



White Ibis

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Instant ID

- Long, orange bill curves down
- Body is shaped like a football
- Adults have white bodies and bright red legs
- Black wingtips only visible when flying

Native Niches

- Nests in marshes and mangroves
- Found throughout Atlantic and Gulf coasts

Favorite Foods

- Feeds on crabs, crayfish and other invertebrates (animals without a backbone)
- Sweeps bill side to side in water or mud while hunting



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Critter Characteristics

- May steal food from each other
- Both parents feed young by regurgitating food
- Use a honking sound as their main call
- Can forage on lawns and in parks in south Florida
- Young are brown and they grow white feathers as they age

Population Protection

- Threatened by habitat loss and disturbance
- Pollution affects nest building
- Benefits from protecting and restoring wetlands