# Black-faced Spoonbill

## *Most iconic bird in danger*

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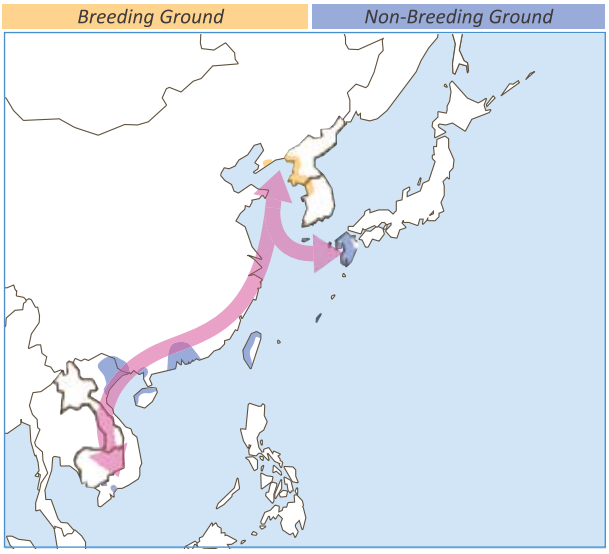


***Black-faced Spoonbill*** is the smallest and rarest of the six spoonbill species and is largely a coastal species, dependent on tidal flats for foraging. The species is listed as Endangered as it has a very small population and its habitat has been shrinking as a result of industrial development, land reclamation and pollution. The birds breed on islets off the west coast of Korean peninsula, especially Incheon tidal flat, and Liaoning province in mainland China. The three major wintering sites are the Tsengwen estuary of Taiwan, the Deep Bay area of Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland and Hainan Island. The March 2013 census recorded a new high of 2,725 birds.

East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership, as a regional initiative, promotes governments, inter-governmental organisations, non-governmental organisations and private sectors to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitats, and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

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