

## 5. Extreme Behavior

### Lyre Tailed Honey guide (*Melichneutes robustus*)

#### Behavior - Guides Humans to Beehives

These birds are best known for their interaction with humans. Honey guides are noted and named for one or two species that will deliberately lead humans (but, contrary to popular claims, not honey badgers) directly to bee colonies, so that they can feast on the grubs and beeswax that are left behind.

## 5.13 Best Interactions with Humans

### Geographical Distribution – Central Africa



Their mating display is very interesting. Males fly around while singing several "pee-pee" notes, which go into "ve-bek, ve-vek." They then go into a rapid and steep dive with their tail feathers spread out.



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Behavior and reproduction:  
**Lyre-tailed honey guides** are not believed to migrate.

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