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Animal Fact Sheet

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Toco Toucan

Ramphastos toco

The toco toucan has the largest bill relative to body size of any bird, and for a long time nobody could explain why. It is not a weapon, and it is not primarily a feeding tool: the bill is a thermal…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ramphastidae
Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, savannas, and open woodlands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 18-26 years
Weight: 500–860 grams
Scientific name: Ramphastos toco

Did you know?

- Toco Toucans regulate their body temperature by adjusting blood flow to their enormous bills, making their beaks serve as natural thermal radiators.
- The toucan's outsized bill is mainly a heat radiator — it dumps body heat by adjusting blood flow through it. Despite its size the bill is very light…

What I learned

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