

CASSOWARY COMPREHENSION

Read the passage below and then answer the related questions to learn all about cassowaries.

Cassowaries are large, flightless birds that live in the tropical forests of Australia and New Guinea. They are known for their striking blue and black feathers and a tall, bony crest called a casque on top of their heads. Cassowaries are very shy but can be very protective of their space if they feel threatened.

Cassowaries are important to the forest because they help plants grow by eating fruits and spreading their seeds in other places through their poop. They have very strong legs and can run very fast if they need to escape from danger. Despite their size and strength, cassowaries are mostly peaceful and spend their days looking for fruits to eat and taking care of their chicks.

Cassowaries are considered endangered, which means there aren't many left in the wild. This is because their homes in the forests are being cut down and because they sometimes get hit by cars when crossing roads. It's important to protect these unique birds to make sure they don't disappear from our planet.

1. Where do cassowaries live?

2. What is a casque?

3. Why are cassowaries important to the forest?

4. What do cassowaries eat?

5. Why are cassowaries considered endangered?

6. What can we do to help protect cassowaries?

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