

Animal Fact Sheet

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Hoatzin

Opisthocomus hoazin

The Hoatzin is a unique, leaf-eating bird native to the swamps, riverine forests, and mangroves of the Amazon and Orinoco basins in South America. Recognizable by its striking blue facial skin, reddi...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Opisthocomidae

Habitat: Tropical riverine forest, flooded forests, and mangroves

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 7-15 years

Weight: 700-900 grams

Scientific name: *Opisthocomus hoazin*

Did you know?

- Despite their awkward flight and poor flying ability, Hoatzin chicks can leap into water and swim to safety if threatened, using their wing claws to ...
- Hoatzins are one of the few birds that rely on foregut fermentation to digest leaves, much like a cow. The chicks' wing claws are a rare trait among ...

What I learned
