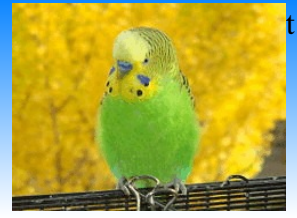




Budgerigar

Melopsittacus undulatus



What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Budgie was first discovered by settlers in Australia in 1805. It was taken back to England and has been a favorite pet ever since.

Habitat / Climate

Open woodland and grassland
A mild climate

Where am I from?

Originally I come from Australia. I am a nomadic bird and am found in open habitats usually in the scrubland of Australia.



Other family members:

Parrots and Parrotlets

Who are my relatives?

There are several type of Budgies. The English Budgie is larger than the rest and is the one most often seen in shows.



Breeding Potential

Clutch size/ 4 to 8 eggs
Nesting usually only happens once a year

How am I born?

I am born from an egg. Incubation will take 18 to 20 days. I am born blind and featherless, I need to be fed round the clock.

Breeding Season

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

At about 10 days old my eyes will open and I will start to get my down feathers. I get my fledgling feathers at about 3 weeks. At 5 weeks I will be able to leave the nest and will be weaned and eating on my own a week later. My average life span is 7 years

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Names for:

Adult male-Cock
Adult female-Hen
Young- Chick
Group:- flock

What kind of family life do I have?

In the wild we can be seen in flocks some as small as 100 birds others as large as 25,000 birds. As a cage bird we like to be in groups as we are a very social bird.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

In the wild we eat grass seeds but domestic budgies eat a variety of seeds, greens and fruits



Who are my predators?

Most Budgies are lost because of illnesses. These come from a variety of sources, molds, parasites, viral infections, poisoning, shock and respiratory diseases.

Comments:

The Budgerigar is known by many names throughout the world. In Australia it is called Bedgeriah, French/ Perruche Ondulee, Dutch/ Grasparkiet, Italy/ Parrochetto, Norway and Sweden /Undulat, Germany /Papagalaki, And the Portuguese call them Periquito