

Did You Know?

- There are more than 11,000 species of birds in the world!
- There are 372 species of parrots and they all have zygodactyl feet (two toes in front, two toes in back) to help with climbing and very strong beaks to break open seeds and nuts. Their tongues also have a bone in it to help eat.
- The most common types of birds kept as pets are parakeets, cockatiels, finches, lovebirds, and African grey parrots.
- Most species of parrots can mimic words and phrases. The African grey and parakeet are the two species that can mimic the best.
- Parrots lifespan is correlated with their size. Small size parrots can live for 15–20 years, medium size parrots can live for 15–30 years, and large parrots can live up to 100 years!
- The oldest bird ever recorded was a sulfur-crested cockatoo named Cocky Bennett. He lived to be 119 years old!
- Birds poop A LOT! Medium sized birds poop about 50 times a day.
- Birds have hollow bones filled with air sacs. This is what aids them in being able to fly.
- Parrots grind their beaks when they are content and relaxed. This is very similar to cats and purring.
- Macaws are known to be as smart as a four to six year old child.



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