

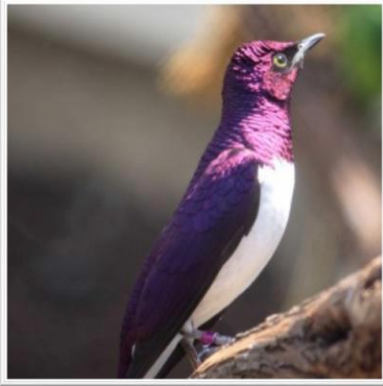
Violet-backed Starling

Scientific Name: *Cinnyricinclus leucogaster*

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Sturnidae



This male starling is beautiful with a head, neck, back and tail of brilliant purple. The underside is white. The female, however, is drab; the purple of the male is replaced by olive green feathers and the white underside is flecked with green dashes.

Range

Their range is Senegal, Somalia, Namibia, and Botswana.

Habitat

They inhabit open arid riverine woodland up to 2500 meters high.

Gestation

Incubation: 12-14 days

Litter

Clutch size: 2-4 eggs

Behavior

These birds are very common and tend to be migratory depending on the season, sometimes in large flocks.

Reproduction

Reproduction varies depending on location, but breeding is usually in spring. Nests are in tree or fence holes only 2 to 6 meters above ground. The breeding pair both feed the young.

Wild Diet

Mainly fruits and insects on occasion