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Animal Fact Sheet

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Greater Bird-of-paradise

Paradisaea apoda

Paradisaea apoda takes its species name - "footless" - from a trade fabrication: the skins sold to Europeans from the sixteenth century onward had the legs and wings cut away by Aru islanders prepari…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Paradisaeidae
Habitat: Lowland rainforest and hill forest
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years in the wild
Weight: 230-430 grams
Scientific name: Paradisaea apoda

Did you know?

- Despite their showy plumage and displays, Greater Birds-of-paradise are sometimes heard more often than seen, as their calls echo through dense rainf…
- Wallace brought two live greater birds-of-paradise back to London in 1862, the first ever seen alive in Europe, feeding them on cockroaches caught ab…

What I learned

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