

# **TINA**

## **Striated Cara Cara**

The Striated Cara Cara is found in only one place in the whole world the ( Falkland Islands ). Here at the last count there were only about 500. The Cara Cara is a cross between a Falcon and a Hawk which evolved about 40,000,000 years ago to cope with the extreme range of conditions found in the Falklands.

The Cara Cara is a killer of other birds and will eat anything from large sea birds to Puffins which are nesting underground in long tunnels. The Cara Cara will also eat Rats Mice and any carcass that gets washed up on the beaches.

This particular species have a high level of intelligence which is used to solve problems. It also has a long memory. This can be seen in the displays where Tina collects various objects and coloured balls for Geoff the falconer. This demonstrates the ability to listen and understand what is being said.

Although she recognises the falconer whom she has known all her life she is still very aggressive with them . This aggression is a form of impatience with the handler when she knows that he has food and is not feeding her fast enough.

Tina flies with no Telemetry ( Radio tracking device ) as she tears it off. This means that if she decides to fly away there would be little chance of finding her.

Despite these problems Tina is one of the best display birds in the centre as she has her own unique character and we never knows exactly what she is going to do next.