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Scarlet Macaw

Ara macao

Peoria Zoo Exhibit

Habitat: Tropical Rainforest

Range: American tropics. Extreme south eastern Mexico to Amazonian Peru and Brazil

Activity Cycle: Diurnal (awake during the day)

Size: It is about 32-36 inches long, of which more than half is the pointed, graduated tail typical of all macaws. The average weight is about 2-2.5 pounds.

Social Structure: A typical sighting is of a single bird or pair flying above the forest canopy, though in some areas flocks can be seen.

Distinguishing Features: The feathers are mostly scarlet, but the rump and tail-covert feathers are light blue. The top of the wing has a band of yellow. Some birds may have green on the wings near the yellow band.

Diet: Eats mostly fruits and seeds, including large, hard seeds.

Life Span: 70-90 years

Did you know?

Scarlet Macaws make loud, low-pitched, throaty squawks, squeaks and screams designed to carry many miles.