

Toco toucan

Ramphastos toco



Range: The Guianas to Brazil, Bolivia
W. Peru and N. Argentina

Size: ♂: 55-65 cm (22-26 in)

♀: 60 cm (22-26 in)

Weight: ♂: 723-876g (1.6-1.9 lbs)

♀: 550-723 g (1.1-1.27 lbs)

Wing: ♂: 61 cm (24 in)

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Habitat: forest edge, savannahs

Incubation: 17-18 days

Eggs: 2-4

Fledge: 8-9 weeks

Sexual maturity: 36-48 months

Nest: Tree cavity

Social: groups 3-5

Breeding: monogamous

Movement: generally sedentary

Food: fruit, small vertebrates

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies: 2

Longevity: captive: 15 yrs Wild: 20 yrs

Order: Piciformes Family: Ramphastidae

The largest of the toucans the Toco toucan is a stunning bird. Its brilliant beak is colored orange and measures over 9 inches (23 cm). Less gregarious than other toucans the toco is often seen in pairs or small family groups up to five. The toco toucan is also more carnivorous than other Ramphastids. In addition to insects and small lizards it will take larger prey like fledglings and small mammals. While fruit is the major component of the diet the toco toucan will feed on animals more often during breeding season

and while rearing young. They can often be observed raiding nests of other birds eating both eggs and young birds.

Like other toucans Toco toucans are not strong fliers. Their wings are relatively short with the wingspan approximately equal to body length.