



EASY TO SEX: DNA Sexing

LIFE SPAN: 11 Yrs

AVERAGE SIZE: 25 – 30cm

AVERAGE WEIGHT: 75 – 156g



LORIKEET

Habitat

Lorikeets can be kept in either outside aviaries or within the home. There is a large variety of aviaries available depending on personal preferences and requirements. Lorikeets are happy living on their own but extra time and attention will be required to keep them happy and stimulated or keep them as a pair. They can become very tame and make very rewarding pets. Lorikeets are loud, demanding and fascinating birds that can make fantastic pets in the right environment. Lorikeets are colony birds and generally, do well with cage mates as they are often very playful. It is important to introduce any new cage mates slowly as not all birds will get along well.

Maintenance

Your Lorikeet will require a dry, draught free home. The cage should have at least 2 branches or perches to sit on but allowing enough space between them for the bird to fly. The bottom of the cage should have either bird sand or bird sand sheets. You can also provide a bird bath to allow your lorikeet to bath and keep their feathers in good condition. Clean out your cage at least once a week. Lorikeets are colony birds and generally, do well with cage mates as they are often very playful. It is important to introduce any new cage mates slowly as not all birds will get along well. Due to their nectar-based diet lorikeets are generally messy birds so please ensure that their cage is regularly cleaned, particularly around their food and water bowls. Environmental enrichment is highly recommended and encouraged. Simple things like utilizing cardboard toilet rolls to hide food can provide hours of entertainment for many birds.

Feeding and Water

Lorikeets feed primarily off nectar, pollen and fruit; they have developed papillae on their tongues. Papillae are projections on their tongue makes it easier for these birds to eat. Papillae give their tongue a brush like appearance. Like other bird's lorikeets have a gizzard. However, their gizzard is no way strong enough to digest seed, therefore, seed should not be given as part of their diet. In the wild, nectar and pollen makes of the major portion of their diet and you can mimic this by using nectar/pollen mixes. You can also provide a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and edible flowers. Fresh water should be available at all times.

Handling

Captive-bred rainbow lorikeets are particularly friendly and confident around humans. It will take some time for your bird to learn to trust you, but once your rainbow lorikeet has bonded with you, you'll have a friend for life. Rainbow lorikeets are affectionate and you can train your lorikeet to perch on your hand, arm, or shoulder. You can also give your bird gentle head and neck scratches. Teaching your bird to step up can go a long way toward helping you handle your bird safely so if your bird doesn't know the step-up command, then you should start teaching him to perform this function as soon as possible.

Health

It is important that your lorikeets are kept happy and healthy, you should review any changes in their behaviour and condition and seek veterinary treatment where required. The table below shows common health issues with Parakeets.

Health Issue	Symptoms & Causes	Suggested Action
Aspergillosis	Weight loss, breathing issues and lethargy caused in conditions with an excessive humidity level.	Consult Vet for treatment
Diarrhoea	Loose faeces, caused from internal parasites or change in diet	Consult Vet for treatment

	Respiratory disorder	Huddled over perch, wheezing with open beak.	Consult Vet for treatment.
	Nutritional imbalances	Can become deficient in vital nutrients, such as Vitamin A if fed the wrong diet.	Consult Vet for treatment.