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Animal Fact Sheet

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Scarlet Macaw

Ara macao

The scarlet macaw (Ara macao) is one of the largest parrots, up to 90 centimetres including a tail that is more than half its length. Its bare white face is not simply skin: it is crossed by tiny row…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Psittacidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 40-50 years (wild), up to 75 years (captivity)
Weight: 900–1,200 g
Scientific name: Ara macao

Did you know?

- Scarlet Macaws can mimic human speech and sounds, making them popular (but challenging) pets.
- Scarlet macaws are zygodactyl, with two toes forward and two back, and they use a foot like a hand to hold food, showing a consistent left-footed bia…

What I learned

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