



Blue and Yellow Macaw

Ara ararauna

Fun facts

- An adult macaw's length is 86cm – 92cm, it's wing span is 1.1 metres and their potential lifespan is 60 - 80 years.
- They are widely distributed over tropical (northern) South America, and also over Panama and Central America.
- The macaw is common in areas of good habitat where no trapping occurs. It has declined or disappeared from many areas near human habitation and where drastic deforestation has occurred, such as coastal Brazil.
- The macaw mainly eats high fat fruits and nuts, especially walnuts, pecans, brazil nuts and macadamia nuts. They will, however, try most foods.
- In the wild, macaws help promote forest growth by dropping food they are eating and so spread the seeds throughout the forest.
- They can mimic sounds and human speech.
- They are very intelligent and can be taught to do tricks.
- Macaws mate for life.

