

### 4. Extreme Abilities

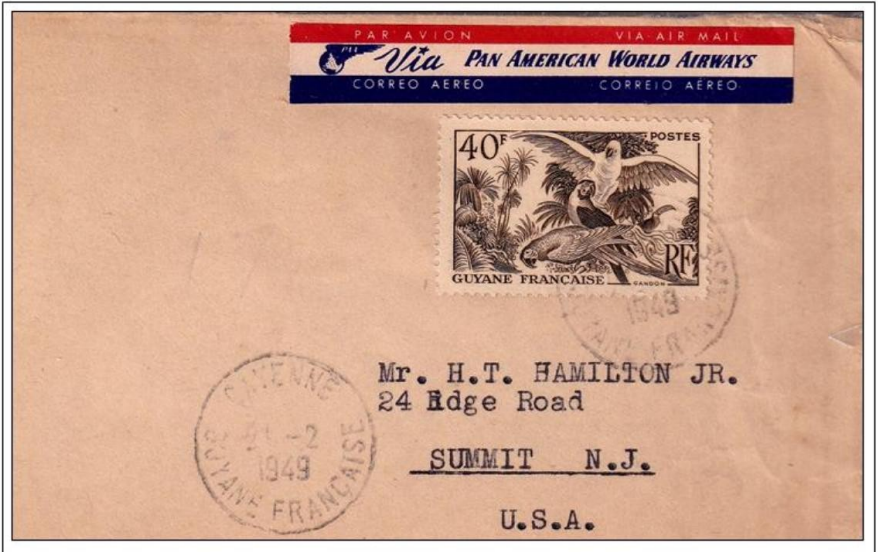
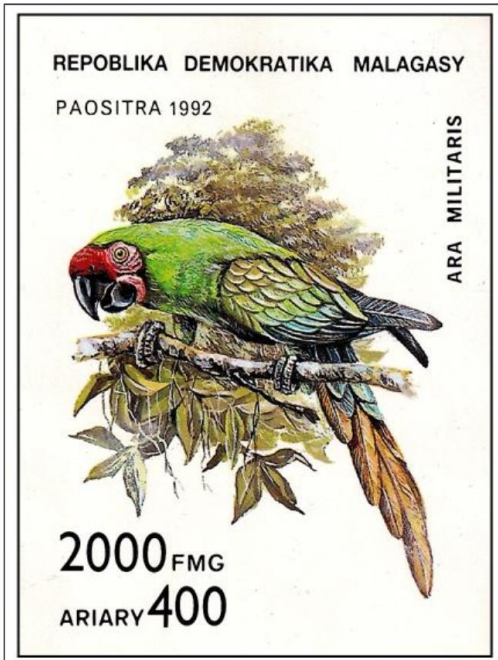
#### Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*)

**Ability** - Uses Beak as "third hand" while climbing up tree.

### 4.7 Expert Climber

**Geographical Distribution** – Central and South America

*Military Macaws* can often be heard long before they are seen.



1949 Posted from French Guyana to New Jersey, USA Airmail cover

They are a very noisy bird making a variety of loud cracking and shrieking sounds, including a loud 'kraa-aak'. The Military Macaw generally measures 70 – 80 centimeters in length.

Its name derives from the military personnel who brought them back to Europe. It also alludes to their olive green coloring that resembles military green." The large strong beak is grey-black and the iris is yellow.



This macaw is a popular species used for breeding hybrid macaws in captivity, such as *calico macaws*, *millicinth macaws* and *milligold macaws*.

1947  
Issued as a part of five definitive stamps, Military Macaw appeared in two different denominations.

Other three stamps being White throated Toucan Bird which was issued in 3 different colors and denominations.

1947  
French Guyana  
40F Artist signed proof  
Black Signed by Engraver (P. GANDON)

