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Animal Fact Sheet

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Southern Cassowary

Casuarius casuarius

The cassowary is often called the most dangerous bird in the world, and the danger is very specific: the inner toe of each foot carries a straight, dagger-like claw up to about twelve centimetres lon…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Casuariidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 40-50 years
Weight: 35-58 kg
Scientific name: Casuarius casuarius

Did you know?

- Despite their size and fearsome reputation, Southern Cassowaries are crucial for rainforest regeneration due to their unique ability to spread large …
- The dagger-like inner claw on each foot can be 12 cm long, and the bird kicks forward and down. Its head casque is not a weapon — it is spongy, and l…

What I learned

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