

# Senegal Parrot

*Poicephalus senegalus*



The Senegal Parrot is one of the most heavily trapped wild birds in the world. Since 1981, 735 775 birds have been recorded in international trade. The Senegal Parrot is found in Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Cameroon, Chad, Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

They are mostly seen in any type of lowland savannah but favour relatively open country. Open woodland and cleared agricultural land with scattered trees, light orchard bush or isolated patches of heavier, almost closed-canopy woodland and wooded valleys and also seen in villages.

The nest is a hole commonly in larger branches of Baobab trees. The young leave the nest and are mostly independent at around 9 weeks of age. They reach sexual maturity at around 2 years of age. All our Senegal Parrots have been donated to the park as ex-pet birds and are now in breeding programs.



**Lifespan:** 25 Years  
**Weight:** 120 - 161 g  
**Size:** 23 cm  
**Breeding Season:** January - October  
**Incubation Period:** 25 Days  
**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 4  
**Diet:** Fruits, Seeds, Flowers and Flower Buds, cultivated crops such as Millet, Maize and Peanuts  
**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.  
**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. 2