

# Vinaceous Amazon

*Amazona vinacea*

One of the more colourful of the Amazon species, the Vinaceous Amazon is found in Eastern Brazil, Eastern Paraguay and Northern Argentina.

The Vinaceous Amazon is one of the rarest of the Amazon species in South America. The decline in their numbers is largely due to massive habitat destruction and trapping for the pet trade. This trade has been more for local markets than international trade. There are a large number of protected areas within their range but these don't appear to provide for their needs year-round. As a result they move to unprotected areas looking for food and also nest-sites which makes them extremely vulnerable.

Breeding is mostly from September to December in Argentina and Paraguay but later in Brazil. This is possibly due to a lack of suitable nest sites and some pairs wait for others to leave a nest before taking it over for themselves in order to breed.



**Lifespan:** 50 Years

**Weight:** 300 - 400 g

**Size:** 30 cm

**Breeding Season:** Sep - Jan

**Incubation Period:** 25 - 26 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 4

**Diet:** Nuts, Buds, Berries, Fruits, Flowers, leaves, Bamboo shoots.

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

**Conservation Status:** Endangered – CITES APP I. Now virtually rare throughout their range.