

AZA Struthioniformes TAG

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Enrichment feature

- On July 1st “Little Bird” celebrated his 35th birthday at the Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo
- He is pictured here with a favorite log device that looks deceptively real!

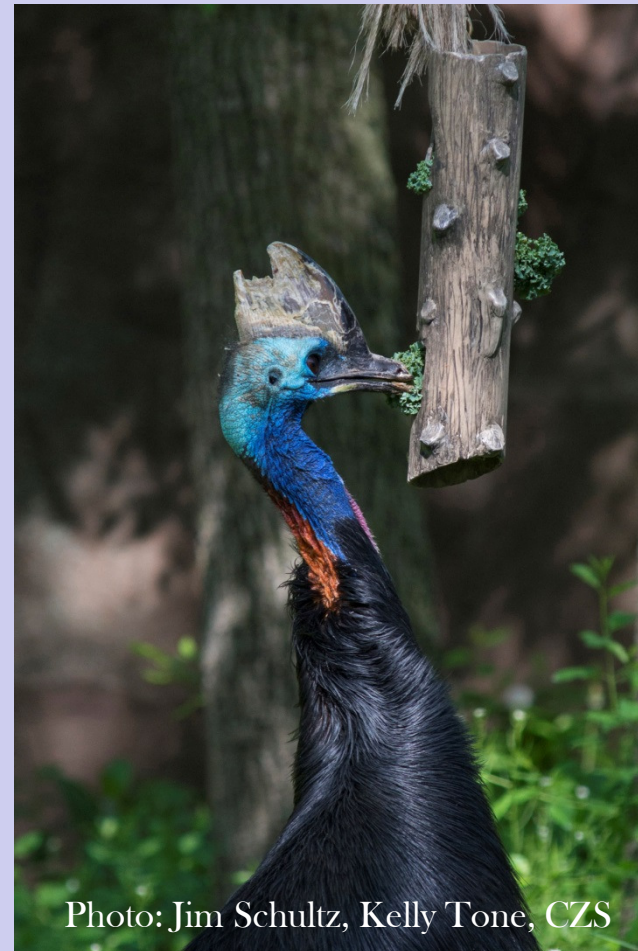
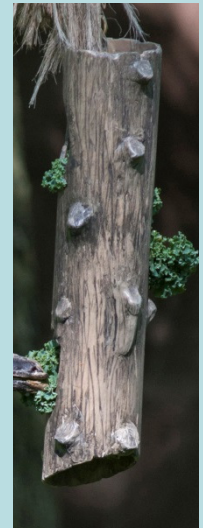


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Directions for making enrichment log device*

