



All About the **Caique**

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The Caique

About Caiques

Native to South America, the Caique is practically a circus all on his own. Very playful, outgoing, entertaining, and loveable, these birds never stop. There are two major species of Caiques: the black-headed Caique, and the white-bellied Caique. The black-headed variety is slightly smaller than the white-bellied one. The two species have similar personalities, but the black tends to be more affordable, due to its greater availability.

Caique Characteristics

The main colors of both species include white, green and yellow. The black-headed Caique derived its name from the mask-like covering over its face. The white-bellied Caique, on the other hand, has a peach-colored head, with yellow coloring on other parts. Caiques have fairly short wings compared to the rest of the size of their bodies, so clipping of wings can be kept at a minimum. Expect to pay \$600 to \$1500 for these beautiful birds. While they have a fun and playful personalities, Caiques can be quite independent and determined to have their way. Screaming to get attention is also a common trait of these birds. Good discipline and training is the best way to control these behaviors.

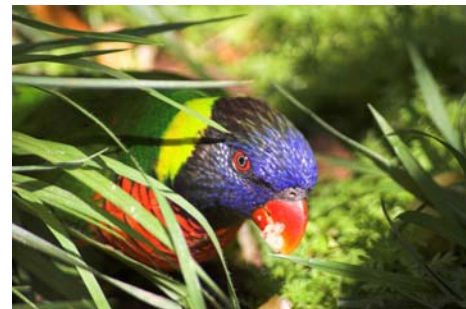
Selecting Your Caique

A Few Words about Breeders

There are quite a few bird breeders available to people wishing to own a Caique. Good research and understanding of the breed will assist you in knowing what to look for in a good breeder. The best way to locate a reputable Caique breeder is to conduct a search among parrot societies and organizations. This can be done through the Internet, or by obtaining brochures and other literature through a local vet or bird specialty store. If you choose to find a breeder through other means, such as a local newspaper, be sure they are housing their birds in a clean and healthy environment and that you can obtain a health guarantee for your bird.

A Few Words about Pet Stores

There are numerous pet stores that can assist you in purchasing a Caique of your own. Good pet stores work directly with breeders and can obtain very nice birds for you. But also be aware that there are some pet stores that do not operate under the best standards and sell birds that are unhealthy, or have been kept in poor living conditions. It is best to thoroughly investigate the cages where the birds are kept and look for signs of neglect.



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How to Choose your Caique

Select a Caique that has been hand-fed and has been introduced to a well-balanced diet, as these birds will be the healthiest and make the very best pets. Be advised that Caiques that are being sold for much cheaper prices are most probably captured in the wild, and therefore, will be much more difficult to adapt to a cage. It is best to purchase a bird that has been bred in captivity and is familiar with humans. Healthy birds will have tight, clean feathers, bright eyes, and be very active. If you have a household with other animals, such as cats and dogs, make sure to look for breeders that offer birds that have been raised in similar environments. This will significantly cut down the amount of time it will take for your bird to adjust to its new home.

Through The Years

The Caique Chick

Babies are deaf when they are born, since they have no ear openings. But about 2-3 weeks after hatching, they will develop ear openings, as well as the ability to see. It is believed that babies are kept blind after birth to prevent competition between siblings for food. The downside of this is that not all chicks hatch at the same time, which gives advantage to the eldest chick, as it can develop the capability to seek out food much quicker. Often, the last to hatch does not survive.

The Caique Adult

There are distinguishing differences between babies and adults. While babies are usually at full-size when they are weaned, and will not grow much more, their coloring on the breast is usually marked with yellow flecks; adults will be completely white. Caiques can be quite entertaining to their owners, playing with their toys, and performing other types of acrobatics from their perches. To keep up with this active lifestyle, Caiques require a good diet of pellets, supplemented with some fruits and vegetables. They are not the best talkers, but can be taught to whistle tunes quite well. These birds also require time out of their cages where they can fly around a bit and be closer to their owners.

The Caique Senior

Unlike many birds, Caiques experience personality changes and mood swings as they age. As babies and young adults, they are quite content with just about anyone and may practically force themselves on people. But as they grow older, they can become a bit more particular about who handles them. Caiques will give warning signals, or "flaring" in the eyes when they are uptight. If the bird is outside of its cage, you may need to use a towel to wrap around the bird and place it safely back in its cage.



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EXPERT TIP

Choosing a Cage

When you're buying a cage, you need to make sure it's made of a material that can withstand your bird's beak and feet, especially if it's a larger bird.

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

No major health concerns are linked to Caiques in general. They are active birds that eat fairly well. If you notice significant changes in their eating patterns or activity levels, have your bird checked by a veterinarian.

Necessary Items

A 24"x24"x32" cage usually provides an adequate amount of room for your Caique to play and hang on his perch. The cage should have plenty of toys to keep him entertained.



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