

Squawking the blues

Jurong Bird Park is the only zoological park in the world where visitors will be able to see all three existing species of the rare blue macaw family, when the park's Parrot Paradise exhibit opens next Wednesday. Visitors will be able to find out more about the birds, and learn about ongoing conservation efforts to save them from extinction.



HYACINTH MACAW
(Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus)
Status: Vulnerable

The hyacinth macaw is the longest parrot in the world, and can grow up to 1m in length. It eats fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts, and its curved and pointed beak is strong enough to crack open a coconut.



SPIX'S MACAW
(Cyanopsitta spixii)
Status: Critically endangered

Smallest in the blue macaw family, the Spix's macaw is believed to be extinct in the wild, due to the loss of its natural woodland habitat in northern Brazil, and poaching. There are only about 150 of the birds left in the care of humans worldwide. The bird, also known as the little blue macaw, inspired the Rio movie series.

Want to catch a glimpse of the rare blue macaws at Jurong Bird Park?

Stand to win a pair of adult admission tickets by answering this question:

There are no Spix's macaws left in the wild. True/False?

Send your answer to
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before Monday (Nov 20). Five lucky readers will be selected randomly.

LEAR'S MACAW
(Anodorhynchus leari)

Status: Endangered

This species was named after Edward Lear, a British poet who was famous for painting macaws. This species may look similar to the hyacinth macaw, but it is smaller. The Lear's feathers also have a green tinge, unlike the blue of the hyacinth. There are about 1,300 Lear's macaws left in the wild.

