



All About the **Sun Conure**

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The Sun Conure, a native to Brazil, is a small parrot with brilliant coloring. Its playful and loving demeanor makes it an excellent pet for anyone wishing to own a smaller bird.

Sun Conure Parrot Characteristics

Sun Conure parrots have beautiful colorings of red, orange, yellow, blue and green. They are approximately 12 inches in length, and weigh about 4-5 ounces. Like most parrots, these birds are very entertaining with their toys and if hand-fed as babies, they can be quite affectionate with their owners. People that are not familiar with the parrot breed should be aware of the mess that these birds can make in their cage. They can also be quite destructive if not watched. Providing your Sun Conure with proper toys will help prevent unwanted chewing. These birds have loud, screeching voices, and might not be suitable for apartment living, where they can be easily heard through a wall.

Selecting Your Sun Conure Parrot

A Few Words about Breeders

Sun Conure breeders are readily available and can easily be located by conducting a search on the Internet, or even talking with a specialty bird store owner. It may not always be possible for a buyer to visit a breeder's home or place of business; however, if you can, it is always an advantage. Healthy birds are raised in clean environments. If you visit a location that is unclean (dirty water, old food, sick birds), you should leave immediately. If you are ordering a bird that will be shipped to you, request plenty of photos of the bird before purchasing and make sure you have a valid health guarantee from the breeder. This will allow you to have the bird examined and cleared of any potential health issues.

A Few Words about Pet Stores

Sun Conures are quite popular and should be available in most pet stores. Just as with breeders, it is important to examine the bird's living conditions and select a bird that has been well taken care of. Pet store owners that can provide you plenty of history on the birds and other important breed information are the best to purchase from. Most pet stores will also offer some sort of health guarantee for your bird.



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How to Choose your Sun Conure Parrot

Selecting your new Sun Conure Parrot can be quite easy if you follow these basic guidelines:

Choose a bird with bright coloring, and smooth, clean feathers.
(Missing feathers or dull coloring can be signs of mites and poor diet.)

Sun Conures are quite playful and social. Birds that are withdrawn from other birds might be ill.

The feet and legs should be fairly smooth and not covered with scales.

If you do not plan on breeding your bird, select a male bird. Males in general tend to make better pets. They interact more with their owners and are less prone to illness.

Through The Years

The Sun Conure Parrot Chick

Babies usually have most of their feathers and coloring at five weeks of age. As a natural defense of birds in the wild, baby feathers are green, and change to brighter colors at around 6 months. Like many birds, hand-fed babies will make the best pets, as they have bonded with humans and are more trusting

The Sun Conure Parrot Adult

As sociable birds, Sun Conures require a lot of attention from their owners, and can become loud and obnoxious if they are neglected. These birds are very active and require regular exercise. They need to have adequate time outside of their cages where they can flap their wings and fly around. If you have purchased an adult Sun Conure and are not as comfortable letting them fly around your house, you can take him into a bedroom or any other closed room. Provide your bird with a good pellet diet, add in some fruit, seeds, and veggies for variety. These birds prefer dark green and yellow vegetables. Avoid feeding them iceberg lettuce, avocados, cabbage and parsley.

The Sun Conure Parrot Senior

Senior birds do not slow their activity levels down too much. They still require the same amount of attention and exercise. These birds have an incredible life span, averaging 25-30 years.



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

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Medical Considerations

Sun Conures in general are healthy birds. Signs to watch out for that might indicate illness are: lack of appetite, cloudy eyes, and watery droppings. Common illnesses that can affect your bird are mostly respiratory-related, as well as eye infections. If any of these occur, take your bird to a veterinarian for immediate treatment.

Necessary Items

Large birds require large cages. The minimum cage size for a small conure is 24"x16"x20", which allows a bird to climb and have room to spread his wings. Other items such as a cuttlebone, toys, bells, and ropes are also great items for your bird.

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