

Species Fact Sheets

Order: Psittaciformes
Scientific Name: *Ara glaucogularis*

Family: Psittacidae
Common Name: Blue-throated macaw

AZA Management: Green Yellow Red None



NATURAL HISTORY:

Geographic Range: Europe Asia North America Neotropical
 Africa Australia Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

Habitat: Forest Desert Grassland Coastal
 Riverine Montane Other [Seasonally flooding savanna with palm islands](#)

Circadian Cycle: Diurnal Crepuscular Nocturnal Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

Cold Tolerance: To 70° F To 60° F To 50° F To 40° F
 To 30° F To 20° F Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

Heat Tolerance: To 30° F To 50° F To 70° F To 90° F
 To 110° F Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

Diet: Frugivore Carnivore Piscivore Insectivore
 Nectivore Omnivore Folivore Other (Add Below)

Captive Dietary Needs:
 The primary offering should be a parrot maintenance pellet, then supplemented with fresh produce and nuts and seeds. To maintain a proper nutritional balance, ensure the pellet is being consumed as opposed to just the nuts and seeds.

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Life Expectancy in the Wild: Males: Unknown, but most likely less than in captivity Females: Same as male

Life Expectancy in Captivity: Males: Unknown due to limited time in captivity, but thought to be around 50 years Females: Same as male

BREEDING INFORMATION:

Age at Sexual Maturity: Males: 5 years Females: 5 years

Courtship Displays: Allo-preening and feeding, chewing on nest box

Nest Site Description: Thick, horizontal boxes 12"x12"x36" or smaller barrels are preferred by this species.

Clutch Size, Egg Description: 1-3 white eggs which can be laid over a period of 7 days

Incubation Period: 26 days

Fledgling Period: 14 weeks average

Parental Care: Both male and female. Encourage parent-rearing of offspring.

Chick Development: Altricial

CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION:

Social Structure in the Wild: Small flocks and pairs

Social Structure in Captivity: Pairs or social flocks

Minimum Group Size: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Maximum Group Size: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Compatible in Mixed Species Exhibits: Varies **Comments:** Dependant on individuals

Optimal Habitat Size: Enclosures should be large enough to encourage flight with an outdoor component.

Management Challenges: Mechanical capabilities of beak

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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