.



WESTERN REEF HERON (*Egretta gularis*)

- This thin-bodied, medium-sized heron comes in two outfits—either all white or dark feathers!
- With a long, slender neck and sharp bill, this bird is always on the lookout for its next meal!



WHIMBREL (*Numenius phaeopus*)

- With its streaked brown feathers and distinctive downward-curved bill, the Whimbrel is easy to recognize as it searches the shore for food.
- Look closely and spot the bold stripes on its head!



CRAB PLOVER (*Dromas ardeola*)

- Meet the Crab Plover, the stylish black-and-white bird with a strikingly large head!
- This unique plover has a thick black beak, designed for cracking open delicious crabs.



OYSTERCATCHER (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

- Meet the Oystercatcher, a striking black-and-white wader with a long, vibrant red bill!
- With its short red-pink legs, this lively bird scuttles along the shoreline!



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EGYPTIAN GOOSE (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*)

- The Egyptian Goose is a stunning sight with its brownish feathers and striking dark eyepatch!
- When spotting, Look for its distinctive dark patch on the breast!



TERN (*Sternidae sp.*)

- The tern has an elegant long, forked tail!
- Most species have a sleek grey upper body, with a striking black crown! Below, their bright white underbelly makes them easy to spot on the shores of Saadiyat.



PIED AVOCET (*Recurvirostra avosetta*)

- The Pied Avocet is a large wader with an elegant appearance!
- It features a distinctive black crown and hind neck with a white body! Its long, thin, upcurved bill is perfectly designed for foraging in mudflats and shallow waters.



COMMON REDSHANK (*Tringa totanus*)

- This brown wader is a familiar sight along the muddy shallows of Saadiyat, easily recognized by its vibrant bright red legs!
- The Common Redshank is a skilled forager, probing and picking with its bill to uncover tasty morsels hidden in the mud.



SOCOTRA CORMORANT (*Halacrocorax nigrogularis*)

- Meet the Socotra Cormorant, a strikingly sleek bird with a long bill and a short tail, making it quite distinctive!
- Dressed in glossy black plumage that shimmers with purplish to oily green hues, this bird is a stunning sight along the coast.



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WHITE-CHEEKED BULBUL (*Pycnonotus leucotis*)

- The White-Cheeked Bulbul is a charming bird with a brownish-grey body and a striking black head.
- Its most distinctive feature? The white cheeks!



COMMON MYNA (*Acridotheres tristis*)

- With its mix of brown, black, and white feathers, the Common Myna is a lively and recognizable bird in Saadiyat!
- Known for being highly vocal, this clever bird can mimic the calls of other birds!

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

- Seen in urban and coastal regions, the Rock Pigeon is familiar sight with its feathers that range from bluish-gray to brown!
- They're known for their striking iridescent neck feathers, which shimmer in the sunlight!



ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET (*Psittacula krameri*)

- Bright and vibrant, the Ring-Necked Parrot is a stunning sight with its vivid green feathers!
- These parrots are often seen chattering away in trees or exploring their surroundings.

LAUGHING DOVE (*Streptopelia senegalensis*)

- With its soft pinkish underparts and charming black-spotted patch on the neck, the Laughing Dove is a delightful sight!
- This gentle bird is known for its unique call that sounds remarkably like a human laugh!



10 TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING BIRDS

Identifying a bird can be challenging. Birds are active, energetic animals and you need a keen quick eye to spot as many details as possible in a short space of time!

1. Keep Your Eye on the Bird

When you spot a bird, don't immediately try to flip through the pages of a field guide to identify it. Every moment of viewing time is precious. Keep your eye fixed on the bird and study it—absorb details of its markings, movements, song, feeding habits, and size!

2. Listen for Calls and Song

Listening out for a bird's vocalizations is simple but it's also easy to forget to do. The odds are, if you don't make a conscious effort to listen, you won't remember the bird's song and you'll miss out on one of the best bird identification tools there is. The good news is that you can listen to a bird while you look at it—it's easy to do both at the same time!

3. Estimate General Size and Shape

A general picture of the bird, that is its approximate size and shape, will often give you many clues when placing it into the correct family of birds. Therefore, begin with an assessment of the bird's overall appearance. What is the approximate size of the bird? It's easiest to estimate size in relation to well know birds!

4. Make Note of Facial Markings!

After determining its general size and shape, then you're ready to start noticing details. Start at the head first. Look for distinctive strips and patches of colour including crown stripes, eye lines, nape colour, eye arcs or rings. Does it have a black 'hood' on its head? Do its feathers form a crest atop its head? Also note the colour and shape of the bird's bill!

5. Look for Wing Bars and Tail Shape

Next look for details on the bird's body, wings, and tail. Keep an eye out for wing bars, colour patches, and markings on the bird's body, when it is stationary or in flight. What colour is its back and its belly? How long is its tail in relation to the bird's body length? How does it hold its tail? Does it have a forked tail or is it square or rounded?

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Identifying birds isn't always easy. They can hide or fly away quickly, making it challenging to catch a clear view and note important details, pay attention!

6. Observe Leg Colour and Length

Does the bird have long legs or short legs? What colour are they? If you can catch a glimpse of its feet, try and determine if its feet are webbed, or if it has talons. Some birds even have toes that arranged differently than others and if you're fortunate enough to have a close-up view, see how many of its toes point forwards or backwards!

7. Study Movement and Flight Patterns

Observe the way the bird walks, how it holds its tail, or how it jumps from branch to branch. If it flies off, watch for a pattern in its flight, does it swoop up and down in gentle arcs with each wing beat or does it glide gently and steadily?

8. Determine Feeding Habits

If you can, try and determine what the bird is eating or how it feeds. Does it cling to a tree trunk and dig at the bark looking for insects? Or does it forage across your lawn, tilting its head to watch for insects scurrying amongst blades of grass. Does it sway its bill through the water at the edge of a pond?

9. Describe Habitat, Region, and Climate

Make note of the habitat in which you have observed the bird. You can do this even after the bird has flown off, so it's best to leave this step until last. Did you spot the bird in a wetland or woodland? Each species of bird has a typical region that they inhabit and making note of the region you're in when you observe a bird can narrow the possibilities when you try to identify that bird!

10. Record Your Observations

After viewing the bird, jot down your observations for later reference. From markings to behaviour, write down anything you noticed, it can all help when you later sit down with a field guide to confirm the bird's species! Also, note the location, date, time of day of the sighting. If you were able to get a photo of the bird, upload it onto a citizen science platform such as iNaturalist or eBird iNaturalist!

CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to track your discoveries!

As you explore, check off each item you find. Keep your eyes open and don't forget to look closely – some of these birds might be hiding in plain sight!



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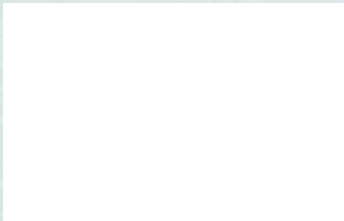


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NOTES

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Draw any interesting birds you find!





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