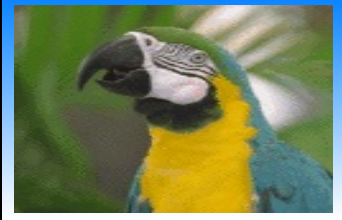


# Blue and Gold Macaw

*Ara ararauna*



## What is the history of my relationship to man?

I am a good pet for man as long as he can give me a lot of attention and likes a loud and vocal pet.

### Habitat / Climate

Woodland/ Tropics

### Where am I from?

South America from Trinidad south to Brazil



### Other family members

Amazon Parrots  
Conures

### Who are my relatives?

There are about 16 species of Macaw in the wild. Although in captivity we have hybridized several of them. 9 of them are endangered.



### Breeding Potential

Clutch size/litter? Eggs per clutch possible 2 clutches per year.

### How am I born?

We mate for life . We nest in hole in trees, 2 eggs are the normal clutch size. The eggs are incubated for 28 days. We are born blind and featherless. In a few week we open our eyes and start getting feathers. The chicks fledge from the nest in about 90 days.

### How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

By the time I have fledged and am ready to leave the nest I am ready to try flying and I am already as big as I will get. Over the next few months I will add bulk but not get bigger. I can live up to 100 years if well cared for.

### Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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### What kind of family life do I have?

I live in flocks of my own kind of macaw, you may see us eating with other types of macaws. My parents mate for life and always go back to the same tree to nest. There have been sightings of the same macaw in villages for 2 or more generations.

### Names for:

Adult male- Cock  
Adult female- Hen  
Young--Chick  
Group- Flock

### What do I eat and when do I eat?

I eat a diet of a variety of seeds, nuts, and dried fruit, with fresh vegetables and fruits. It has been noticed that if I eat to many citrus fruits I get cranky.

### Who are my predators?

The Harpy Eagle, the Hawk Eagle, and the Orange Breasted Falcons likes to catch the Macaw as they are flying.



Comments:

Jasper is our Blue and Gold macaw. He likes male humans better than females.