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GETTING TO KNOW... THE HARPY EAGLE

Region & Habitat	Harpy eagles range from Mexico to northern Argentina and live in forested areas.
Classification	Aves (birds)
Size	From 2ft.10in 3ft. 6in. with a wingspan of 5ft. 9in 7ft. 4in.
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Diurnal
Conservation Status	Vulnerable and threatened with extinction
Average Lifespan	35 - 45 years
Diet	Tree-dwelling mammals including sloths, monkeys, and opossums; large birds like macaws and currassows; and reptiles like iguanas and snakes.
Scientific Name	Harpia harpyja
Fun Fact	Their rear talons are about 3-4 inches long - the same size as a grizzly bear's claws!



The first thing one observes about the harpy eagle is they are HUGE! They may not be the largest bird of prey, but they are definitely the heaviest and most powerful of birds. A harpy eagle can weigh up to 20 pounds, with a wingspan of over 6 and a half feet! Its large, deadly talons can exert several hundred pounds of pressure, crushing the bones of its prey and

instantly killing its victim. Its facial disk feathers can be lowered or lifted like an owl, directing sound waves and improving its hearing 8 times better than humans!

Found living in forested areas from Mexico to northern Argentina, the harpy eagle prefers nesting at heights of 600 to 2000 meters above sea level. They are monogamous, with a lifespan of 35 to 45 years. A bonded pair may stay together for 25 to 30 years!

Harpy eagles are considered top predators in their food chain, feeding on sloths, opossums, monkeys, snakes, and even young deer. They have even been known to snatch adult howler monkeys, weighing in excess of 13 pounds! And rather than hunting down its prey, harpy eagles perch silently in a tree for hours – up to 23 hours – patiently waiting for its prey to come by.

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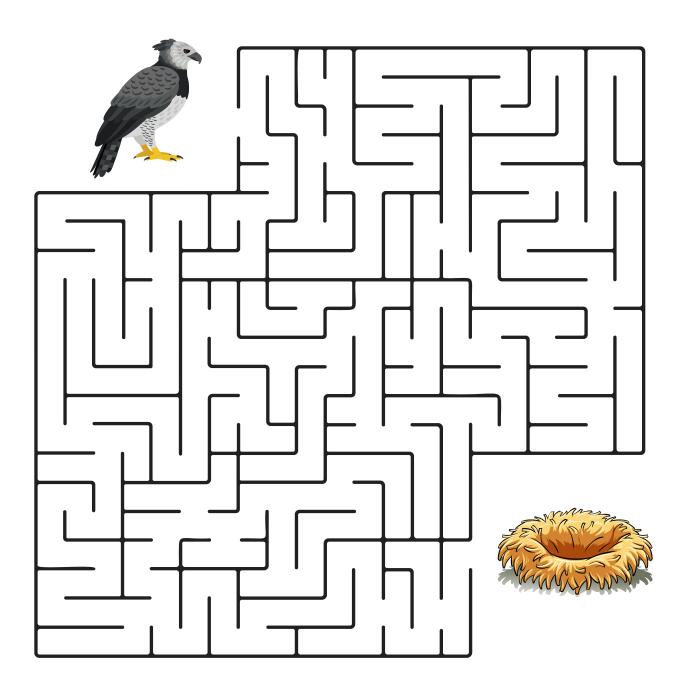
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Help the harpy eagle finds its way back to its nest.



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