FAST FACTS
Weight: average 3 pounds
Wingspan: up to 7 feet
Incubation: up to 61 days
Number of Young: as few as 1
Range: Found in tropical waters around most of the world
Diet: Fish, squid, jellyfish and occasionally young seabirds

DID YOU KNOW?
- Frigate birds are the only seabirds where the male and female look noticeably different.
- Frigate birds are also known as Man-o’-war birds due to their aggressive behaviors toward other birds. Frigates poke and bite at other birds, which sometimes causes them to drop or disgorge any food they have recently caught or eaten. The frigate bird then consumes the meal.

Ecology & Conservation
The Christmas Island frigate bird (Fregata andrewsi) is listed as critically endangered because approximately 25% of their breeding area was cleared for phosphate mining before 1946. Many breeding colonies were deserted due to dust fall-out from the mine. Other threats to these birds include over-fishing, marine pollution and housing and resort development.

Conservation Status:
Two species listed as Vulnerable or endangered

Scientific Classification
Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Chordata
Class: Aves
Order: Pelecaniformes
Family: Fregatidae
Genus: Fregata
Species: various

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ALBATROSS

Conservation Status: Depending on the species, Albatrosses are listed as Vulnerable or endangered.

Scientific Classification
- Kingdom: Animalia
- Phylum: Chordata
- Class: Aves
- Order: Procellariiformes
- Family: Diomedeidae
- Genus: various
- Species: various

FAST FACTS
- **Weight:** up to 22 pounds
- **Wingspan:** up to 11 feet
- **Incubation:** 70-80 days, longer for larger albatrosses
- **Number of Young:** 1
- **Range:** Southern oceans and the North Pacific
- **Diet:** Carnivore, feeding mainly on squid and fish

DID YOU KNOW?
- Albatrosses drink salt water and excrete the excess salt through glands above their eyes.
- Some albatross species have been known to have life spans of 50 years of age in the wild!
- Albatross are rarely seen on land and gather only to breed.

Ecology & Conservation
Every year, thousands of albatross are killed by drift nets, marine pollution and introduced predators. Some albatross species were hunted for feathers that were used in the manufacture of women’s hats.

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**FAST FACTS**
- **Weight:** 3 pounds
- **Wingspan:** up to 5 feet
- **Incubation:** 40-45 days
- **Number of Young:** 1 to 3
- **Range:** Western coasts of Central and South America
- **Diet:** Carnivore, mainly eating fish

**DID YOU KNOW?**
- Male blue-footed boobies are proud of their blue feet. During mating rituals they show off their feet to females with a high-stepping strut and dance. The bluer the feet, the better.
- These birds take their name from the Spanish word “bobo” which means “stupid”. It is thought that early European colonists viewed these birds as clumsy and awkward when they saw them on land.

**Ecology & Conservation**
Overall, it is believed that blue-footed booby populations are steady, with global populations estimated to be 100,000 to 500,000 individuals.

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**Scientific Classification**
- **Kingdom:** Animalia
- **Phylum:** Chordata
- **Class:** Aves
- **Order:** Pelecaniformes
- **Family:** Sulidae
- **Genus:** Sula
- **Species:** nebouxii

**Conservation Status:**
not listed as threatened or endangered

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