

## Scarlet Macaw

**Scientific Name:** *Ara macao*

**Common Name(s):** Scarlet, Red and Yellow

**Origin:** South Central Mexico, eastern Panama in Central America south across northern [South America](#), east of the Andes, to Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay

**Length:** 33-37 inches

**Wing span:** 44 - 47 inches

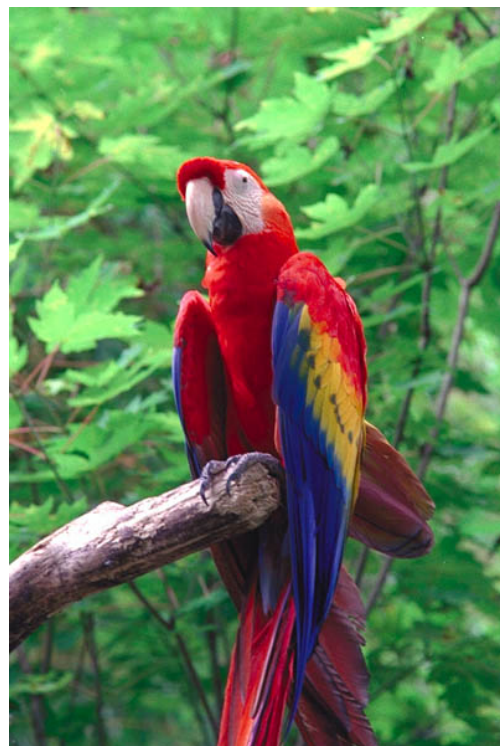
**Weight:** 850 - 1150 grams

**Body color:** They look like a rainbow starting with the head and shoulders a deep red changing to yellow about mid body, and finally blue and green on the lower part of the body and wings. The tail turns back to the deep red. The upper beak is horn colored and the bottom beak is black.

**Life span:** 60+ years

**Diet – Wild:** nuts, fruits, and seeds

**Captivity:** pellets, nuts, seed, fruits, vegetables, treats



**Personality:** The most impressionable of the large macaws, they are particularly sensitive to mistreatment of any type. They have sometimes been called "nippy," but if raised in a loving environment, allowed daily freedom from their cages and played with, they will match any Blue and Gold. They are highly sensitive to their environment and do poorly if raised in isolation. They can be the most loving and adoring member of the family, but if mistreated when they are raised or teased they can become headstrong and unhappy.

**Beak pressure:** unknown

**Sexing:** DNA or endoscopy only

**Cage size:** Minimum of 36" x 36" x 48"

**Cost – Pet store:** \$1300 - \$2000

**Breeder:** \$1000 - \$1500

**Adoption:** \$750.00