



VINACEOUS-BREASTED AMAZON

PSITTACIFORMES
Family: Psittacidae
Genus: *Amazona*
Species: *vinacea*



Range: Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay

Habitat: subtropical or tropical moist lowland forests, subtropical or tropical moist montane forests and plantations; closely associated with forests dominated by *Araucaria angustifolia* (Brazilian Pine).

Niche: Arboreal, herbivorous, diurnal

Diet: Wild: primarily tree seeds including *Araucaria*, *Podocarpus*, *Eucalyptus* and *Pilocarpus*. Also buds, berries, flowers, fruits and young eucalyptus and pine leaves.

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Life Span: Wild: 50 years

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Sexual Dimorphism: Males are generally larger than females and have larger heads and beaks.

Location in SF Zoo: South American Tropical Rainforest and Aviary

APPEARANCE & PHYSICAL ADAPTATIONS:

The Vinaceous-Breasted Amazons are medium-sized, stocky green parrots. They are named for their vinaceous or purple-maroon belly patch on their chest and abdomen coverts. Their feathers have black edges resulting in a scalloped appearance giving a scaly effect. They have a small red patch on the forehead, red lores and red wing speculum. The beak is a unique deep burgundy red color. The flight feathers are green at the base and violet blue distally and the tail is green with a red base of outer-tail feathers.

They have zygodactylous feet for climbing in the forests

Weight: 13 oz
Length: 11.7 in
Wingspan:
Tail Length:

STATUS AND CONSERVATION:

Classified as endangered and listed on Appendix I of CITES. Recent population estimates from Brazil indicate that the global population is very small, and has suffered a rapid decline owing to extensive habitat loss and fragmentation, compounded by trade, and rapid declines are projected to continue. Further clarification is needed as to whether any Brazilian subpopulations exceed 250 individuals.

COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BEHAVIOR:

Calls are a variety of sounds including raucous and continuous notes, trilling flight calls, "squeaky door" notes, purring sounds and loud contact and alarm calls.

Found generally in pairs or small flocks with larger groups of around 30 in July-August.

COURTSHIP AND YOUNG:

Nests in large tree cavities and may breed in loose colonies and sometimes on cliffs. The breeding season is from Sept- Dec in Argentina and Paraguay but rather later in Brazil.

Incubation: 25 – 26 days	Sexual Maturity:
# of Eggs: 2 - 4	Fledging: 70 days

MISCELLANEOUS:

SOURCES:

The Handbook of the Birds of the World Vol IV © 1996, Lynx Edicions, p475

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