



BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW

Description

These are large, amazingly coloured birds with predominantly blue and gold feathers. They also have green and white in their plumage and a black beak.

Diet

Blue-and-Gold Macaws are **herbivores** and feed on seeds, flowers and fruit.

In the wild

At dusk Blue-and-Gold Macaws form large, noisy flocks at nesting sites to preen and chatter. These birds do not mature until they are six to eight years old, and spend the first two to three years with their parents. Pairs bond for life and maintain a permanent nest site.

Threats

Habitat destruction is a major threat to these birds. They are also poached for the illegal pet trade.

At Perth Zoo

You can see Blue-and-Gold Macaws in the **World of Birds**.

Scientific Name

Ara ararauna

Conservation Status

Extinct

Extinct in the Wild

Critically Endangered

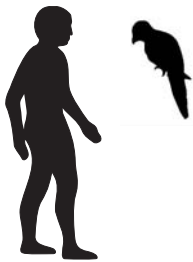
Endangered

Vulnerable

Near-Threatened

Least Concern

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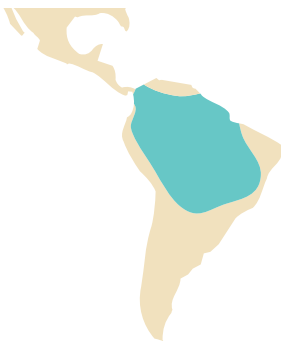


Length: 90–96 cm

Weight: 995–1380 g

Gestation: 28 days

Number of eggs: 2–3



Distribution ■

Distribution: Central and Northern South America

Habitat: Rainforest

Did you know?

Blue-and-Gold Macaws are one of a possible nineteen subspecies of macaws in South America. Nine of these subspecies are critically endangered.



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