



Pelican and Painted Stork

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[Pelicans](#) and [painted storks](#) were sighted at the **Indira Gandhi Zoological Park** in Visakhapatnam.

- **About Pelicans:** Pelicans (genus *Pelecanus*) are **large water birds** known for their **long beaks** and **large throat pouches** used for catching fish.
 - Pelicans are **highly social birds**, living in colonies of hundreds.
 - They are **carnivores**, primarily eating fish but also consuming **amphibians, crustaceans, insects, birds, and small mammals**.
 - They inhabit **all continents except Antarctica**, preferring **warm coastal and inland waters** like lakes and rivers.
- **About Painted Stork (*Mycteria Leucocephala*):** It is a large bird inhabiting **South and Southeast Asian wetlands**, featuring **bright pink flight feathers**, a white body, and black markings.
 - They are predominantly **non-migratory** and most make only local movements and are **social in nature**.
 - **IUCN Status:** Near threatened.

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