

Species in News – Black Headed Ibis

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Rare black-headed Ibis spotted in Thoothukudi Salt Pans

About the Species:

Scientific name: Threskiornis melanocephalus

Medium sized wading bird with white body, black head and neck, and long down-curved bill.

Habitat & Distribution

oFound in wetlands, marshes, ponds, rivers, and salt pans.

oIn India, distributed across Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal, Kerala, and other coastal regions.

Plays a role as an indicator species for wetland health; presence signals ecosystem recovery.

Conservation Status:

oIUCN: Near Threatened

oWildlife Protection Act: Schedule 4

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