

Primary Worksheets: Toucan



The toucan is a colourful bird that is native to South America's tropical forests. It is well recognized by people all over the world because of its appearance.

Most can recognize a toucan because of its large infamous colourful beak. It can grow up to 20cm long but is not heavy! Toucans have a black body with a white throat.

Toucans can be found in tree hollows or abandoned woodpecker holes in the tropical forest. They are being affected by the rainforest destruction because of many people buying rainforest wood.



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There are around 40 different kind of toucans, ranging in different sizes. They can be as tall as 2 feet! They spend a lot of time in their trees as they aren't very good at flying.

To travel short distances, toucans need to flap their wings vigorously. There are many predators who hunt toucans because of their lack of an escape plan. Wild cats are the most common predators, but snakes and rodents may attack the smaller toucans or eggs.

Even though a toucan has a large beak, it is not a good weapon!



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Toucans are not born with large beaks; it takes them several months for their beaks to grow and become big. Several toucans can live together and lay their eggs in their hollows.

Toucans are lazy birds and like to stay in one place generally. Since they cannot fly well, they do not go far away from home. They stay on the trees and eat the fruits on the branches.

Sometimes toucans will choose to snack on eggs of other birds or insects, frogs, and reptiles. They don't need much water, as they get most of it from fruits.

They can regulate their body temperature, so do not need to travel like normal birds to warmer climates!

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Answer the questions.

What is a toucan?

What are they famous for?

Why are Toucans bad at escaping?



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Answer the questions.

Write about their diet.

Why are Toucans in danger?

