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Animal Fact Sheet

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Kagu

Rhynochetos jubatus

Rhynochetos jubatus of New Caledonia is a ghost-gray, crested, almost flightless bird with a lineage so isolated that it sits in a family of its own, its nearest living relative the sunbittern of Sou…

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.
- A single roaming pet dog can wipe out a local kagu population, and dog control - not habitat protection - has been the single most effective conserva…

What I learned

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