Birds in Iran

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Watch the video. Then go in pairs and answer the questions.

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1. Which ones live in Iran?
2. Which one do you think is the most endangered?
3. Which is your favourite? Why?



Vocabulary

Repeat

/ˈsper.oʊ/



Vocabulary



sparrow

a small, gray-brown bird that is especially common in towns

Vocabulary

Repeat

/ˈkɒl.ərd/ /dʌv/



Vocabulary



collared dove

a large, slender, pale gray Eurasian dove having a square tail and a black band on the nape of the neck

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

/fləˈmɪŋgəʊ $ -goʊ/



Vocabulary

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flamingo

a large pink tropical bird with very long thin legs and a long neck



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.



/ˈplʌvə $ -ər/

Vocabulary

plover

a small bird that lives near the sea.



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.



/pleɪn/

Vocabulary

plain



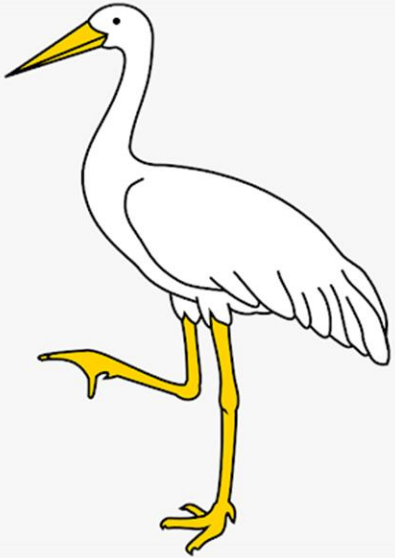
a large area of flat dry land

The grassy plain gave way to an extensive swamp.

Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

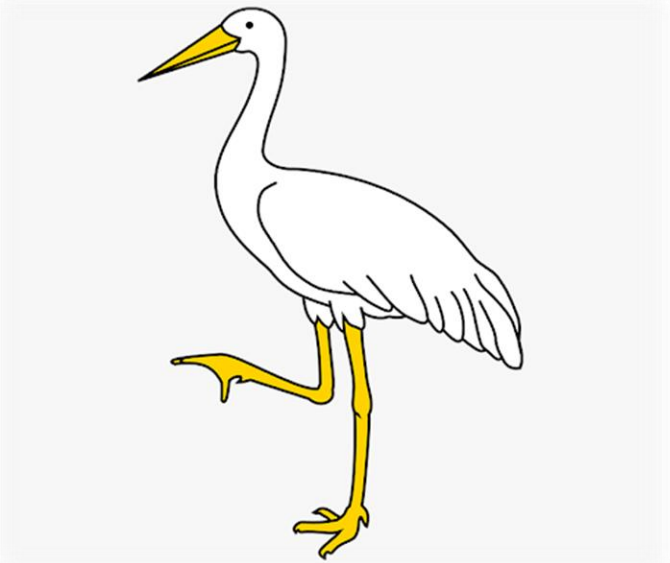
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Vocabulary

crane

a tall water bird with very long legs



Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/swɒn $ swɑːn/

Vocabulary

swan

a large white bird with a long neck that lives on rivers and lakes



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.

/ˈwetlənd/



Vocabulary

wetland

an area of land that is partly covered with water, or is wet most of the time



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.

/ˈlæpˌwɪŋ/



Vocabulary

lapwing

a small black and white European bird with raised feathers on its head ***Synonym :*** **peewit**



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.

/ˈpelɪkən/



Vocabulary

pelican

a large water bird that catches fish for food and stores them in a deep bag of skin under its beak



Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

/vəˈraɪəti/



Vocabulary

variety

a variety of something a lot of things of the same type that are different from each other in some way

The girls come from a variety of different backgrounds.



Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.

/maɪˈgreɪtəri, ˈmaɪgrətəri $ ˈmaɪgrətɔːri/



Vocabulary

migratory

involved in or relating to migration

migratory birds



Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/pəˈnɪnsjələ,
pɪˈnɪnsjələ $ -sələ/

Vocabulary

peninsula

a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water but joined to a large area of land

the Korean peninsula



Vocabulary

Repeat the word given.



/ˈsæŋktʃuəri, -tʃəri
$ -tʃueri/

Vocabulary

sanctuary

an area for birds or animals where they are protected and cannot be hunted

The park is the largest wildlife sanctuary in the US.



Vocabulary

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Repeat the word given.

/ˈvʌltʃə $ -ər/



Vocabulary

vulture

a large bird that eats dead animals



Vocabulary

Language Center

Repeat the word given.



/sɔː $ sɔːr/

Vocabulary

soar



to fly, especially very high up in the sky, floating on air currents

She watched the dove soar above the chestnut trees.

Read out the sentences.

- The flamingoes were in the wetland.
- There were vultures in the peninsula.
- The plover was soaring in the sky.
- There was a variety of migratory birds like pelicans and swans in the sanctuary.

Reading

3 Read the article Are the sentences true or false? Correct any sentences that are false.

1 Very few birds can be seen in Iran. False. Nearly 500 different species of birds can be seen in Iran.
2 Iran has several different habitats.
3 Only a few species of birds are found in Iran.
4 Miankaleh Wildlife Sanctuary is an important nature reserve in Iran.
5 The sanctuary is famous for its fish.
6 Miankaleh Wildlife Sanctuary is located in central Iran.
7 Nayband Wildlife Sanctuary is also a good place to observe birds.

Comprehension

Birds in Iran

Iran is a large country with an enormous range of different habitats – mountains, forests, deserts, plains, and wetlands. A wide variety of species are attracted by this varied landscape, and nearly 500 different species of birds can be seen in Iran in total. Many, including some very rare species like the Siberian crane and the white-headed duck, are only found there in the spring and summer, passing through the country on their migratory routes between central Asia and Europe. Iran's wetlands provide an important place for them to rest and drink. Others live in Iran all year round.

One important nature reserve in Iran is Miankaleh Wildlife Sanctuary in the northern part of the country. This wetland site is famed for its flamingos, pelicans, plovers, geese, swans, and ducks. It is located on the southeastern coast of the Caspian Sea, and most of it is a long and narrow peninsula.

Mountains like those in Nayband Wildlife Sanctuary in South Khorasan Province are also considered to be wonderful places for bird watching. Exciting species of birds like the golden eagle and the bearded vulture can be seen soaring in the sky.

Recently, there have been concerns that many migratory birds, which are often rare and beautiful, like the sociable lapwing, are under threat from illegal hunting. Hundreds of thousands of birds are killed every year. It is clear that more protection is needed to save them from extinction.

Pair work

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Join your pairs and tell the summary of paragraphs 1,2.

Pair work

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Join your pairs and tell the summary of paragraphs 3,4

Activity

4 Match to make sentences about Iran.

1 Nearly 500 different species of birds	is located	for its flamingos and other wetland birds.
2 Miankaleh Wildlife Sanctuary	are considered	in Iran in total.
3 The nature reserve	are killed	to be good places for bird watching.
4 Mountains	is famed	every year.
5 Hundreds of thousands of birds	can be seen	to save rare birds.
6 More protection	is needed	in northern Iran.

Speaking

Join your groups and answer the questions.

1. Why do you think Miankaleh sanctuary is important?
2. Would you like to visit a bird sanctuary? Why(not)?
3. Imagine you had enough budget to build up a sanctuary, what animals would you build it for and where would you set it up? Why?

Analyze the text.

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Homework

Write a paragraph using the words of the lesson.

Send the whole summary in a voice.

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