



Animals in the Amazon

MARTHA

Amazon river dolphins

The Amazon river dolphin, also called the **Pink** river dolphin, only lives in freshwater.

They are found throughout the Amazon and Orinoco rivers in Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Venezuela.

These dolphins feast on turtles, shrimp, crabs and many different species of fish including piranhas.

Sadly, because of dam building, pink river dolphins are becoming very vulnerable so now they are ranked 'not extinct'.





Fun fact!

AMAZON RIVER
DOLPHINS LIKE
TO SWIM
UPSIDE DOWN!

Macaws

Macaws are the largest of all parrots.

They nest in trees in Central and South America.

These birds are very social and intelligent animals so you can teach them tricks.

Nuts are cracked open with their large curved beaks. They also eat seeds, flowers, leaves and fruit.

Macaws are ranked 'endangered' because of rainforest destruction and humans capturing them for pets.





Fun fact!

MACAWS CAN
LIVE FOR UP TO
100 YEARS
THOUGH THIS IS
VERY RARE

Sloths

Sloths live in Central and South America in the highest canopy layer of the rainforest.

They are only about the size of a dog.

The two and three-toed sloths are the only species.

Sloths eat fruit, leaves, buds and young twigs.

Sometimes, if sloths haven't moved for a while, they begin to look green, even though they are normally a grey-brown colour, as algae has started growing on them!

One type of sloth (the three-toed pygmy sloth) is ranked 'critically endangered' but another type of sloth (the maned three-toed sloth) is 'vulnerable'.





Fun fact!

SLOTHS GIVE
BIRTH UPSIDE
DOWN!

Thank you for watching!

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

