

Military Macaw

Ara militaris



The Military Macaw lives in Tropical Forest to Open Country along water courses through to Dry and Semi-arid areas in Mexico, Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina.

The Military Macaw is very similar to the Buffon's Macaw and is found in the same areas. In Mexico, they are uncommon to frequent in the Northern part of their range but possibly extinct in the South, largely through trade. There is an attempt at reintroducing them to their former range in Guatemala whilst in Argentina they are extremely rare and on the verge of extinction. In Ecuador there have been very few recent sightings and in Northern Peru they are also uncommon and becoming rarer. In the next few years the list of places you won't see them anymore will be greater than the list of places you can see them in the wild.



Lifespan: 50 Years
Weight: 972 - 1134 g
Size: 70 cm
Breeding Season: March - July
Incubation Period: 29 Days
Number of Chicks: 2 - 3
Diet: Mostly fruits from Palm Trees, Figs and Syringa Trees
Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade - mostly illegal
Conservation Status: Vulnerable - CITES App. 1