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Animal Fact Sheet

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Satin Bowerbird

Ptilonorhynchus violaceus

The male satin bowerbird builds a structure that is not a nest and never will be. The bower is a stage: two parallel walls of upright sticks forming an avenue, built purely for courtship, and a femal…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ptilonorhynchidae
Habitat: Temperate and subtropical forests, particularly rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-20 years
Weight: 150-250 grams
Scientific name: Ptilonorhynchus violaceus

Did you know?

- Immature male Satin Bowerbirds resemble females in appearance and do not attain their vivid adult plumage until around seven years of age.
- The bower is not a nest — it is a courtship stage, and no egg is ever laid in it. He collects blue objects almost exclusively, which in modern Austra…

What I learned

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