

Animal Fact Sheet

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Oilbird

Steatornis caripensis

The Oilbird is a nocturnal, fruit-eating bird found mainly in the northern regions of South America. Notable for its echolocation abilities, it navigates through pitch-dark caves where it roosts and ...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Steatornithidae

Habitat: Caves within tropical forests

Diet: Frugivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-15 years

Weight: 350-450 grams

Scientific name: *Steatornis caripensis*

Did you know?

- Oilbirds have some of the most sensitive night vision of any terrestrial animal, allowing them to see in conditions nearly as dark as a moonless night...
- Oilbirds are the only nocturnal, fruit-eating birds in the world and one of the few birds that use echolocation to navigate. Their chicks were once h...

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