

3. Extreme Families

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Eastern White Stork (*Ciconia boyciana*)

Geographical Distribution – Europe, Asia Minor, northern part of Africa

Attribute - Merciful bird brings good luck to humans

Amongst birds, storks are interesting because they lack a syrinx, the avian "voicebox", which renders them mute, so they use bill-clacking to communicate with their mate. These birds are solitary except when breeding. They are faithful to a given nest site and may reuse it for many years, adding more sticks and other materials to the nest each season, so it can become very large and heavy. This bird has had a notable impact on human culture. According to a myth, the white stork brings babies. The bird is also a symbol of fertility and luck. In Hebrew, the species is called "*chasidah*", which means "merciful" or "kind".



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