



**Paco Grande:** This loud and endangered animal came to the ECO Station in January of 2007. He is named Paco Grande because he is the second Paco to come to the ECO Station and is much larger than Paco Taco. He can wave and say "Hello" "No" and "Paco-Paco-Paco." Military Macaws inhabit the northern parts of South America. In the wild they can live in pairs, in families, or in flocks as large as forty. They prefer to roost in the highest outer branches of trees, and are easily identified even out of sight by their loud screeching and croaking. Military Macaws do not have to hunt for their food, they eat fruit and nuts that are available in the area. The name "military" may have been given to the birds when they were first imported into Europe by military personnel.



**Chinese Water Dragons:** Stumpy and Skippy are siblings that have been at the ECO Station since they were 6 week old and weighed less than 5 grams. That's the same as a penny. Although one of them (Stumpy) is missing part of his back right leg, they have thrived with the care of our naturalists. Full grown, they can reach 3 feet in length. These animals are excellent swimmers and can submerge themselves for up to 30 minutes. When chased by predators, these animals have been known to raise up on run on their two hind legs.



**Dog-faced Puffer:** The puffer is a unique fish in that he recognizes his care givers and will become visibly excited when they enter the room. This Asian species will often get transported as juveniles to pet stores, but some will grow up to 16 inches in length during adulthood. A puffer fish's body contains a type of poison called a tetrodotoxin. If large enough amounts of this poison are ingested, it can cause paralysis or even death. Special care needs to be given the puffer, due to their dentistry. If their teeth get too long they have to be clipped.