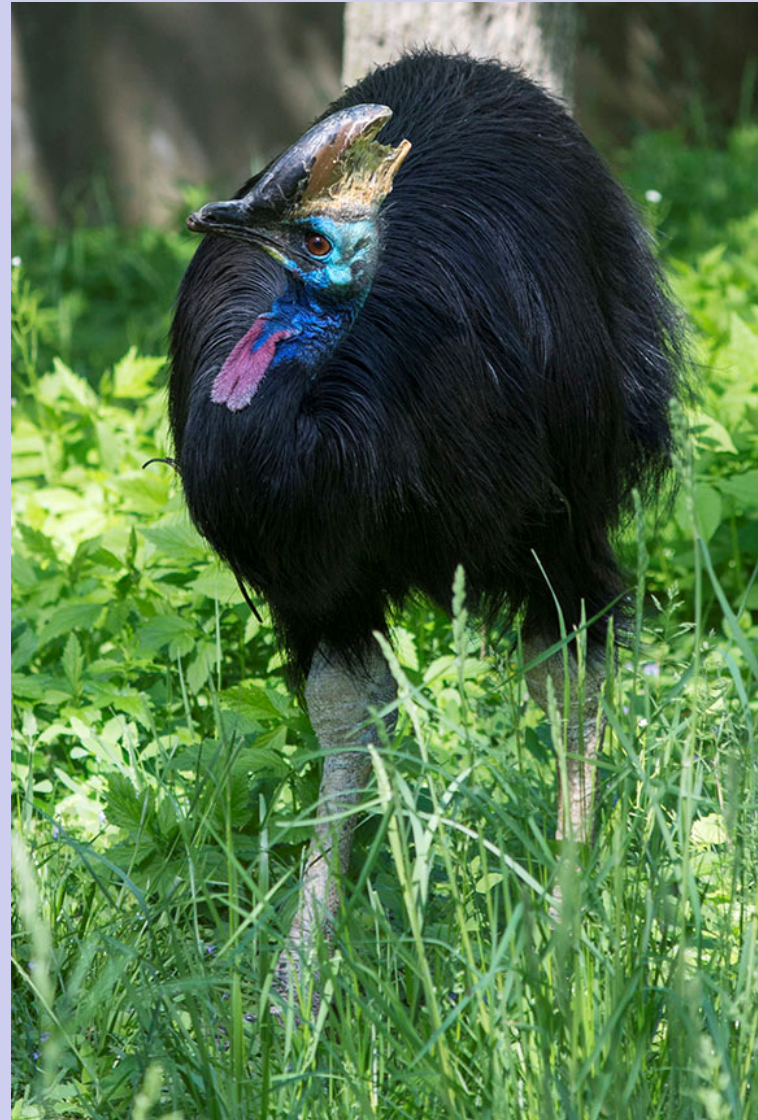
- Gather short lengths of PVC pipe
- Carve with a grinder to give them a wood grain texture
- Heat gently with heat gun to soften areas where a knot or a bend or a twist will be needed
- Hand paint to resemble wood
- Drill holes into the sides to provide browse or fruit
- Eyelets and hook eyes are mounted to facilitate hanging
- Resulting in a device that is tough, lightweight and easy to clean



*Matthew Owens and Sarah Feliciano, Senior Craftsmen Exhibit Department, Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo

Cassowaries are native to tropical forests of New Guinea and NE Australia. They have an average life span of 40 to 50 years in captivity and eat mainly fruit.

They are the second heaviest bird in the world behind the ostrich.



Fun Facts about “Little Bird”

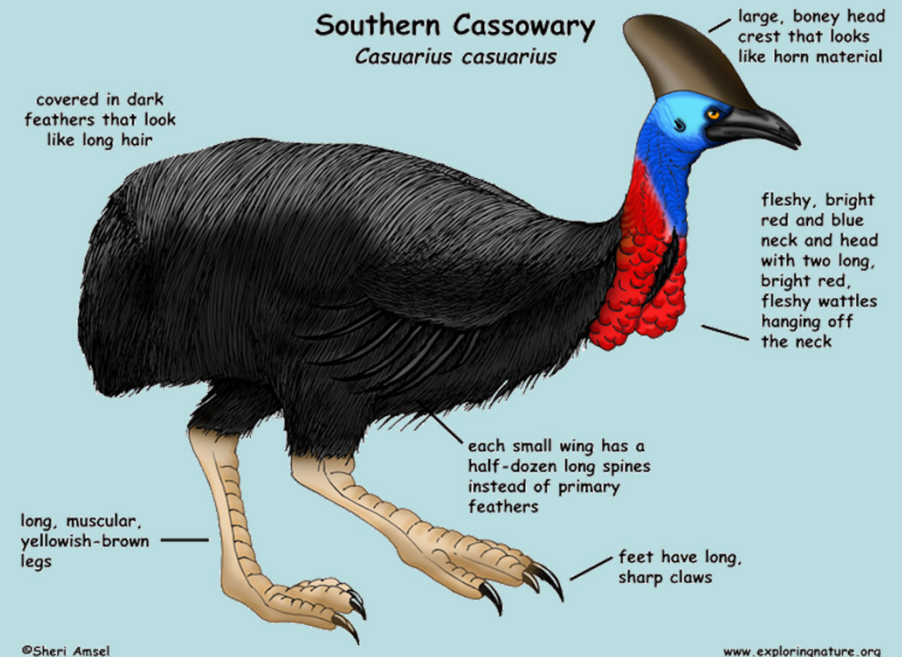
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- “Little Bird” hatched in Denver, CO on July 1st, 1979 and came to the Brookfield Zoo in September 1979.

- Favorite food:



- Favorite training: A to B's
- Favorite enrichment: hanging feeders



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