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Ibis sighted in Ethiopia for first time since 1970s

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British and Middle Eastern bird experts have used satellite tags to pinpoint the winter home of the rare northern bald ibis in Ethiopia, where the species had not been spotted since 1977.

Four birds are wintering in the Ethiopian central highlands, more than 2,600 metres above sea level and 50 miles from Addis Ababa. They journeyed 1,900 miles from breeding grounds in Palmyra, Syria, where they are protected by Bedouin nomads and rangers.

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The birds are only found in Syria and Morocco, and scientists fear they are in danger from hunting and pesticides on their migration route.

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