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THE MACAW



GETTING TO KNOW...

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Region & Habitat	Central and Southern America. Tall, deciduous trees in forests and near rivers.
Classification	Aves
Size	Range in size from 12 in. to 40 in.
Nocturnal or Diurnal	Mostly diurnal
Conservation Status	Varies by species: The Great Green Macaw is critically endangered. Spix's Macaw is likely extinct in the wild, only 60–80 remain in captivity. Indigo Macaw is endangered, Scarlet Macaw is considered endangered in Mexico and other South American countries.
Average Lifespan	30-45 years
Diet	Fruits, nuts, seeds, leaf stems, and flower nectar. Some will eat insects and snails.
Scientific Name	Ara macao
Fun Fact	Macaws use loud calls, squawks, and other vocalizations to communicate, mark territory, and identify one another.



The brilliantly colorful macaw is a large member of the parrot family and can sometimes grow up to three feet in length! There are at least 17 species of macaws, including the scarlet macaw, the great green macaw, the blue-throated macaw, the indigo macaw, and the red-fronted macaw. A few macaw species are either labeled “at risk”, “endangered”, or even extinct. Macaws are intelligent, social birds and often

gather in flocks of 10 to 30.

Macaws feature large, powerful beaks that can crack open nuts and seeds – even rock-hard Brazil nuts! Their dry, scaly tongues have a bone inside them, an effective tool for tapping into fruits. Macaws also have gripping toes they use to not only latch onto branches, but also to grab, hold, and examine items.

When macaws get together, they emit a variety of calls, squawks, and screams that echo throughout the forest. However the most distinct, striking, and jarring sound coming from a macaw is a piercing “RAAAAK!” call which sounds like a primordial scream, something one would imagine a pterodactyl would make.

WORD SEARCH

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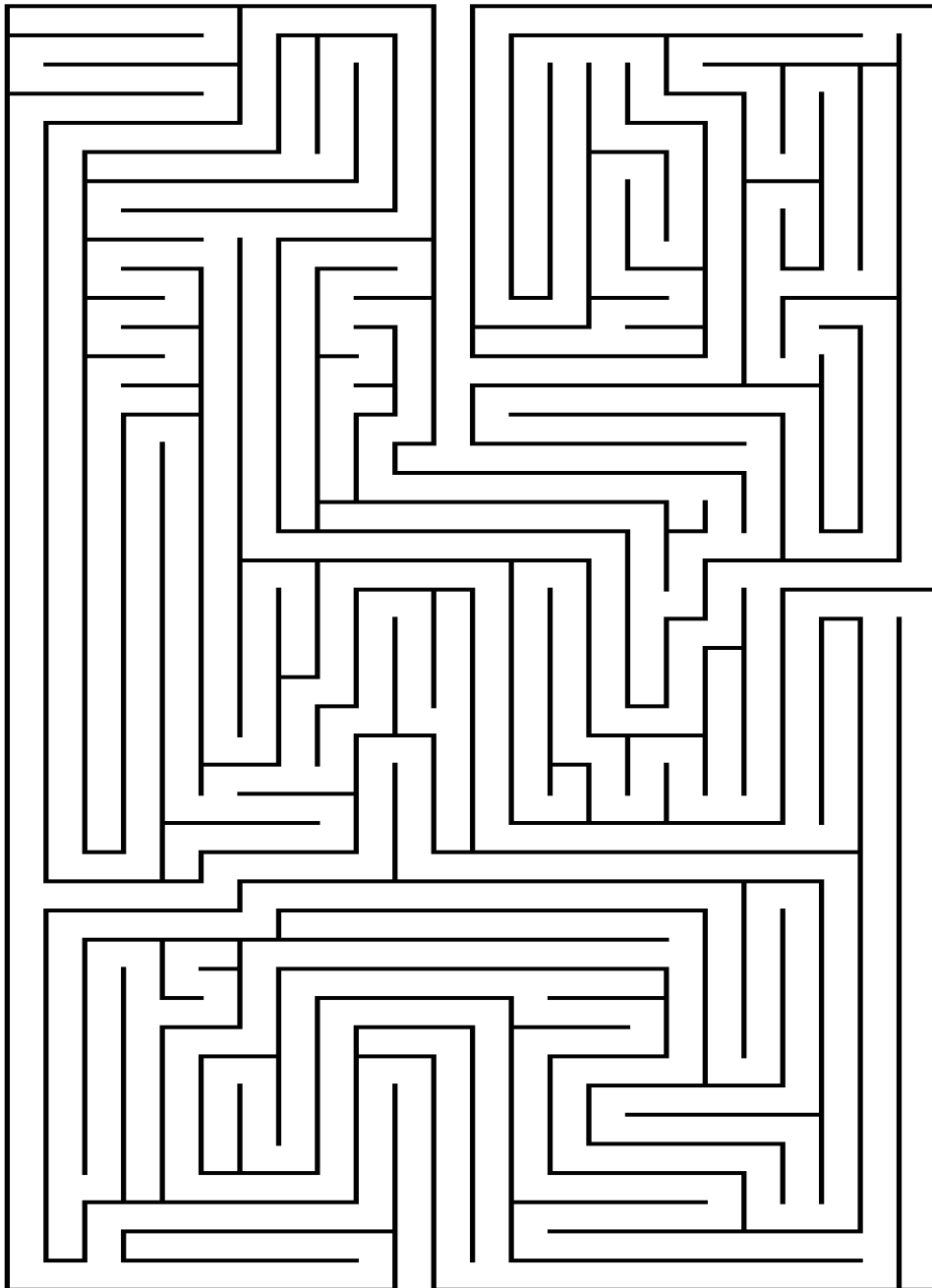
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Diurnal
Brazil
Mexico

Trees
Forest
Squawks

MAZE

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