

# Green Aracari

**Scientific Name:** *Pteroglossus viridis*

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Piciformes

**Family:** Ramphastidae



The Green Aracari is a toucan with a forest green back, wings and tail. Its underside is bright yellow and there is a red patch on the rump. The head is dark blue with a red and blue patch around the eye. The big bill is tricolored; yellow on top, dark blue on the bottom, and red in the center. The Green Aracari has a length of about 35 cm. The dark blue head is only on the male while the female head is russet colored.

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## Range

Venezuela, Guianas, Northeast Brazil

## Habitat

Humid forest lowland, to elevations of 600 meters

## Gestation

17 days

## Litter

2 to 4 eggs

## Behavior

The Green Aracari is somewhat sedentary and easily frightened. The Green Aracari don't usually gather in flocks.

## Reproduction

The Green Aracari breeds from February to June. They nest in tree holes about 60 feet up. Both parents cooperate in raising the young from birth until six months.

## Wild Diet

Tree Fruits