

SWAINSON'S TOUCAN

Ramphastus swainsonii

Order: Piciformes Family: Ramphastidae

Range: honduras to Colombia

Size: 52-56cm(35-41 in)

Weight: 599-746 g(1.3-1.6 lb)

Diet: fruit and insects

No. Of eggs: 2-4

Incubation : 14-15 days

Fledging: 42 days

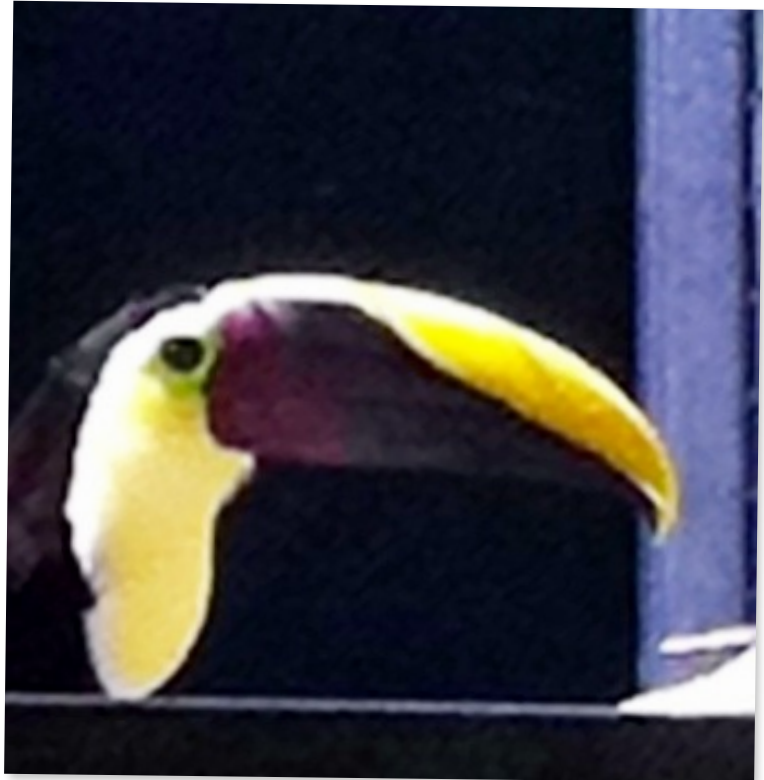
Caregiver : both parents incubate and care for young

Sexual maturity: 4-6 yrs

Breeding monogamous

Life span: unknown in the wild. Twenty-five years in captivity

IUCN: Least Concern



Sometimes considered a sub species of the yellow-throatedat toucan (Ramphastos ambiguus) the Swainson's toucan is the largest toucan in Central America. The alternative, name Chestnut mandible toucan comes from the beautifully covered bill which can rates 7 1/2 inches. A breeding pair will nest in a cavity of a tree where usually two eggs are laid. Both parents care for the young.

The Jacksonville zoo has a breeding pair of Swenson's two cans off exhibit at this time. Desert part of the SSP which has a captive breeding program.