

## Up in the Air

More than a thousand varieties of bird live in the rainforest. Many have especially shiny feathers and amazingly powerful beaks, and perform highly individual dances!

### Raggiana bird of paradise

The male has gorgeous feathers and performs a special courtship dance in order to impress the female. He even bows to her! By spreading out his feathers, he tries to show her what a fine, fit partner he would be.



### Fruit doves

The name tells us what they eat. Fruit doves live in the treetops, where they find plenty of food. The bright feathers act as camouflage between the blossoms and the fruit.

Not all birds live up in the trees—some of them live on the ground!

Rhino birds can live as long as forty years.

### Rhino birds

The beak of the rhino bird is quite big but also light. Its edges are serrated, which enabled the bird to saw open the hard shells of some fruits. There are about 50 species of rhino bird. They live in pairs, often in large communities and in the vicinity of monkeys. The monkeys brush off insects, thus providing the birds with a nice, easy meal.



Each rhino bird has a unique beak with its own pattern—the equivalent of our fingerprints.



The **harpy eagle** is one of the strongest birds of prey in the world. Its claws are bigger than a bear's paws, and it can snatch monkeys and sloths from a branch and carry them away.



The **tawny frogmouth** generally hide during the day. They hunt at night and catch insects with their broad beaks.