



Secretarybird
(*Sagittarius serpentarius*)
Size: Height, 90 - 137 cm; body length, 112-152 cm
Weight: 2.3 - 4.6 kg
Habitat: Grasslands and grass savannas
Surviving number: Fewer than 100,000

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Bone crusher. Thanks to lightning-quick aerial kicks and stomps forceful enough to shatter bone, the secretarybird is a master at immobilizing dangerous prey. A much more formidable hunter than its crane-like appearance would suggest, it is even capable of vanquishing the deadly black mamba, the fastest terrestrial snake in the world. But this skill makes the bird

a popular pet for humans, who rob nests and raise young as protection from snakes. Meanwhile, prey is becoming harder and harder to find due to habitat degradation.

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