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Common Name	Scientific Name	ISIS,EAZA Population	European/EAZA Institutions	Category
Black Faced ibis	Theristicus melanopis	11.15.1 @last report 08	6	Monitored



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Tim.savage@zsl.org +44(0)0207 449 6413 Theristicus melanopis occurs in southern Chile and Argentina, with an isolated population in coastal Peru, the southern Chile and Argentina populations migrate in the non-breeding season to the Argentine pampas.

Contains two subspecies, but probably not relevant in European captive population.

IUCN Status: Least concern CITIES

- 1. Can be kept in single pairs or small groups. If kept in groups may need visual barriers in the enclosure as pairs may fight.
- 2. Avoid hand-rearing from previous experience hand-reared birds are difficult to socialize.
- 3. Open nest pan size 60cm by 60cm by 20cm. Will also use higher sided more secluded nest sites.
- 4. Deep substrate must be used in nest box to prevent egg breakages as these birds rarely build suitable nests. Observation made with birds at ZSL London zoo not sure if this is the same across the whole captive species.
- 5. Heated area not required. Can be kept outside all winter in temperate climates.
- 6. Diet small mice and minced meat with calcium and multi vitamin supplement.

References: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-faced\_lbis">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-faced\_lbis</a>

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