THE SOUTHERN CASSOWARY

Find out more about Australia's very own living dinosaur!

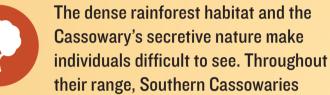
BEHAVIOUR



If a Cassowary is approached it will generally stand its ground. If the intruder approaches too close, the bird will stretch itself as tall as possible, ruffle its feathers

and let at a loud hiss in an attempt to scare the intruder off. They are equipped with dangerous claws, and will readily attack a persistent intruder, although they usually retreat into the dense rainforest.

HABITAT



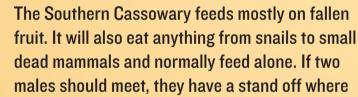
live alone, and inhabit the same area all year round.

ADAPTATIONS



The Southern Cassowary's diet of fallen fruits and fungi includes species which are poisonous to humans as their digestive system is adapted to deal with the toxins safely.

FEEDING AND DIET



both birds stand tall, fluff up their feathers and rumble at each other until one retreats. If a male and female meet, the male will move away, as the female is dominant.

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DISTRIBUTION

- Southern **INDONESIA Cassowaries are NEW GUINEA** found in northern Queensland. The species is also found through **New Guinea and** eastern Indonesia. **AUSTRALIA HOW TO** IDENTIFY Greyish **Helmet** Large (casque) size Red back of neck **Black Blue skin** hair-like

on head &

The calls of the Southern Cassowary consist of an assortment of rumblings and grunts. These calls are often heard long before the bird is seen, and are usually given in response to the sight of potential danger.



