



**Goldie's Bird of Paradise**  
(*Paradisaea decora*)

**Size:**  
Body length, males approx. 33 cm; females approx. 29 cm

**Weight:**  
Approx. 237 g

**Habitat:**  
Secondary rainforest and forest edges on only two islands

**Surviving number:**  
Estimated at 650

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The show must go on. Bobbing, jumping, calling “wok-wok,” and displaying their vibrant plumes, mature male Goldie’s birds of paradise put on a remarkable performance to capture the attention of potential female partners. Males display together in a hierarchical group, known as a “lek,” using sites high up in the trees that they carefully maintain by plucking

incoming leaves. But it remains to be seen whether these brilliant birds will be able to go on, threatened as they are by loss and degradation of their forest habitat.

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