



Sociable Lapwing (*Vanellus gregarius*)

Size: Head and body length, 27 - 30 cm; wingspan, 70 - 76 cm **Weight:** 150 - 260 g

Habitat: Breeds in steppes; in non-breeding season prefers sandy short grass plains and meadows

Surviving number: Estimated at 11,000



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Frequent flyer. The sociable lapwing's mysterious migratory routes take it from its breeding grounds in the steppes of Kazakhstan and Russia to locations throughout the Middle East. It has even been found as far south as Sudan and as far east as India. The well-traveled bird is monogamous, making a simple scrape its nest and laying a single clutch per season, almost always of four eggs. If the first clutch fails, it may be replaced.

But it is not as easy to rebound from the 70% decline in population that occurred with the loss of habitat in the 20th century. Illegal hunting is the main threat to the wide-ranging flyer today.

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