

Fact Sheet and Word Search for Toucan Habitat

TOUCAN



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Toucans live in Southern Mexico, Central America, the northern portion of South America, and the Caribbean. Even though they have a very large **beak**, toucans rely on other animals to hollow out the trees where they make their **nests**.

Toucans use their **colorful** beaks to attract mates and to reach for **fruit** and other food. Toucans can even peel fruit with their beaks. Besides fruit, toucans will sometimes eat **insects**, young birds, eggs, or lizards.

Toucans can even regulate body **temperature** by adjusting the flow of blood to their beak. More blood flow means more **heat** is released. When toucans sleep, they tuck their beak under their **feathers** to keep them **warm**.

The legs of the toucan are strong and short. Their toes are arranged in pairs with the first and fourth toes turned backward allowing them to grasp **tree branches**.

Toucans spend a lot of time in trees, but they are not very good at **flying**. Toucans mainly travel among trees by **hopping**. When they do take flight, they flap their **wings** vigorously and **glide**, traveling only short distances.

Toucans live in small groups. They groom each other by removing dust and sticky seeds by gently **nibbling** one another's feathers with the tips of their beaks.

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