

CASSOWARY COMPREHENSION

ANSWER KEY

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?

Cassowaries live in the tropical forests of Australia and New Guinea.

2. What is a casque?

A casque is a tall, bony crest on top of a cassowary's head.

3. Why are cassowaries important to the forest?

Cassowaries are important to the forest because they help plants grow by eating fruits and spreading their seeds through their poop.

4. What do cassowaries eat?

Cassowaries mostly eat fruits

5. Why are cassowaries considered endangered?

Cassowaries are considered endangered because their forest homes are being destroyed and they are sometimes hit by cars.

6. What can we do to help protect cassowaries?

We can help protect cassowaries by preserving their forest habitats and being careful when driving near forest areas where they live.

Uses comprehension strategies to expand content knowledge.

