

## 4. Extreme Abilities

**Secretary Bird** (*Sagittarius serpentarius*)

**Ability** - Kicking its prey to death.

**4.8 Most Vicious Kicker** EXTREME BIRDS

**Geographical Distribution** – Africa, south of Sahara

Being the only bird of prey that confines its killing to the ground, the secretary bird is highly adapted for walking and kicking. Its long legs are armed with heavy scaling to counter the wear and tear of potential bites and scratches from its prey.

1967, issued in a set of 4  
This stamp depicts the  
Bird savoring its prey,  
a snake.



The three  
forward-facing toes  
are long and ebbed  
at the base,  
providing a wide  
striking area that  
packs powerful  
punch.

**André Buzin**, the artist  
(born 1946 in Dinant) is a  
Belgian artist who paints  
animals and flowers.  
He is known on the philatelic  
scene for the Birds series, a definitive  
stamp series of Belgium.

