

African Grey Parrot

Psittacus erithacus



Probably the best known of the parrot species, they are found in Woodlands, Mangroves and Moist Forests in Central Africa.

Very few birds are as well known and loved as the African Grey. Unfortunately this has led to a drastic decline in their numbers over the past 50 years. It is estimated that more than 1.5 million of them have been taken from the wild and sent around the world. They breed very well in captivity and there is no reason why any should still be taken from the wild – but they are. It is purely because of the illegal trade in these birds, and the resulting decline in their numbers, that they have now been listed as an endangered species.

Well known for their ability to mimic sound (not “talk” like so many people think), they are still in demand as pets. The truth is that they do not make good pets and not all of them will mimic sound.

When reaching maturity, they often turn aggressive and also develop stress related and psychological issues. Most of the 26 African Greys in our collection were ex-pet birds donated to us.



Lifespan: 50 Years

Weight: 400 - 490 g

Size: 28 - 39 cm

Breeding Season: Year Round

Incubation Period: 21 - 30 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 3

Diet: Mostly Fruits, Seeds, Nuts and Berries

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

Conservation Status: Endangered - CITES App. I