

# Birds in Sudan

## House Sparrow (zarzoor)

In one famous Sudanese folktale, the sparrow appears in a sad poem sung by a girl named Fatima Al Samha about her brother Mohamed Al Shater.

**My uncle, my father's brother, O Jalaba,  
Killed Mohamed, my brother, O Jalaba,  
For a qandool fruit, O Jalaba,  
And the qandool, O Jalaba,  
Was eaten by the sparrow, O Jalaba,  
And it flew across seven seas, O Jalaba.**



## Laughing Dove (Gomria)

The laughing dove (or gomria in Sudanese dialect) is a soft pink and brown bird. It lives in cities, gardens, and villages all over Sudan. It builds small nests in trees or on buildings.

In Sudanese poems and songs, **doves resemble feelings like sadness, love, and hope.**



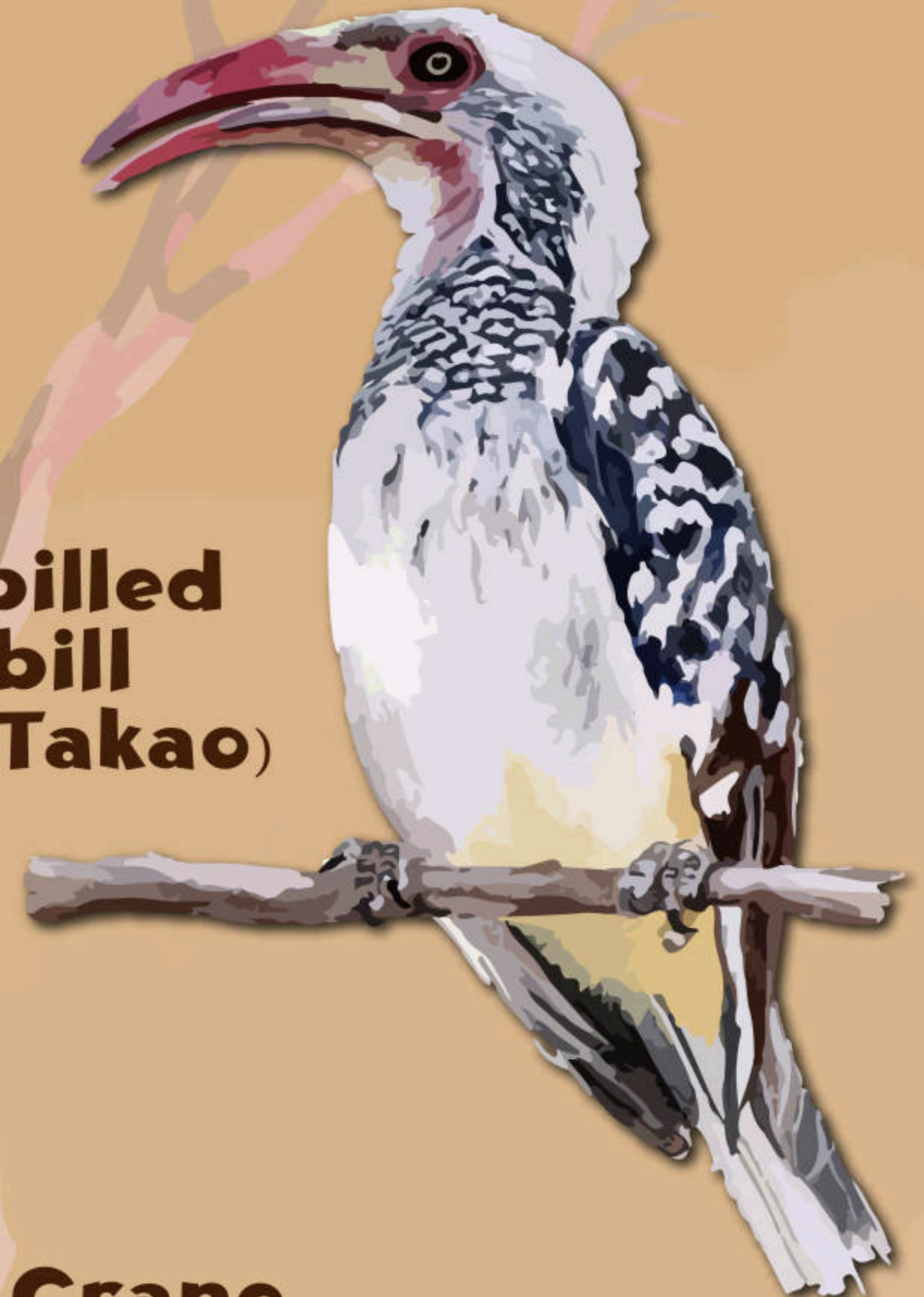
## Ostrich

The ostrich is the biggest bird in the world. It lives in deserts and dry grasslands. In Sudan, **it used to live in northern deserts like the Bayuda Desert, but now it is rare and mostly seen in protected areas.** Ostrich feathers in Sudan were used to decorate hats, beds, and homes, showing importance and wealth.

**In weddings and dances, leaders wore them proudly—this is why the groom is called 'Abu Reesh.'**



## Red-billed Hornbill (Abu Takao)



## African Crowned Crane (Algharnooq)



## Abdim's Stork (Simbria)

This small black-and-white stork (or Simbria in Sudanese dialect) comes to Sudan during the rainy season. It lives on farms and grassy plains. You can see it in central and western Sudan, **like Kordofan and Darfur.** People think this bird **brings good luck and rain.**



## White-backed Vulture (Kalalang)

