

# Scarlet ibis

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## Scientific name

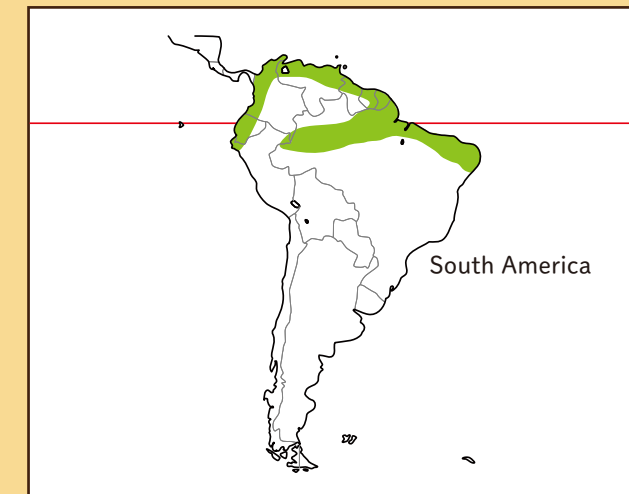
Eudocimus ruber

## Classification

Pelecaniformes, Threskiornithidae

## Distribution

South America



## Feeding Habits

It inhabits in mangrove forests on the coast and riverbanks, inserts its long beak into the mud and eats small animals such as frogs, fish and crustaceans.

## Characteristics

The body length is about 60 cm. The body length is about 60 cm. Adult's plumage is bright Scarlet, while young' s is blackish grey, and turn gradually like adults over the years.

## Behavior and ecology

They form a group nesting site called a colony for their breeding. It is said that more than tens of thousands of birds gather in the colony. They nest on the islands in wetlands and on branches of a tree to protect the nest from the predators approaching from the ground. The bright scarlet feather is derived from the carotene contained in the diets, and the color gradually fades if they eat diets that don' t contain it.