

RED-BILLED TOUCAN

Ramphastos tucanus



FUN FACTS

- The toucan is a poor flyer, instead hopping from tree to tree.
- Since toucans cannot sweat, they are thought to use their large bills, made of keratin, to thermoregulate. These have a large, uninsulated surface area over which to radiate heat, and feature networks of blood vessels for dumping or absorbing heat. Toco toucans (the largest species) can shed up to four times the amount of heat the bird produces at rest.
- Many species make barking, croaking, and growling sounds. Toucans combine their extensive vocal calls with tapping and clattering sounds from their bill.

THREATS & CONSERVATION

The primary threat to this species is accelerating deforestation in the Amazon basin as land is cleared for cattle ranching, soy production, and expansion of road networks.

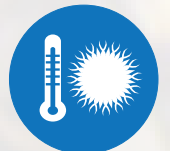


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bird

biome
*tropical
rainforest*

diet
omnivore

body temp
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biorhythm
diurnal

birth
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interaction
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habitat
arboreal