

3. Extreme Families

Hammerkop (*Scopus umbretta*)

Attribute - Builds multiple storied nests, repeatedly

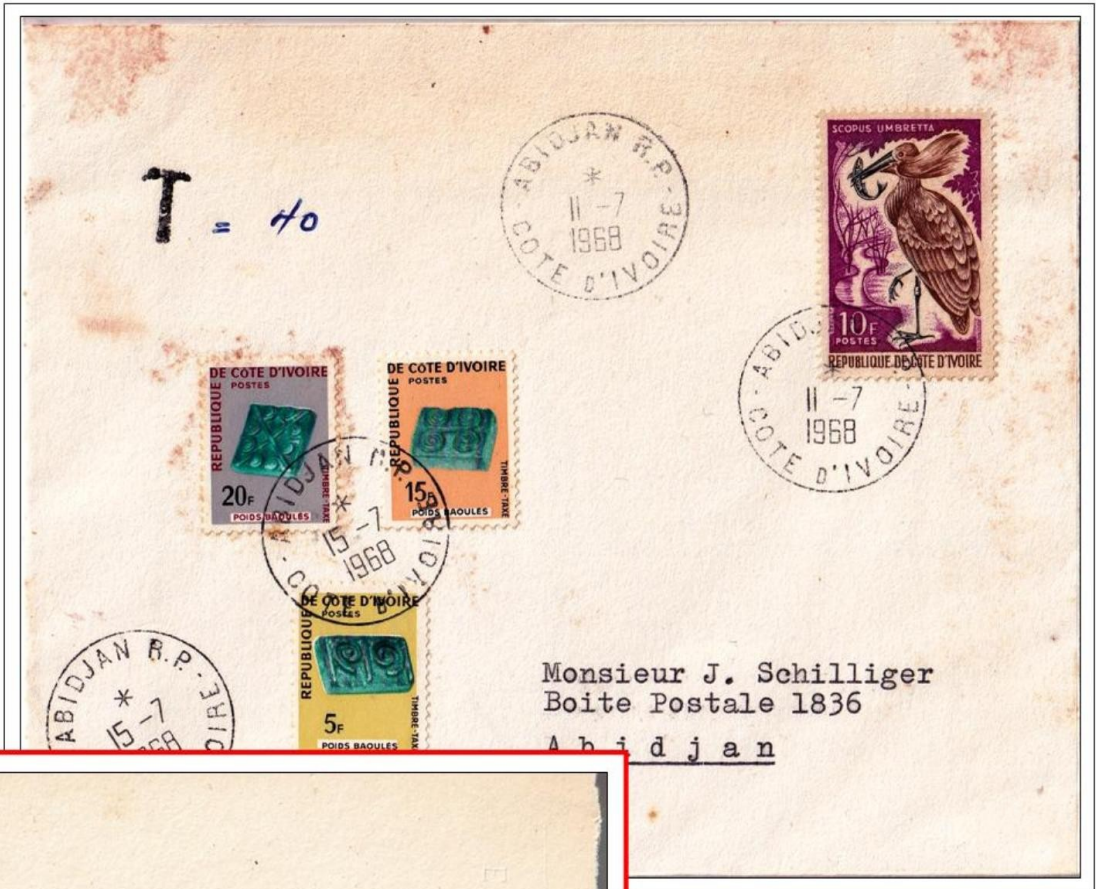
Hammerkops are the smallest African stork. They are considered as compulsive nest builders because they tend to build 3 to 5 nests every year even when they are not breeding.

They are famous for their strong, three tiered nests which is strong enough to carry a man's weight that can be as wide as 1.5 meters (4.1ft) across and consist of around 10,000 sticks. They are often seen perching on the back of hippopotamuses, searching for frogs. Crest on the back of the head and hooked bill create impression of a hammer, hence the name **Hammerkop** ("hammer-head") in Afrikaans.

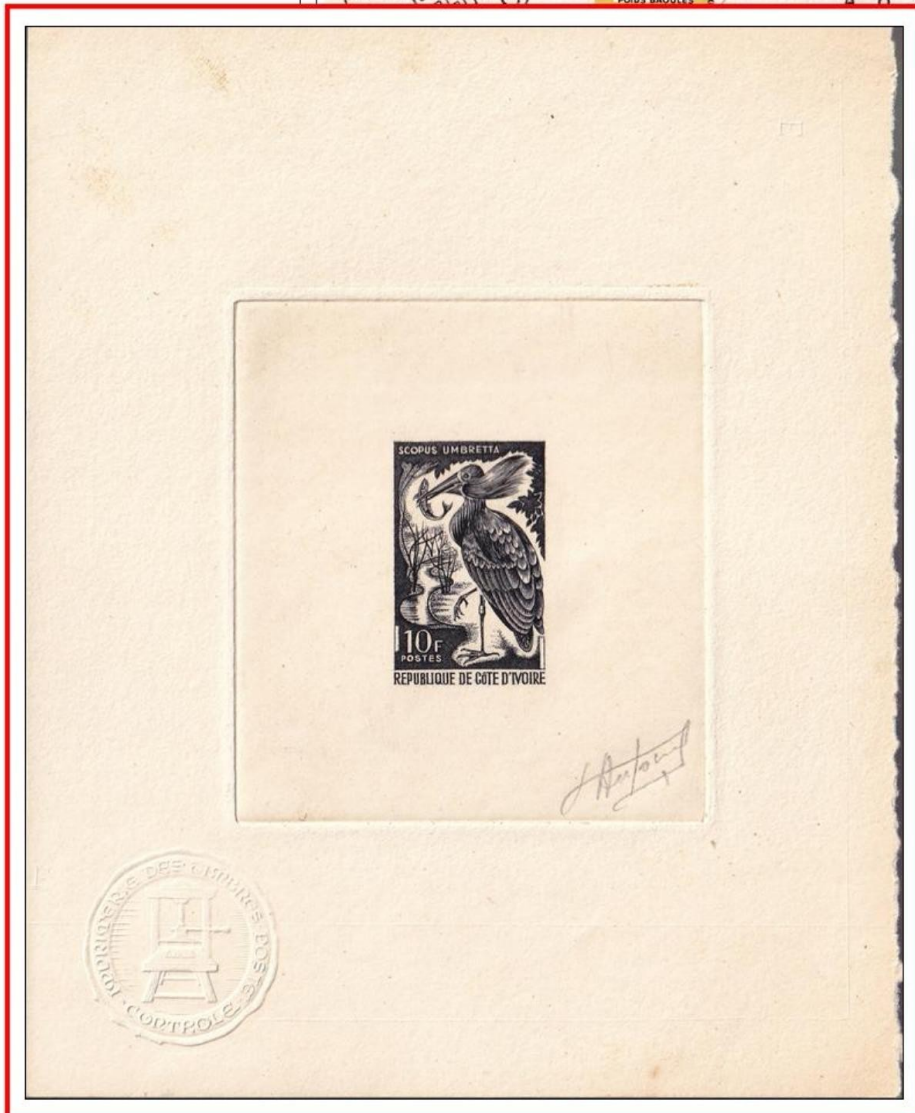
3.14 Smallest Stork

EXTREME BIRDS

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



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