



Siberian Cranes, Flamingos and Great White Pelicans

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Along with **Siberian cranes** and **flamingos**, **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 |
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| Siberian cranes | This species is mostly found in East Asia, with just a few left in the West and Central regions. | IUCN Status: Critically Endangered CITES: Appendix I |
| Flamingos | Known for their vibrant pink feathers, flamingos have long legs and necks. | IUCN Status: 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 female. The male pelican has a pink patch of skin around the eyes. | IUCN Status: Least Concern |

- **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.

Read more: [Wetlands](#)

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