



Green Winged Macaw *Ara chloropterus*

Description: Green Winged Macaws are the second largest species of parrots, the largest being the Hyacinth Macaw. They are also called red and green macaws. They are mostly red with blue and green wings.

Habitat: They live in warm tropical forests, many times near water. They are commonly found in mangrove swamps and savannahs.

Range: Central and South America

Life Span: In the wild they have an average life span of 70 years, in captivity they can live into their 80s.

Natural Diet: Macaws are seed eaters. They will also eat fruits and nuts.

Zoo Diet: At the zoo, they have a diet of commercialized parrot food, produce, and nuts and seeds.

Behavior: They live in large flocks numbering in the hundreds. They are very social and vocal. They have the ability to mimic sounds and are extremely loud. Macaws are very playful and will use lots of toys.

Reproduction: Macaws found in the more southern territories will breed in the late fall/early winter months and in the north they will breed late winter/early spring months. A female will typically lay 3 eggs at a time and they will hatch about 28 days after being laid. Then they will be cared for until about 100 days.

Conservation Status: Least Concern

