

STORK CALENDAR

### January

White storks fly to and stay in Africa in the winter time. Every year several healthy birds stay in Poland.

### February

The spring travels begin. The storks head for breeding grounds. Each day, they fly about 250 km.

### March

At the beginning of the month, the birds cross the Suez Canal. Then they travel along the Mediterranean coast through Turkey and the Bosfor Strait to northern Europe. At the end of March the first storks come to Poland.

### April

This is the time to choose a nest. The best location are the most popular and birds even fight for the nests. This is also when begin hatching eggs.

### May

After 34 days, young birds appear in the nests. Parents raise and look after their chicklings.

### June

Chickilngs grow very quickly. They are now able to stand up in the nest. It`s time to begin systematic exercises.

### July

Young storks achieve size of the adult birds. Together with their parents they start to look for food. Also they practice flying.

### August

Preparation for a long journey. Birds gather and form groups. At the end of the month most of them leave for the South.

### September

Storks are on their way South. They may rest for one or two days, which is usually enough for them. They stay in Izrael for a longer time (about 10 days). At the end of the month they arrive in Egipt.

### October

Some birds stay in Sudan and Ethiopia. Most of them go further to the South of Africa.

### November

Some birds stays in Kenya and Zambia. Others continue on traveling.

### December

Strong birds may even get all the way to the Republic of South Africa. This is the end of their journey.

