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Animal Fact Sheet

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Rainbow Bee-eater

Merops ornatus

The Rainbow Bee-eater is a vividly colored bird known for its striking plumage, featuring a blend of green, blue, orange, and gold. It is slender and graceful, with a long, pointed bill, red eyes, an…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Meropidae
Habitat: Open woodland, forest edges, riverbanks, sand ridges, and farmlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 20–28 g
Scientific name: Merops ornatus

Did you know?

- Before eating a bee or wasp, the Rainbow Bee-eater skillfully removes the sting by repeatedly hitting the insect against a hard surface.
- Rainbow Bee-eaters are immune to bee and wasp stings, allowing them to eat these insects with ease. They nest in burrows dug by both parents, often i…

What I learned

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