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# **BREEDING INFORMATION**

# AGE AT SEXUAL MATURITY

Males 2 years

Females 2 years

Incubation period: Approx. 25-28 days

Fledgling Period: Approx 33-40 days

### CLUTCH SIZE, & EGG DESCRIPTION

2-4 olive brown eggs with darker brown splotches on shell

### COURTSHIP DISPLAYS

Unknown in wild; bowing, bill clattering seen in captive birds

### NEST SITE DESCRIPTION

Known to be solitary nesters. Basket shaped stick and twig nests are constructed usually 3-6 meters off the ground, sometimes over water. These nests can be constructed on a tree branch, but can also built on man-made structures such as telephone poles. Nests can be reused year after year, but not necessarily by the same pair.



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#### CHICK DEVELOPMENT

Altricial; hatched with grey down, dark face and legs.



Incubation, brooding, and rearing by both adults.

# CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION

#### **SOCIAL STRUCTURE**

Social Structure in the Wild: Breeding occurs in solitary pairs, but will forage in flocks ranging from 5 birds to occasionally as many as 200 individuals.

Social Structure in Captivity: Can be housed colonially with other ibis or storks.

### ✗ MIXED SPECIES EXHIBITS

Compatible in mixed species exhibits?



NO Comments: Housed successfully with variety of ground and arboreal species including other ibis, storks, waterfowl, passerines, etc.

**Minimum Group Size: 2** 

Maximum Group Size: Unknown

MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

High first year mortality for chicks represent a major challenge for this program. Lack of success with hand-rearing chicks and ingestion of foreign material fed by parents are factors complicating first year mortality.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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