**Blue and Gold Macaw**

**Native to:** South America in Rainforest and Tropical Savannahs

**Predators:**  Birds of Prey, Large Snakes, Large Cat’s

**Food:** Fruits, Seeds, Nuts, Leaves

**Facts:**

* One of the larger Species of Parrot they can weight in between 1 to 2 lbs
* Their bright colored feathers are great camouflage for the upper regions or canopy of the rainforest in which they live.
* Macaws can live up to 75 yrs or longer in captivity.
* In the wild they are normally found in flocks or family groups sometimes up to 20 individuals in each group.
* Macaws are monogamous maters that after the passing of their mates in the wild with chose to never mate again.
* A macaw has the strongest bite force out of any bird species producing about 800 psi in their bites. Strong enough to break through a Macadamia nut.
* Macaws can learn up to about 200 words or phrases over their lifetime. This exists because in the wild they mimic other animal sounds for protection and communication purposes.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Bright Feathers for Camo
* Mimicking other animal sounds
* Strong Bites

**Reproduction:**

* Have a clutch size from 2 to 4 chicks and mate yearly in the spring

**Lifespan:** up to 75 yrs or longer

**Handling Tips:**

Max can be very particular to she lets work with her. You can take her with the tee perch and she will not fly off or leave you.