

Chapter 1 : Parrot Symbolism, Parrot Meaning, Parrot Totem, Parrot Dream, Messages

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The males are varying shades of green depending upon their subspecies, and have brilliant red splashes of color on their wing bends and sides. From the age of about one year, they have a striking candy corn beak. The females are varying shades of red, blue, lavender, and purple. The females of the Vosmaeri subspecies have an additional daisy yellow color on the tail. All adult females have jet black beaks. Eight to ten subspecies of Eclectus are recognized. Only a few of these subspecies are commonly available in aviculture. Eclectus parrots are generally classified among the top three parrots for talking ability. Rivaling the African Grey and the talking Amazon parrots in clarity of speech and scope of vocabulary, they not only repeat many words and phrases but some learn entire songs. Some Eclectus chicks learn their first word before they are weaned if the hand-feeder repeats a word to them often. Eclectus parrots enjoy repeating interesting sounds as well as words and phrases learned from their human companions. Many Eclectus owners have been fooled by phantom doorbells, running water, and family members talking in absentia. The answer to the question of proper cage size for the Eclectus parrot is easy; buy the largest cage or aviary that your space and budget will accommodate. Horizontal space is important due to the large wingspan of the Eclectus. They require daily exercise and their cage must be wide enough to allow them to flap their wings vigorously if they are unable to fly in the home or in a large aviary. Three feet is a good width if they are to spend a good deal of time in the cage. Cage height is important because of their love of climbing. A macaw-style cage allows enough vertical space for a boing toy to be hung inside the cage. Otherwise, a four or five foot cotton rope and a swing are standard Eclectus cage equipment. They enjoy small hand toys, V-Tech brand and other toys for toddlers, and any challenging toy that can be manipulated by beak and feet. Wood toys for chewing and destruction can prevent a bird from becoming interested in overgrooming and possibly destroying its feathers. Eclectus should be allowed out of the cage and into a separate play area or tree for at least an hour a day and longer if possible. It has been reported that Eclectus have a longer than average intestinal tract to accommodate the high fiber diet that they require. They have been observed in the wild eating many types of fruits, flowers, and vegetable matter. The Eclectus digestive system seems to be extremely efficient at assimilating nutrients from foods. This probably is due to the high percentage of fibrous fruits and vegetables that make up their diet in the wild. Unless a vitamin or mineral deficiency is diagnosed with blood tests, they should not be supplemented with vitamins and minerals. Even pellets which have a full complement of vitamins and minerals can be too rich for the Eclectus system. Natural juicy foods of deep color including greens, sprouts, fruits and vegetables should be the mainstay of their diet. They do not need vitamin A supplements or shots, as was thought many years ago. They will assimilate all the vitamin A that they need from the colorful orange, yellow, red, and green foods like pomegranates, mangos, cantaloupe, carrots, red and green bell peppers, kale, collards, dandelion and other greens. All parrots should be given organically grown produce whenever possible. Eclectus are hardy birds that have no species-specific health problems. They thrive on exercise, natural foods, and pure water. They need a wide variety of nutritious foods rather than vitamin and mineral supplements. This disease requires several intermediate hosts but basically starts with an infected grackle or cowbird eaten by an opossum that sheds the sporocysts in its feces, which then is carried to the parrot by cockroaches and certain flies. Old World parrots that are housed outside, or anywhere that cockroaches or flies are a problem, should have tightly screened habitats to avoid this almost always fatal disease. When Eclectus parrots were first imported into the United States, little was known of their nutritional requirements and many people tried to maintain them on an all-seed diet. Until their need for a variety of colorful, fibrous fruits and vegetables was known, many of them did not live for as long as they should have. Although one pamphlet is still distributed stating that the average life expectancy of the Eclectus is eight years, most people now realize that there is no reason that Eclectus parrots cannot live as long as other parrots their size, such as Amazons and African Greys. I personally know of one pair that is still producing at the age of thirty-plus years, so obviously thirty is

NOT old age for an Eclectus. Because they have not been in this country for more than a few decades, there are few Eclectus over the age of thirty in captivity in the U. In general, Eclectus are quiet birds that prefer talking to screaming, but there are exceptions to every rule and there are a few loud Eclectus. Because most of them are exceptionally quiet for large parrots, they are considered suitable for apartment living; however, if one should obtain one of the few exceptionally loud members of this species, that would not be the case. They are capable of very harsh, loud calls when threatened with danger. Fortunately, most of them do not use the warning call very often. Ten hours sleep is the general rule for Eclectus parrots, but if the family schedule does not allow for ten uninterrupted, quiet hours of sleep, they will make up the lost rest with cat naps during the day. If it is impossible to provide a dark and quiet place for sleep, covering the cage is an option. Young Eclectus fledglings play hard and sleep soundly in thirty to sixty minute increments throughout the day.

