

Learn about Macaws!

Macaws are parrots that are only found in Central and South America! There are 17 living species of Macaw, many are endangered due to the illegal wildlife trade and habitat loss! Macaws all live in huge flocks and are very loud in order to communicate with each other in the dense rainforest!

Rainforest Re-planters

Macaws favorite foods are fruits and nuts, and they are very messy eaters! Their messy nature is very important to the health of their rainforest homes because they are seed dispersers, helping new trees to grow!



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The Little Rock Zoo supports the World Parrot Trust, which helps to protect this endangered Macaws and other parrots around the world!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

World Parrot Trust:

<https://www.parrots.org/about-wpt/why-save-parrots>
<https://www.parrots.org/about-wpt/how-we-work>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/group/macaws/>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/video/til-why-do-these-birds-eat-dirt/>

Other:

BBC Earth - Earthflight: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GN9AHGOyQ1g>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/macaw>

Colorful Macaws

Macaws are built to fly through the trees in the forest, with a streamlined body and tail shape and wings that don't flap deeply. When they come in for a landing, they drop their tail and feet downward and use their wings like brakes to slow down before grasping a perch with their feet.

Color these two macaws however you like, then cut them out and glue them to a craft stick and fly around your room with them.

