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BLYTH'S HORNBILL

also known as

Papuan Wreathed Hornbill

Aceros plicatus

Females make their nest in a hollow standing tree, and then build a wall to close all but the smallest of openings. The male brings food to the brooding female and youngsters, passing it through the tiny hole. The female will remain sealed in and completely dependent on the male for food until the youngsters fledge.

Females and young birds are black with white tails and throats, adult males have golden brown head feathers.

The Hornbill's beak, which can reach up to 10 inches in length, is topped with a large, hollow structure called a casque, this is decorative and amplifies its calls.



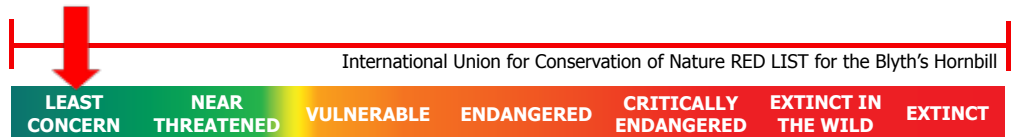
Female shown bottom left.

Male shown top right.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Indonesia east to the Solomon Islands
Habitat	Evergreen forests
Diet	Fruits, insects and small animals
Average length	80-95cm
Number of eggs	1-3
Incubation	Between 35-42 days
Max Lifespan in captivity	Around 40-45 years

Hornbills are seriously effected by habitat destruction in particular the removal of large trees used for nesting.



THE RISK OF EXTINCTION FOR THIS SPECIES HAS CURRENTLY BEEN ASSESSED AS *LEAST CONCERN* IUCN RED LIST