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Animal Fact Sheet

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Resplendent Quetzal

Pharomachrus mocinno

Pharomachrus mocinno is famous for a tail it does not actually have. The metre-long streamers trailing behind a breeding male are not tail feathers at all — they are enormously elongated upper tail c…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Trogonidae
Habitat: Cloud forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 3-10 years
Weight: 210-230 grams
Scientific name: Pharomachrus mocinno

Did you know?

- The name 'quetzal' comes from Nahuatl, meaning 'precious' or 'sacred', reflecting the bird's importance in ancient Mesoamerican civilizations.
- Guatemala named its currency the quetzal after the bird, and it appears on the national flag and coat of arms. Captive quetzals almost invariably die…

What I learned

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