

Animal Fact Sheet

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Kagu

Rhynochetos jubatus

The Kagu is a rare, flightless bird endemic to the dense mountain forests of New Caledonia. It has striking pale gray plumage, a prominent crest, vivid red legs and bill, and unusual nasal corns cover...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Rhynochetidae

Habitat: Mountain forest

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 700–1,100 grams

Scientific name: *Rhynochetos jubatus*

Did you know?

- The Kagu has the largest nostrils of any bird relative to its size, protected by unique flaps to keep out dirt while it forages on the forest floor.
- The Kagu is the only surviving member of its family, Rhynochetidae, and is sometimes called the 'ghost of the forest' due to its elusive nature. Its ...

What I learned
