

Siberian Cranes, Flamingos and Great White Pelicans

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Along with **Siberian cranes and <u>flamingos</u>**, **Great white pelicans** are increasingly avoiding Indian wetlands due to **habitat destruction**.

■ These birds primarily live in **Europe, West Asia, and parts of Africa,** migrating to India for warmth during harsh winters.

Species	About	Protection Status
Siberian cranes	This species is mostly found in East	IUCN Status : Critically
	Asia, with just a few left in the West	Endangered
	and Central regions.	
	_	CITES: Appendix I
Flamingos	Known for their vibrant pink	IUCN Status:
	feathers, flamingos have long legs	
	and necks.	Vulnerable: Andean flamingo
		Near Threatened: Lesser flamingo,
		Puna flamingo, and Chilean
		flamingo
		CITES: Appendix II
Great white pelicans	The adult male is larger than the	IUCN Status: Least Concern
	female.	
	The male pelican has a pink patch of	
	skin around the eyes.	

Challenges in Migration:

- Habitat Destruction: Pollution and encroachment of wetlands hinder their migration.
- **Climate Change**: Rising temperatures affect their wintering patterns.
- **Antibiotic Pollution**: The leaking antibiotics into the food webs is also disrupting the natural habitats of these elegant white birds.

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