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# McNeil Avian Center Bird Guide



Rhinoceros Hornbill  
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## Rhinoceros Hornbill

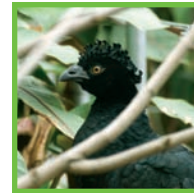
Found in Sumatra, Borneo, Java and parts of Indonesia, rhinoceros hornbills are one of the largest hornbills, with a wingspan of about 5 feet.



Micronesian Kingfisher  
 photo by Michael McAtee

## Micronesian Kingfisher

Now extinct in the wild, 29 Micronesian kingfishers were rescued from Guam in 1983. The first successfully parent-reared chick on record was hatched at the Philadelphia Zoo in 1985.



Yellow Knobbed Curassow  
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## Yellow Knobbed Curassow

Found in northern Venezuela and parts of Colombia, these birds are named for the fleshy yellow knob and wattles found at the base of their bills.



Hammerkop  
 photo by Jeff Chapman

## Hammerkop

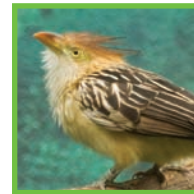
Found in Sub-Saharan Africa, their name is Afrikaans for "anvil head" or "hammerhead." They are considered magical birds because of their large elaborate nests.



Amakihi  
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## Amakihi

Found on the Hawaiian islands of Maui and Hawaii, males are bright yellow and green, and females are dull olive-green on top and dull yellow underneath.



Guira Cuckoo  
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## Guira Cuckoo

Guira cuckoos build communal nests where all the females lay their eggs and all the adults help take care of the chicks.



Sacred Ibis  
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## Sacred Ibis

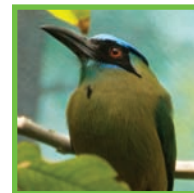
In ancient Egypt, sacred ibis were worshiped as an embodiment of Thoth, the god of wisdom. They were often mummified and buried with Pharaohs.



Bali/Rothschild's Mynah  
 by Philadelphia Zoo

## Bali/Rothschild's Mynah

These birds are listed as critically endangered. Bali mynahs and other mynahs are actually members of the starling family.



Blue-crowned Motmot  
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## Blue-crowned Motmot

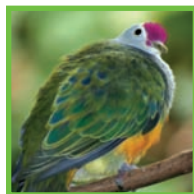
These birds have very distinctive tail feathers, with a small gap near the base of the tail. Legend has it the gap was caused by an ember the bird was carrying.



Blue Bellied Roller  
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## Blue Bellied Rollers

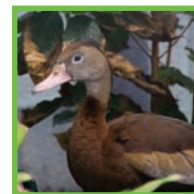
Found in western Africa from Senegal to Gambia, the name "roller" comes from the dramatic side-to-side motion in flight which is accompanied by a noisy, aggressive display.



Mariana Fruit Dove  
 photo by Max Lieberman

## Mariana Fruit Dove

Found on the Northern Mariana Islands, including Saipan, Tinian, Agiguan and Rota, Mariana fruit doves are listed as endangered.



Black Bellied Whistling Duck  
 photo by Philadelphia Zoo

## Black-bellied Whistling Duck

These ducks are very noisy and can be found perching in trees! They have long legs, erect necks and pair-bond over several seasons.



Egyptian Plover  
 photo by Philadelphia Zoo

## Egyptian Plover

Found in Sub-Saharan Africa, Egyptian plovers enjoy a symbiotic relationship with crocodiles. They can be found in the open mouth of a crocodile, eating parasites.



Victoria Crowned Pigeon  
 photo by Jeff Chapman

## Victoria Crowned Pigeon

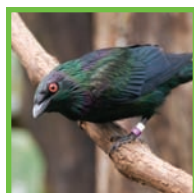
They are the largest of all living pigeons! The crown is used by males during courtship. He holds it erect and bows to the female in order to impress her.



Guam Rail  
 photo by Jessie Cohen

## Guam Rail

The Guam rail was rescued from the brink of extinction in 1983. Guam rails are essentially flightless and can only flutter for up to 10 feet, yet they can swim, dive and even sink using their wings under water.



Metallic Starling  
 by Philadelphia Zoo

## Metallic Starling

Metallic starlings, native to New Guinea and nearby Australasian Island, are also known as the "whirlwind bird" because of their impressive aerial acrobatics.