

Blue-headed Macaw

Primolius couloni

The Blue-headed Macaw is not commonly seen in captivity in South Africa and is one of the least known of the South American Parrots. They are found in Peru, Brazil and Bolivia.

There is not a lot of information known about the Blue-headed Macaws habits in the wild. They are found at the edges of humid lowland evergreen forests, along rivers and by clearings and other breaks in continuous canopy. In some areas they are even found on the outskirts of towns and villages. There is no information on their breeding habits in the wild and in captivity they are one of the least successful breeding birds with only about 5% of the captive population breeding.

In the wild their reproductive output is very low with only 1 out of 10 pairs seen immediately after the breeding season judged to have bred successfully (accompanied by at least 1 chick) in 1994.



Lifespan: 50 Years
Weight: 207 – 294 g
Size: 41 cm
Breeding Season: December - March
Incubation Period: 26 Days
Number of Chicks: 3 - 4
Diet: No information on diet in the wild but assumed to be Seeds, Nuts, Fruits, Berries and Flowers
Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.
Conservation Status: Vulnerable – CITES App. 1