

Trumpeter Hornbill

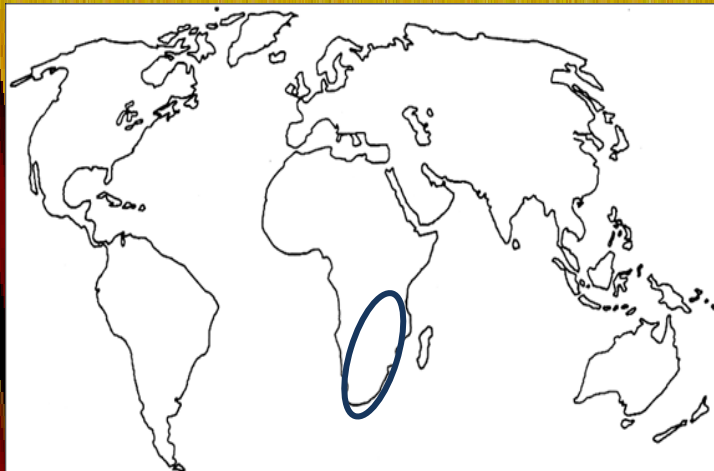
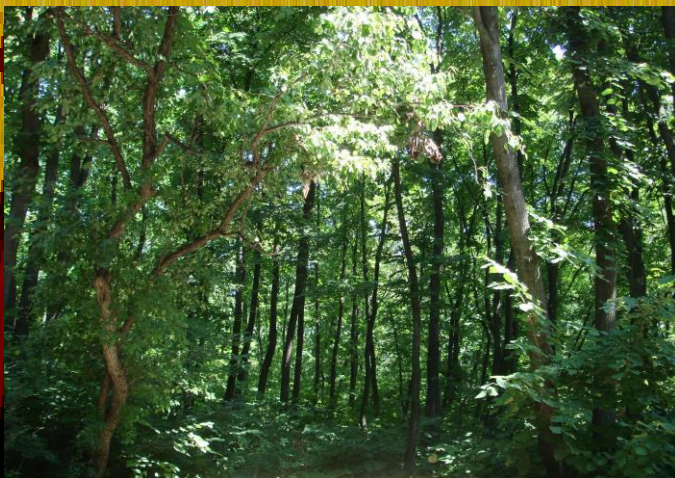
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The Trumpeter Hornbill is found in patches from Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe to South Africa, and are one of the more common Hornbill species in parts of their range. They tend to be found living in montane and coastal forest patches as well as tall woodland and gallery forest. They move around their range according to fruiting trees and spend most of their day foraging in the forest canopy for fruits.

The nest is a natural cavity in a trunk or large branch of a tree, and is often reused for many years. The entrance is sealed with mud pellets with the female inside, leaving just a thin slot through which the male can pass food.

Their eerie call can be heard from a distance and resembles the sound of a baby crying. Their wing-beats are also very loud and quite something to hear if you are lucky enough to have them flying overhead.



Lifespan: 40 Years

Weight: 452 - 941 g

Size: 50 - 55 cm

Breeding Season: September - December

Incubation Period: 40 Days

Number of Chicks: 1 - 3

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

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened