

# Blue-winged Macaw

*Primolius maracana*



These small Macaws are found in North-east, Central and South-east Brazil, Paraguay and North-east Argentina. Once relatively common through most of their range, they are becoming scarce.

Also known as the Illiger's Macaw, Blue-winged Macaws are found in a vast area but in recent decades it has been inexplicably difficult to find. They are found living in the borders of tropical lowland evergreen forests, palm groves and gallery woodland areas. In some areas of their range they have now been listed as extinct where once they were common to abundant. It was listed as extinct in Rio de Janeiro but recently recolonized one area so well that this is perhaps its stronghold in the region with the biggest population.

There is not much known of their wild nesting habits but in captivity they breed readily with the young leaving the nest at around 70 days old. They become independent at around 5 months old and reach sexual maturity at 3 years of age.



**Lifespan:** 25 Years

**Weight:** 246 - 266 g

**Size:** 36 - 43 cm

**Breeding Season:** December - February

**Incubation Period:** 26 - 27 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 3

**Diet:** No information in the wild except for a report of Syringa berries. Probably Seeds, Nuts, Berries and Fruits.

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

**Conservation Status:** Near Threatened - CITES App. 1