



# All About the **Amazon Parrot**

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## About the Amazon Parrot

The Amazon parrot is truly an amazing bird. Very intelligent and outgoing, these parrots can surprise you with their ability to quickly adapt to new surroundings, form close bonds with their owners, and be easily trained to do tricks and talk. There are 27 different species of Amazons, located in Central and South America. Most of these birds are quite similar, but different color variations set them apart.

## Amazon Parrot Characteristics

Amazon parrots are medium in size, standing 10-19 inches tall. The most common color seen in the Amazons is green, with other markings of yellow and red around the head and wings. Males and females are difficult to distinguish from one another, except in two varieties: the yellow-lored Amazon, which is quite rare, and the white-fronted Amazon. Many owners are drawn to these birds because of their vibrant colors and because they can learn to talk. Studies have been conducted that prove these birds do not only mimic what they hear; they can actually identify objects and make associations. Probably the most remarkable trait of these birds is their longevity. The typical lifespan of an Amazon is 40-60 years, with some living past 100 years. With that in mind, make sure you clearly understand the commitment you are making when you purchase one of these birds; it's literally a life-long commitment!

## Selecting Your Amazon Parrot

### A Few Words about Breeders

Every year, thousands of animals are either captured or turned in by their owners to be adopted. These pets can make wonderful companions and desire a loving home to call their own. When considering adoption, you should choose an animal shelter or rescue in your nearby community that you trust and one that has a long-standing reputation for providing exceptional care to the animals. Shelters that have an on-site vet clinic are a plus. Many facilities will require the pet to be spayed or neutered before the adoption is complete. This fee will be included in the adoption costs.

### A Few Words about Pet Stores

Several pet stores carry Amazon Parrots and are eager to find a good owner for the bird. One downside to purchasing from a pet store is that these stores might not have any past history on the bird, or even know its age. Also, pet stores often are not knowledgeable enough on the bird to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. With that said, it is best to purchase from a store that can provide a good background on the bird, including health history and approximate age, as well as assist you with any items and special care that your Amazon will need. Be sure to obtain a health guarantee from the pet store, and have your bird examined by a veterinarian soon after purchase. There are also several animal shelters and avian rescue groups that have Amazons waiting for a good home. You can locate these facilities through the Internet, or a local veterinarian.



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## How to Choose your Amazon Parrot

Amazon parrots are a big investment and careful selection is important to ensure you are purchasing a healthy, strong bird. The difficulty with birds is that they can seem perfectly normal one day, then deathly ill the next. Some simple signs to look for when selecting are:

- Clean, clear eyes; no discharge or clouding
- Feathers should be neat and laying flat against the body
- The bird should appear alert and responsive
- Legs should not be red or inflamed (signs of mites)

Parrots that are not on their perches, and are sitting at the bottom of their cage with their heads tucked under their wing, or hanging down, could be ill and should be avoided.



## Through The Years

### The Amazon Parrot Chick

Amazons are born into this world so helpless. Naked and blind, they are completely reliant on their parents for their well-being. It will take these babies 70-100 days before they have all their feathers and have the ability to search for their own food. If a baby is to be hand-fed, this should begin around three weeks of age. This practice helps socialize the bird from the very beginning, building trust with humans.

### The Amazon Parrot Adult

Younger Amazons can seem quite content in their cages, playing with their new toys and entertaining themselves for hours. After 4-5 years of age, when the bird reaches sexual maturity, they can become a little more demanding of your time and will want you to be involved in their games. Amazons need constant attention and social interaction. These birds can be potty trained, taught to do tricks, and even talk with you.

### The Amazon Parrot Senior

Amazons form a very close bond with their owners, which can be difficult sometimes with their longevity. Many owners pass away before their birds do. Pay close attention to certain behaviors in older birds. If they have been relocated to a new home, some Amazons can become easily stressed, and start plucking feathers, or they have a lowered immune system, which can make them more vulnerable to illness.

You'll need these basics before your Parrot comes home. Click the items below to go to CheapPetStore.com to find the best prices for online pet supplies.

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#### EXPERT TIP

##### Choosing a Cage

Keep in mind that larger birds are also stronger, so when you're buying a cage, you need to make sure it's made of a material that can withstand a large bird's stronger beak and feet.

Also, find one that doesn't have any sharp edges that could injure your bird.

If bolts are used to put the cage together, make sure that they are on the outside of the cage. Some larger birds find unscrewing the bolts an enjoyable game!

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## Medical Considerations

Providing your bird with a proper diet of pellets, fruits, vegetables, and seeds will ensure their best health. Avocados are very toxic to birds, and should be avoided. It is always possible for your Amazon to contract parasites, influenza, respiratory illnesses, or parrot fever. If you notice any changes in your bird's eating habits, or if it is withdrawn from activity, a visit to your local vet may be necessary.

## Necessary Items

Your Amazon Parrot will need a good quality cage. Because these birds like to chew, it is imperative that you purchase a cage that is not cheap, with hardware that is loose, and bars that are too far apart. The ideal cage should be 39"- 59" high. Your bird will also need toys to play with and a mineral or lava block to help groom his beak.

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