

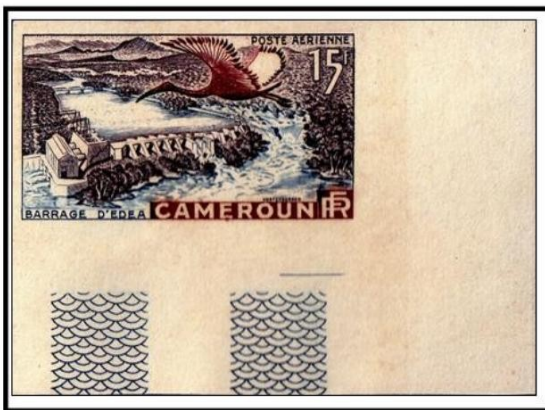
3. Extreme Families

African Sacred Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*)

Attribute - Merciful bird brings good luck to humans.



← **Color trial - Imperf Pair**
 These birds have slender, curved bills that they use to probe into shallow water, mud or grass when foraging. In flight, they form diagonal lines or "V" shape Formations.



The Ibis bird was Sacred to and associated with **Thoth the God of wisdom and writing**. Thoth was often represented in the form of a man's body with the head of the Ibis and was the patron of the educated scribes who were responsible for the administration of Egypt.

↑ Imperf proof



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3.13 Sacred Bird EXTREME BIRDS

Geographical Distribution-Africa



↑ **1960. Composite Color Trial Plate Block**

Based on the legend from the **Birecik** area, the Ibis is one of the very first birds that Noah released as a sign of fertility.

The Ibis is a symbol of communication, probing, transition and trust.

The Sacred Ibis lives in large colonies near waterways throughout Africa.