

# THE PINK CACAO OWL

This unusual species is found amongst cacao beans in the lower branches of cacao trees in the Amazon Rainforest.

## APPEARANCE

The Pink Cacao Owl is two colours. On its front, it has pink feathers but on its back, they are green. They have strong, sharp talons and flexible ankles to help them grip onto branches and cacao beans, pull them off and pick them apart.

Because Pink Cacao Owls have pointed wings, they can camouflage themselves as cacao beans before plummeting from the tree with the force of their powerful legs and catching their prey in their sharp, curved beak.

Unlike other owls, the Pink Cacao species has waterproof feathers to protect it from the rain. During the twilight, they use their huge eyes to search the Amazon River for fish.



This is a Pink Cacao Owl camouflaged as a cacao bean.

## BEHAVIOUR

Because Pink Cacao Owls do not like getting dirty and are proud of their vibrant feathers, they bathe in the river, regularly. They sleep for ten to twelve hours a day and

## DIET

Pink Cacao Owls only eat cacao beans from the branch that they live on, flying bugs and fish.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Pink Cacao Owls have counter-shading so the bird above them thinks they are looking down at the trees while the animal below them