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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ornate Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus ornatus

The Ornate Hawk-Eagle is a striking raptor native to the tropical forests of Central and South America. It is renowned for its bold plumage, featuring a black crest, rufous neck, and striking barred …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Accipitridae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 1.2-1.8 kg
Scientific name: Spizaetus ornatus

Did you know?

- Despite their powerful build, Ornate Hawk-Eagles are rarely seen in flight above the canopy, preferring to move stealthily within the trees.
- Ornate Hawk-Eagles use their dramatic crests and striking facial markings in threat displays. They are skilled at ambushing prey in dense foliage, ma…

What I learned

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