

# Sun Conure

*Aratinga solstitialis*



Probably the best-known of the Conure family, the Sun Conure is a popular pet bird around the world. They are found in Guyana, Surinam and Northern Brazil.

The Sun Conure is commonly kept as a pet bird around the world due to their small size, bright colour and ability to mimic the human voice. They are found in open savannah and savannah woodland, forested valleys, seasonally flooded forest and secondary vegetation. When breeding, the female incubates with the male helping by bringing her food while she is in the nest. The young develop quickly and leave the nest at around 8 weeks of age.

We have 6 mature Sun Conures in our collection and all were donated to us as ex-pet birds. Whilst they start off being cute and affectionate, they can turn aggressive when they reach sexual maturity and that is when most of them are given to us.



**Lifespan:** 20 Years  
**Weight:** 110 - 140 g  
**Size:** 30 cm  
**Breeding Season:** December - March  
**Incubation Period:** 26 - 28 Days  
**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 4  
**Diet:** Fruits, Nuts, Seeds, Berries and occasionally Insects. Not much information from the wild.  
**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade and food  
**Conservation Status:** Endangered - CITES App. 2