

DISTRIBUTION



White-Cheeked Turacos are usually seen either on their own or in small family groups of up to 6 members.



Unlike all other bird species, the outer toe of each foot on a Turaco can face either forwards or backwards.

This enables them to climb and run along branches easily, using their wings and feet.

WHITE-CHEEKED TURACO

Tauraco leucotis

Baby turacos have tiny claws on the ends of their wings that allow them to cling to twigs near the nest.

It is thought that the bright red feathers shown under the wings in flight are a way for them to communicate with each other.



The White-Cheeked Turaco is a friendly bird making it popular in captivity, it is often used as a foster parent for chicks of other species.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Eastern Africa
Habitat	Forests, woodland and Savannah
Diet	Fruit, plants and occasionally insects.
Average length	40-45cm
Average weight	225 - 325g
Number of eggs	2
Incubation	22-23 days

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST for the White-Cheeked Turaco



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