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Animal Fact Sheet

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Kakapo

Strigops habroptilus

The kakapo is the world's only flightless parrot and the heaviest — a nocturnal, ground-dwelling bird that evolved on islands with no mammalian predators, where flight was an expense it could afford …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Strigopidae
Habitat: Native temperate forests of New Zealand
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 40–60 years
Weight: 1.5–4 kg
Scientific name: Strigops habroptilus

Did you know?

- Kakapos store large amounts of energy as fat, making them the world’s heaviest parrot species.
- The kakapo is the only flightless parrot, and the heaviest parrot in the world. Males boom for hours at a pitch low enough to carry for kilometres — …

What I learned

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