

Learn about Secretary Birds

Secretary Birds are Raptors, or Birds of Prey, they are distantly related to vultures and hawks! They have all of the features of a bird of prey too, including forward facing eyes for hunting, strong talons to grab their prey, and a large hooked beak for eating! Secretary Birds do fly, but they spend most of their day hunting by walking on the ground. Their long legs are perfect to help them see over the tall grass of their Savanna habitat.

Deadly Stomp

Secretary Birds have two hunting strategies. They either strike with their powerful beak or they stomp the prey with their feet! They hunt small birds, mammals, and reptiles like snakes and lizards. They are even known to hunt venomous snakes!



The Little Rock Zoo works with the Secretary Bird Species Survival Plan, which helps to protect this amazing species in zoos and in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Nat Geo Wild: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQckuAwNbFs>

Nat Geo Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7itwHJiNRz4>

Kruger National Park (South Africa): http://www.krugerpark.co.za/africa_secretary_bird.html

Edge of Existence (ZSL): <http://www.edgeofexistence.org/species/secretarybird/>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/index.php/animals/secretary-bird>

Secretary Bird Puzzle

Secretary Birds are amazing Birds of Prey that spend most of their time on the ground rather than flying to find their food!

Cut out the puzzle pieces to make your very own Secretary Bird Puzzle!

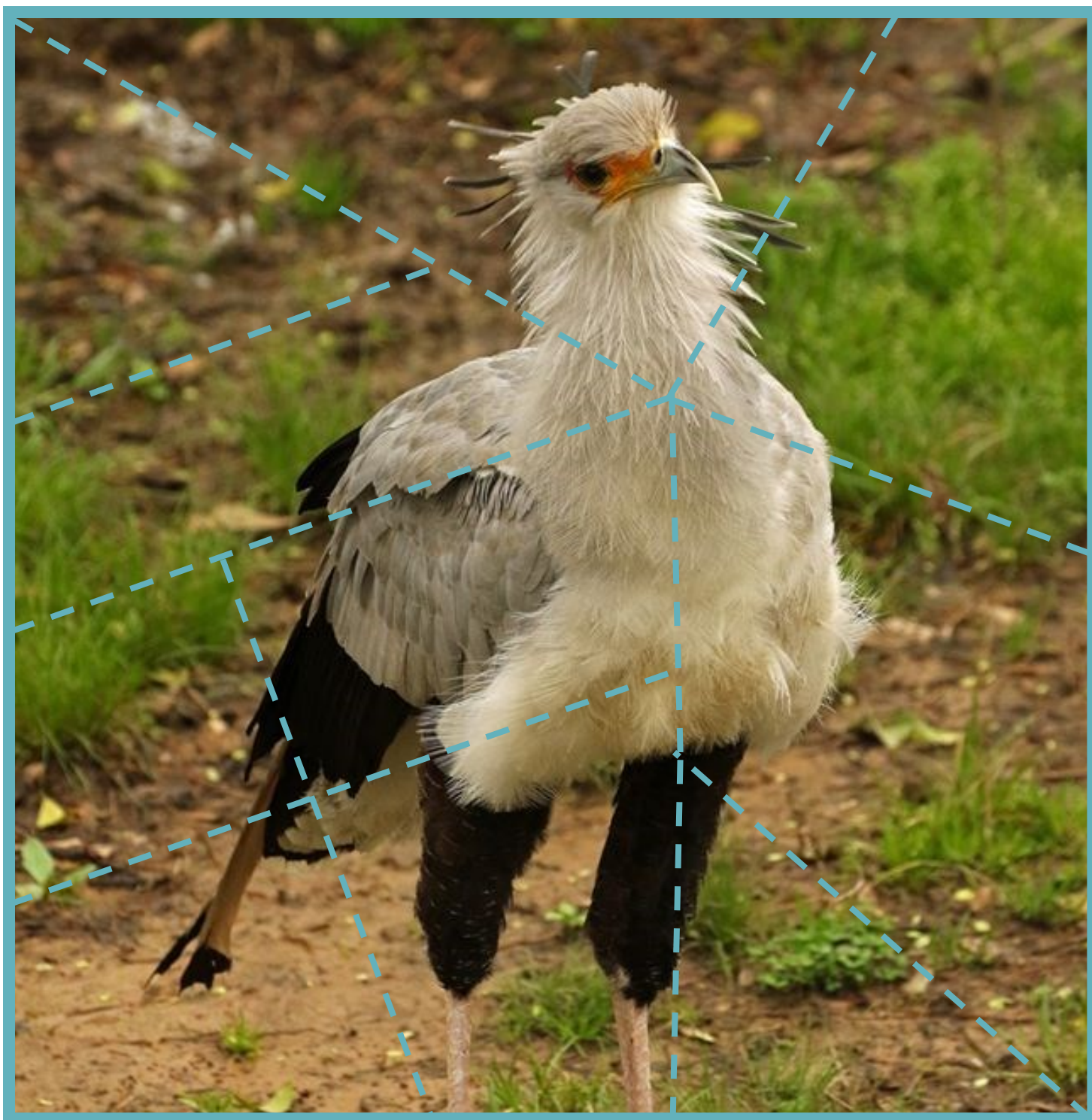


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