



Blue and Gold Macaw

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Description: Macaws are large birds with many different subspecies. The Blue and Gold Macaw is one that is named for their brilliant blue and gold feathers. They have long tail feathers and some green coloring on their heads.

Habitat: Macaws are found in tropical climates, in rainforests, near bodies of water such as mangroves.

Range: They are found in Central and South America.

Life Span: In captivity macaws can live up to 80 years

Natural Diet: In the wild, macaws feed off seeds, nuts, and fruits.

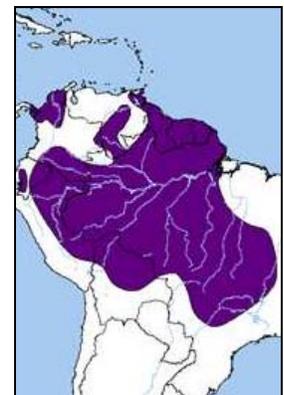
Zoo Diet: At the zoo, the macaws receive a commercial seed, and fresh produce.

Behavior: Macaws are flock birds and can number in the hundreds. They are very vocal and have extremely loud calls. They have the ability to mimic sounds.



Reproduction: Male and females will both engage in a series of calls and head bobbing to signal that they are ready to mate. Most parrots are monogamous throughout out life. When the eggs hatch, they have no feathers and their eyes are not open. They will be cared for by the adults until they are fully flighted.

Conservation Status: Least concern



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