

Green Aracari

Scientific Name: *Pteroglossus viridis*

Class: Aves

Order: Piciformes

Family: Ramphastidae



The Green Aracari is a toucan with a forest green back, wings and tail. Its underside is bright yellow and there is a red patch on the rump. The head is dark blue with a red and blue patch around the eye. The big bill is tricolored; yellow on top, dark blue on the bottom, and red in the center. The Green Aracari has a length of about 35 cm. The dark blue head is only on the male while the female head is russet colored.

Range

Venezuela, Guianas, Northeast Brazil

Habitat

Humid forest lowland, to elevations of 600 meters

Gestation

17 days

Litter

2 to 4 eggs

Behavior

The Green Aracari is somewhat sedentary and easily frightened. The Green Aracari don't usually gather in flocks.

Reproduction

The Green Aracari breeds from February to June. They nest in tree holes about 60 feet up. Both parents cooperate in raising the young from birth until six months.

Wild Diet

Tree Fruits