

BLUE & GOLD

(ARA ARARAUNA)

MACAW

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN*

WE ARE BIRDS
with a lifespan of 40-70 years in captivity



Origin: Eastern Panama through Columbia, Ecuador and Brazil.

Diet: Seeds, fruits, nuts and berries. They are herbivores.

Predators: Birds of prey.

Habitat: Rainforests.



*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2018. Downloaded 05.04.19



Height

85-90cm



Weight

KG 900g-1.2kg



Top Speed

35mph

DID YOU KNOW?

Macaws are often monogamous and stay as a pair for life. They are often seen flying in large flocks with the pairs flying close together and their wings nearly touching.

Macaws are playful and inquisitive.

They are able to mimic human vocalisations very well.

In the wild, macaws often flock to mountains of clay known as 'macaw licks'.

Macaws are extremely messy eaters - their incredibly strong beaks are perfectly adapted for eating all sorts of nuts and seeds. They can crack open incredibly hard-shelled nuts with ease.

REPRODUCTION

They are able to breed from the age of 2-3 years. A male and female will pair for life. They nest high above the ground in cavities found in dead trees. The female will lay 2-3 eggs and incubate them herself, however both the male and the female will aggressively defend the eggs. When the young hatch they are born blind and featherless. The parents will choose the strongest chick to raise and will leave the rest to starve to death. They will grow their feathers by 10 weeks and will remain with their parents for a few months after that before becoming completely independent.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE MACAWS