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Animal Fact Sheet

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King Vulture

Sarcoramphus papa

Sarcoramphus papa is the most flamboyant of the New World vultures - a white body, black flight feathers, and a bare head of orange, purple, yellow and red topped by a fleshy orange caruncle over the…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Cathartidae
Habitat: Tropical lowland forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20-25 years
Weight: 3-4.5 kg
Scientific name: Sarcoramphus papa

Did you know?

- Despite their size and powerful appearance, King Vultures are completely silent, lacking a syrinx and only able to make low croaking or hissing sound…
- Because king vultures cannot smell carrion well, they are effectively parasitic on the noses of turkey vultures - and simultaneously indispensable to…

What I learned

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