

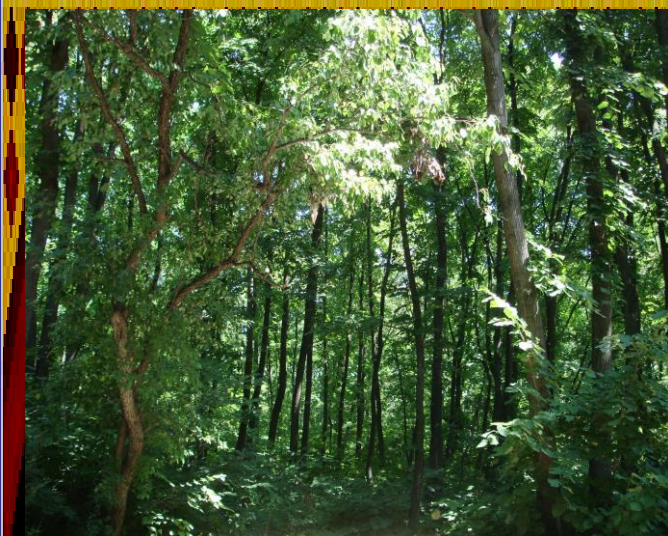
Costa Rican Mealy Amazon

Amazona farinosa virenticeps

These large Amazon Parrots are found in Lowland Tropical Forests, Palm Stands, Woodland and Forests in Honduras and Panama.

Whilst not the most colourful of the Amazon Parrots, the Costa Rican Mealy Amazon has a charm of its own. They have a gentle nature and are also one of the quieter of the Amazons in our collection. In the wild they are found in pairs or flocks of up to 20 individuals, with larger congregations at food sources. They also form large noisy communal roosts in tall trees outside breeding season sometimes with several hundred birds.

Despite their gentle nature they are not commonly kept as pets and this may be due to their quiet nature or their lack of bright colour. Either way, this may have helped preserve them in their natural habitat as their numbers are relatively stable and in some areas are the most common of the Amazon Parrot species.



Lifespan: 50 Years

Weight: 535 - 766 g

Size: 38 - 43 cm

Breeding Season: November - May

Incubation Period: 26 - 27 Days

Number of Chicks: 3

Diet: Mostly Fruits, Seeds, Flowers, Nectar and Flower Buds

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, hunted for food.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. 2