

Channel-billed Toucan

Ramphastos vitellinus



Channel-billed Toucans are found in forests and woodlands in Brazil, Venezuela, the Guianas and Bolivia.

Like all members of the toucan family, Channel-billed Toucans are found living in the canopy section of the forest, and very rarely come down to the ground. Their bright colours help camouflage them among the flowers and fruits at the tops of trees. Seen from underneath, their mainly black and white colour fits them in with the dappled sunlight filtering through the canopy.

The parents are both active in raising the young. The white eggs are laid in a high unlined tree cavity, and the parents both incubate for 15 to 16 days. New-born toucans remain in the nest after hatching. They are blind and naked at birth, and their eyes open after about 3 weeks. The chicks begin to leave the nest after 40 to 50 days.



Lifespan: 25 Years

Weight: 300 - 430 g

Size: 45 - 48 cm

Breeding Season: August - December

Incubation Period: 15 - 16 Days

Number of Chicks: 3 - 4

Diet: Mostly Fruits but also Insects, Frogs, Small Reptiles, Birds Eggs and Baby Birds

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

Conservation Status: Vulnerable – CITES App. II