

# BUDGERIGAR



**COMMON NAMES:** BUDGIE, PARAKEET  
**SCIENTIFIC NAMES :** *MELOPSITTACUS UNDULATUS*  
**FAMILY:** PSITTACULIDAE (PARROTS)  
**ORIGIN:** AUSTRALIA  
**AVERAGE LIFESPAN:** 5-10 YEARS



## DID YOU KNOW?

- BUDGIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO SEE ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT, WHICH PLAYS A ROLE IN MATE SELECTION.
- IN THE WILD, BUDGIES CAN TRAVEL UP TO 500 KM IN SEARCH OF FOOD AND WATER.

## INTERESTING FACTS:

- TALKING ABILITY: BUDGIES ARE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST TALKING BIRDS AMONG PARROTS. MALES ARE TYPICALLY BETTER AT MIMICKING SOUNDS.
- LONGEVITY IN CAPTIVITY: SOME BUDGIES HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIVE OVER 15 YEARS WITH PROPER CARE.

## NATURAL HABITS



Wild Bugrerigar Native to the dry regions of Australia



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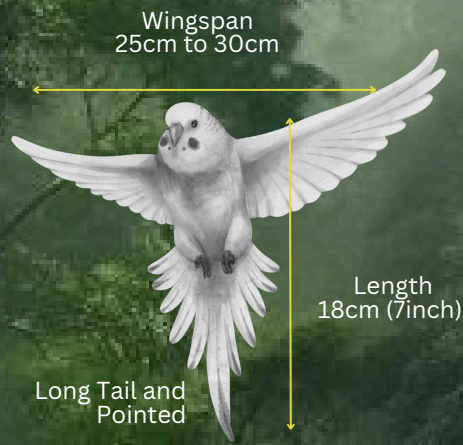
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### FLOCKING BEHAVIOR

They travel in large flocks, searching for food and water.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS



Weighing in between 30gram to 40 gram

All captive budgerigars are divided into two basic series of colors: white-based and yellow-based. There are at least 32 primary mutations in the budgerigar, enabling hundreds of possible secondary mutations and color varieties!



## BEHAVIOR & COMMUNICATION

**Social Birds:** Highly social, prefer living in pairs or small groups.

**Chirping and Singing:** Budgies are vocal and have a wide range of sounds, from chirps to whistles. Some can even learn to mimic human speech!

**Playfulness:** Known for being curious and playful; they enjoy toys, mirrors, and interaction with their owners.

## DIET

Budgies are vulnerable to obesity, iodine deficiencies, & other nutrition-related problems. A well-balanced and varied diet must be maintained for these birds to stay healthy.

### WILD

Seed, Particularly Grass Seed

### DOMESTICATED

Mix of Seed Specialised Pallet Food Veg Fruits

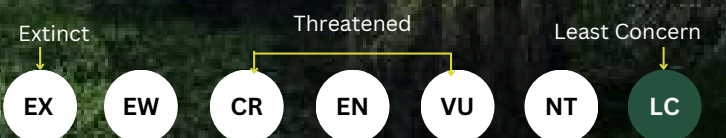
### FAVORITE TREATS



Outside captivity, the wild budgie would defeat its domesticated doppelganger without ruffling a feather. Wild budgies are swift and agile, with a slightly forward-leaning posture always ready to take off.

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Currently not at risk, classified as "Least Concern" by the IUCN



Threats: Habitat loss due to agriculture and climate change can affect their wild populations in the future.

## HEALTH & CARE

**Common Health Issues:** Respiratory problems, feather plucking, and obesity.

**Cage Requirements:** Spacious with perches and toys. It's essential to provide daily interaction and allow time outside the cage for exercise.

**Lifespan Extension:** Regular vet check-ups, a healthy diet, and mental stimulation are key to extending their lifespan.

## BREEDING

**Mating Season:** In the wild, budgies breed during rainy periods when food is abundant.

**Nesting:** In captivity, they require a nesting box to breed.

**Clutch Size:** 4-6 eggs, incubated by the female for around 18 days.