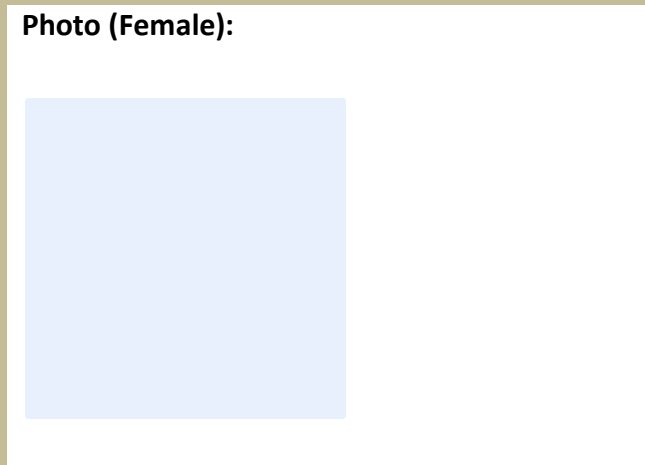


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Order: Passeriformes
Scientific Name: *Cyanopica cyana*

Family: Corvidae
Common Name: Azure-winged magpie

AZA Management: Green Yellow Red None



NATURAL HISTORY:

Geographic Range: Europe Asia North America Neotropical
 Africa Australia Other There is another population of azure-winged magpies in Europe but this is considered a separate species (*Cyanopica cooki*)

Habitat: Forest Desert Grassland Coastal
 Riverine Montane Other Can also be found in residential areas

Circadian Cycle: Diurnal Crepuscular Nocturnal Other [Click here to enter text.](#)

Cold Tolerance: To 70° F To 60° F To 50° F To 40° F
 To 30° F To 20° F Other Cold-tolerant birds

Heat Tolerance: To 30° F To 50° F To 70° F To 90° F
 To 110° F Other Do not handle excessive heat well; prone to overheating. Provide adequate shade and limit stressful situations when temps are above 80 degrees.

Diet: Frugivore Carnivore Piscivore Insectivore
 Nectivore Omnivore Folivore Other (Add Below)

Captive Dietary Needs:
 Insects, fruits, veggies, pelleted diet (i.e Mazuri softbill pellets, Mazuri parrot pellets, Reliable softbill fare), "pinky" mouse pup 1-2 times per week. Can offer hard-boiled egg during breeding season.

Life Expectancy in the Wild: Males: 15 years Females: 15 years

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Life Expectancy in Captivity: Males: 20 years Females: 20 years

BREEDING INFORMATION:

Age at Sexual Maturity: Males: 1 year Females: 1 year

Courtship Displays: A male will approach a potential mate with lowered head while somewhat extending wings and vibrating them. Males will also present females with food items

Nest Site Description: Thin, pliable twigs are used to construct a nest in tree branches. The nest is lined with grasses, feathers, moss and other soft items. Several institutions have noted that coconut fibers are a preferred item. This species will also nest in baskets and open-faced nest boxes. Several nest options should be provided.

Clutch Size, Egg Description: This species lays up to 9 eggs in a clutch. Eggs tend to be greenish-brown and speckled.

Incubation Period: 15-17 days

Fledgling Period: 15-21 days

Parental Care: Both parents care for the chicks

Chick Development: Chicks will continue to beg from parents up to 6 months after fledgling

CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION:

Social Structure in the Wild: Colonial

Social Structure in Captivity: Housed in pairs or family groups

Minimum Group Size: 2

Maximum Group Size: Dependent on exhibit size and group

Compatible in Mixed Species Exhibits: Varies **Comments:** Generally not aggressive towards other species. They will potentially eat eggs; small chicks from open-cup nests.

Optimal Habitat Size: Enclosure should be at least 15ftx20ft; 10 ft high

Management Challenges: This species has been challenging to breed in captivity. Pairs will often continually build and destroy their nests or build and never lay eggs. These birds tend to be nervous/shy birds and may require a quieter exhibit.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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