

KORI BUSTARD

Ardeotis kori



Range: Eastern and southern Africa

Size: 1.37 m (4.5ft)

Weight: ♂ 13-18kg(29-40lb)

♀: 6-7kg(13-15lb)

Wingspan : 77 cm

Diet: berries, small mammal and reptiles, Insects

Incubation :23 days

Fledging: 35 days

Sexual maturity: 3 years

Nest: Scrape

Activity: Crepuscular

Social: Solitary

Breeding: polygamous

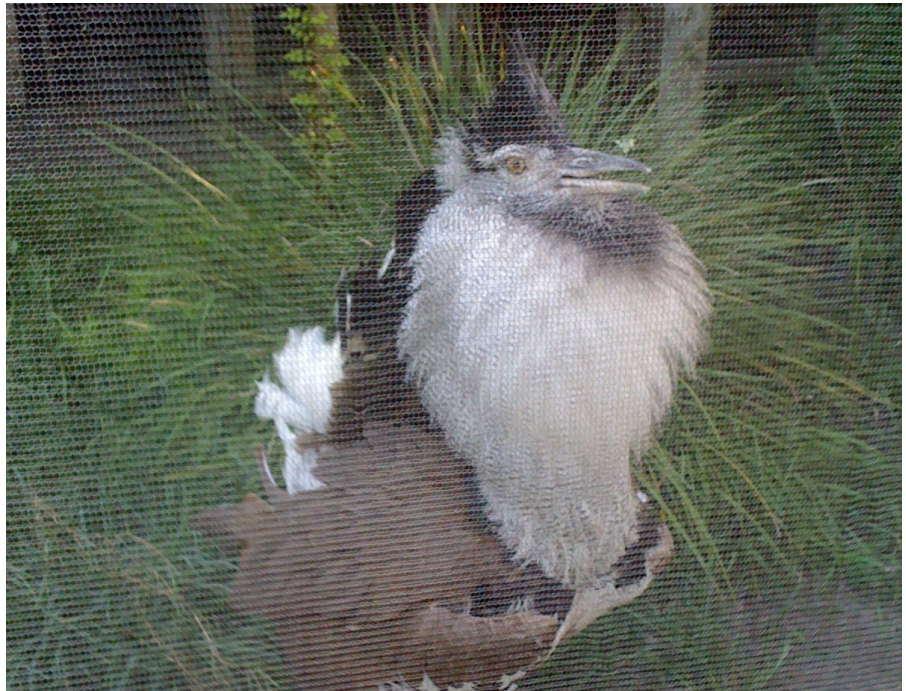
Movement : Sedentary

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies: 2

Longevity: Captive- 26

yrs



Order: Gruiformes Family: Otididae

Weighing as much as 40 lb. the Kori bustard is the heaviest flying bird in the world. The "kori" forages for insects, small mammals and reptile on the savannah of eastern and southern Africa. Multiple males form a lek displaying for females during breeding season. Unlike most birds kori bustards have no hind toe only three forward pointing toes on each foot.

The kori bustard has two subspecies with two distinct ranges . The *Ardeotis kori struthiunculus* lives in eastern Africa. Ranging from Ethiopia to Sudan south to Kenya and Uganda. The

southern subspecies *Ardeotis kori kori* is restricted to the western part of southern Africa.

Countries within the range are Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique. The kori bustard prefers open grassland and sparsely wooded savannas. The two populations are separated by the miombo woodlands.