

Blue-headed Conure

Psittacara acuticaudatus



Found in large parts of South America from eastern Colombia to northern Argentina in the south. They inhabit savanna-like habitats, woodland and forest margins, but avoid dense humid forest.

Made famous by the movie "Paulie", the Blue-headed Conure is also known as the Blue-crowned Parakeet or Blue-crowned Conure. After the release of the movie in 1998, these birds' popularity soared and many were taken from the wild to support the pet trade and demand for them. Since then though, they are now often bred in captivity to supply the pet trade.

Although they are common throughout most of their range, little is known of their habits in the wild. Like all parrots, they are very intelligent and demand a lot of attention to keep their minds active. Despite being caught in their thousands for the pet trade, their main threats in the wild are habitat destruction, predation by rats and also the expansion of tourism into areas previously untouched.



Lifespan: 30 – 40 Years

Weight: 165 g

Size: 37 cm

Breeding Season: March - July

Incubation Period: 22 - 25 Days

Number of Chicks: 2-4

Diet: Seeds, Berries, Fruits, Cultivated Crops

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, introduced predators

Conservation Status: Least Concern - CITES App. II.