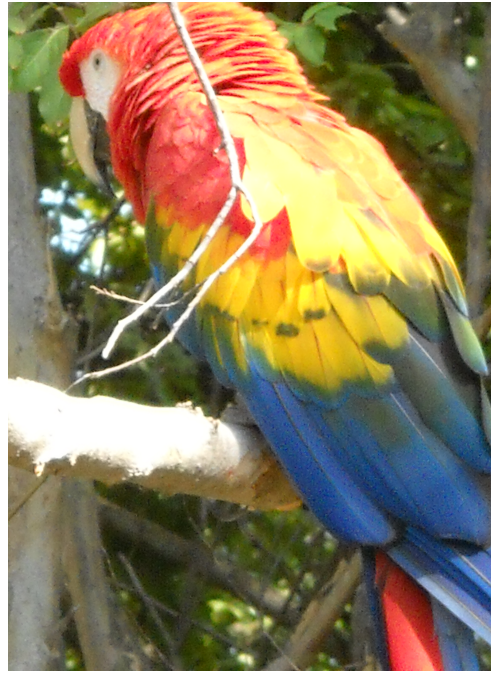


Scarlet Macaw

Ara macao



Range: Mexico to Northern South America

HBL: ♂ 85cm (32in)

♀: 85 cm (32 in)

Weight: ♂ 1 kg (2.2 lb)

♀: 1 kg (2.2 lb)

Sexual Maturity: 5 years

Eggs: 2

Incubation: 28 days

Fledging: 90 days

Habitat: Gallery rainforest

Food: Fruits and nuts

Activity: Diurnal

Lifestyle: Arboreal

Social: flocks up to 30

Breeding: Monogamous

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies: 2

Longevity: wild: 50 years

Captivity: 75 years

Order: Psittaciniformes Family: Psitacidae

The Scarlet Macaw has the largest range of any macaw in the genus *Ara*. There are two subspecies of the scarlet macaw. The Central American subspecies *A. m. cyanooptera* ranges from Mexico to Panama and is distinguished by blue on the wings instead of green. The South American subspecies *A. m. Macao* is smaller and ranges from Colombia to Paraguay.

Although the scarlet macaw has a large range the population is decreasing. Due to its large range the IUCN has listed the species as Least Concern. However it is listed as Endangered by the USFW and as APPENDIX I by CITES. Like other psittacines this species is protected by the Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA).