



# TOUCAN

The king of exotic birds



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# Where can we find him

- Toucans are distributed mainly in lowland tropics.
- Their natural habitat is the South America around Argentina.
- They live only in tropical forests except those in captivity.
- The only toucan that doesn't live in the tropical forest is the toco toucan.



# Their description

- There is a variety of kinds that can be from 130 g and 30 cm up to 680 g and 65 cm.
- If you would compare a crow and a toucan you could see that their body is shorter than it should be compared to their size.
- Their legs are also small but very strong so that they can climb easily.
- Their beak is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their body size and can be big up to 20 cm.

# How do they live

- Toucans are very social species and they live in groups up to 20 birds.
- They leave their group and live in a pair for the breeding session.
- They build nests inside of holes dug out from woodpeckers in huge tree trunks.
- However, they are not very good at flying so they hop and climb more often [they only fly on a low level – like chickens].



# What do they eat

- Their food source is mainly fruit.
- They are omnivores, so that means that they can eat a whole variety of food but they like fruit the most in like 70% of cases.
- Bonus fact: Did you know that in the breeding session the males try to find the biggest and the ripest fruit for their female and by what fruit the female likes the most she picks the male?



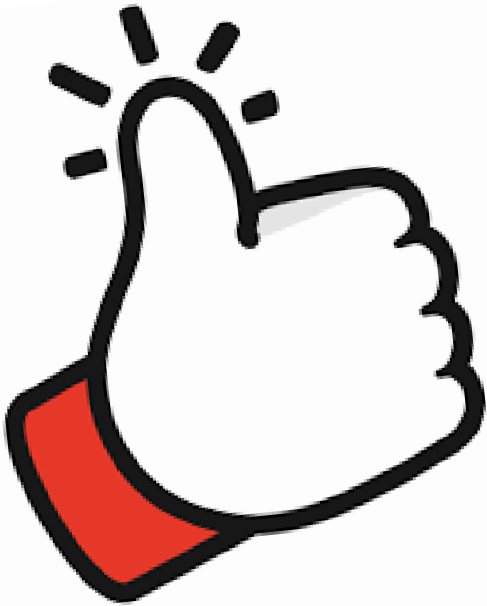
# Interesting facts

- Their beak is special because at a close look you could see that on the edges they have tiny teeth like triangles that help them at eating fruit.
- Toucans have a long tongue that can be up to 16 cm and it has very well evolved taste cells all around it and its very narrow.



# Final words

- Thanks for reading my presentation, I hope it brought you some new knowledge and I hope that you like toucans – I think they are very beautiful and fascinating animals.



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A cute bonus:



“Here’s how  
baby toucans  
look”