Name:_____ Reading: Wildlife



Recently, I saw a documentary about the Toucan. It is an endangered bird, and I was impressed by its big beak and colourful feathers.

The scientific name is "Ramphastidae", and it includes five to six different types and over 40 different species identified to date.

What do they look like?
Toucans' bodies are short and compact, about 63.5 cm tall. The wings are small, as they are forest birds who only need to travel short distances. The legs of a toucan are strong and short. Their toes are arranged in pairs with the first and fourth toes turned backward. They use it to reach fruit on branches that are too small to support their weight. Also, the beak allows the bird to reach deep into tree holes to access food unavailable to other birds and also to depredate suspended nests built by smaller birds.



Where do they live?
Toucans live in the tropical forests of Central and South America.
They usually live in pairs or small flocks.

What do they eat?
The toucan's diet largely consists of fruits and toucans use their beak to pick up fruit from trees. They also eat insects, lizards, eggs, and even other birds' nestlings.

Why are they endangered?
The rainforests of the world are disappearing because of deforestation, which is the main reason they are endangered. They are also threatened by humans who capture them for pets, which is a popular trade in some areas.

Match the words with its meaning.

a.	depredate	●	● tangkap
b.	capture	●	● terancam
c.	endangered	●	● perdagangan
d.	deforestation	●	● pembalakan
e.	threatened	●	● diancam
f.	trade	●	● rampas

Choose no more than three words and / or a number from the text for each question.

1. The writer is impressed with the bird's big beak and _____.
2. There are _____ of Toucans identified to date.
3. What is the height of this creature? (remember to put the unit) _____
4. These birds' wings are small because they are _____.
5. The Toucans' toes are used to _____ on branches that are too small.
6. Toucans' home is in the _____.
7. Toucans eat mostly _____.
8. What is the main reason of them becoming endangered species? _____
9. HOTS: Do you think people should be able to keep wildlife as pet? Why or why not?

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