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Animal Fact Sheet

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Turquoise-browed Motmot

Eumomota superciliosa

The turquoise-browed motmot (Eumomota superciliosa) of Central America carries a tail that ends in two bare wires tipped with paddle-shaped rackets, and the rackets are not grown that way. The barbs …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Momotidae
Habitat: Open woodlands, forest edges, and scrublands
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 65-70 grams
Scientific name: Eumomota superciliosa

Did you know?

- Unlike most birds, the Turquoise-browed Motmot's tail feathers naturally lose barbs near the tip, giving them their unique racket shape without the b…
- The racket-tipped tail is not grown that way: the barbs above the tip are loose and simply fall off as the bird preens. Motmots wag the tail like a p…

What I learned

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