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Eurasian Hoopoe - *Upupa epops*

Kingdom: Animals

Phylum: Chordates

Class: Birds

Order: Bucerotiformes

Family: Hoopoes


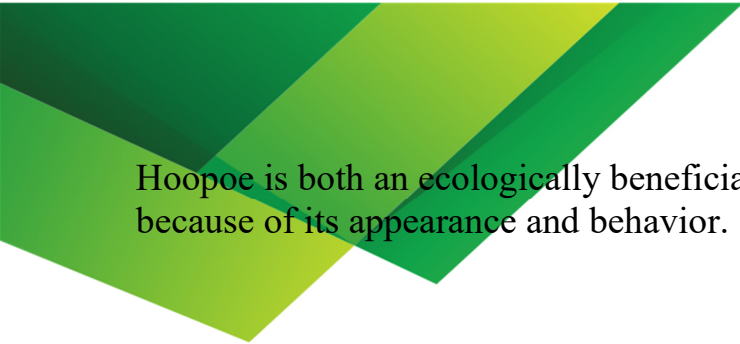
Genus: *Upupa*

Species: Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)

The Eurasian Hoopoe is a medium-sized bird species distinguished by its unique appearance. Its most characteristic feature is the fan-shaped crest on its head, which can open and close. This crest gives the bird a distinctive look and is also used to express emotions such as excitement or warning. Its body is pinkish-brown in color, while the wings and tail have striking black-and-white striped patterns. This bird is widely distributed across Europe, Asia, and Africa and prefers warm climates. In Azerbaijan, it is mainly seen during spring and summer. It lives in open areas, gardens, steppes, and sparse forests. For nesting, it uses tree cavities or holes in the ground.



Its diet mainly consists of insects and their larvae. In particular, it uses its long, thin, curved beak to pull insects out of the soil. This characteristic makes it a beneficial bird for agriculture because it helps reduce the number of harmful pests. In terms of behavior, it usually prefers living alone or in pairs and is only rarely seen in flocks. Its flight is wave-like and butterfly-shaped, which distinguishes it from many other birds. Its call sounds like a rhythmic “up-up-up,” and because of this, it is known by different local names in various regions. Overall, the Eurasian



Hoopoe is both an ecologically beneficial bird and a very interesting species because of its appearance and behavior.

