

Bird Housing

Birds require a lot of space to stay mentally and physically healthy. A bird should be able to fully stretch out their wings out without hitting anything in their cage and be able to fly from one side to the other. The bigger the cage, the better!

Housing

Birds should be housed in a cage relative to their size. Stainless steel or powder coated wire cages are best.

- **Finches:** 8" x 30" x 18" minimum cage size with 1/4" to 1/2" bar spacing
- **Parakeets:** 18" x 18" x 24" minimum cage size with 1/2" bar spacing
- **Conures/Cockatiels/Lovebirds:** 24" x 24" x 36" minimum cage size with 5/8" to 3/4" bar spacing
- **African Grey/Macaw:** 36" x 48" x 60" minimum cage size with 1" to 1.5" bar spacing

Perching and Toys

Birds like to spend most of their time high up like they would in trees. A tall cage with several perches varying in size, height, shape, and texture is very important. All birds need a variety of perches to prevent sores and arthritis. Perches should be arranged so that your bird can climb from the bottom to the top of their cage as well as side to side. Make sure their food and water sources have a nearby perch and are not located at the bottom of their cage because birds tend to use that area the least.

Toys are a necessity for any bird habitat. Birds are natural foragers and love to dig, tear, and shred. Providing a large variety of toys and rotating them weekly is a must to keep your bird mentally and physically healthy. Most birds will have a preference of what they do and do not like. Some like to play with paper where some prefer wood toys or even plastic toys.

Cleaning

Daily cleaning should include changing the paper at the bottom of the cage and replacing old food and water. Any feces should be spot cleaned as well.

Weekly cleaning includes removing perches and toys and washing with a mild soap. It is a great time to change things around to make their cage different.

Once a month the cage should be completely deconstructed and scrubbed with a mild soap.

