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Animal Fact Sheet

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Horned Guan

Oreophasis derbianus

The Horned Guan is a striking and rare bird native to the cloud forests of Central America, particularly in southern Mexico and Guatemala. Distinguished by its glossy black plumage, white breast, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Cracidae
Habitat: Cloud forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1.4-2.1 kg
Scientific name: Oreophasis derbianus

Did you know?

- Despite its turkey-like appearance, the Horned Guan is more closely related to other cracids than to true guans, and it diverged from its relatives o…
- The Horned Guan is the only living member of its genus, making it a true evolutionary relic. Its red horn is not a comb or fleshy wattle, but a solid…

What I learned

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