Chapter 2 : Parrott Name Meaning, Family History, Family Crest & Coats of Arms

Parrot: Parrot, term applied to a large group of gaudy, raucous birds of the family Psittacidae. Parrot also is used in reference to any member of a larger bird group, order Psittaciformes, which includes cockatoos (family Cacatuidae) as well.

The Psittacoidea parrots are far more variable, ranging the full spectrum of sizes shown by the family. The upper mandible is prominent, curves downward, and comes to a point. It is not fused to the skull, which allows it to move independently, and contributes to the tremendous biting pressure the birds are able to exert. Touch receptors occur along the inner edges of the keratinised bill, which are collectively known as the "bill tip organ", allowing for highly dexterous manipulations. Seed-eating parrots have a strong tongue containing similar touch receptors to those in the bill tip organ, which helps to manipulate seeds or position nuts in the bill so that the mandibles can apply an appropriate cracking force. The head is large, with eyes positioned high and laterally in the skull, so the visual field of parrots is unlike any other birds. Without turning its head, a parrot can see from just below its bill tip, all above its head, and quite far behind its head. Parrots also have quite a wide frontal binocular field for a bird, although this is nowhere near as large as primate binocular visual fields. Most species are capable of using their feet to manipulate food and other objects with a high degree of dexterity, in a similar manner to a human using their hands. A study conducted with Australian parrots has demonstrated that they exhibit "handedness", a distinct preference with regards to the foot used to pick up food, with adult parrots being almost exclusively "left-footed" or "right-footed", and with the prevalence of each preference within the population varying by species. The predominant colour of plumage in parrots is green, though most species have some red or another colour in small quantities. Cockatoos are the main exception to this, having lost the green and blue plumage colours in their evolutionary history; they are now predominately black or white with some red, pink, or yellow. Some Caribbean and Pacific islands are home to endemic species. Three species—the Thick-billed parrot, the Green parakeet, and the now-extinct Carolina parakeet—have lived as far north as the southern United States. Many parrots have been introduced to areas with temperate climates, and have established stable populations in parts of the United States including New York City, [44] the United Kingdom, [45] Belgium [46] and Spain, [47] [48] as well as in Greece. Most fall somewhere between the two extremes, making poorly understood regional movements, with some adopting an entirely nomadic lifestyle. Most wild bird studies rely on banding or wing tagging, but parrots chew off such attachments. Some parrots have a strong, direct flight. Most species spend much of their time perched or climbing in tree canopies. They often use their bills for climbing by gripping or hooking on branches and other supports. On the ground, parrots often walk with a rolling gait. The diet of parrots consists of seeds, fruit, nectar, pollen, buds, and sometimes arthropods and other animal prey. The most important of these for most true parrots and cockatoos are seeds; the evolution of the large and powerful bill can be explained primarily as an adaptation to opening and consuming seeds. Parrots are seed predators rather than seed dispersers, and in many cases where species are recorded as consuming fruit, they are only eating the fruit to get at the seed. As seeds often have poisons that protect them, parrots carefully remove seed coats and other chemically defended fruit parts prior to ingestion. Many species in the Americas, Africa, and Papua New Guinea consume clay, which releases minerals and absorbs toxic compounds from the gut. Many other species also consume nectar when it becomes available. Golden-winged parakeets prey on water snails, [55] the kea of New Zealand hunts adult sheep though uncommon, [56] and the Antipodes parakeet, another New Zealand parrot, enters the burrows of nesting grey-backed storm petrels and kills the incubating adults. Pseudasturids were probably cuckoo or puffbird-like insectivores, while messelasturids were raptor-like carnivores. As with many birds, pair bond formation is preceded by courtship displays; these are relatively simple in the case of cockatoos. Cooperative breeding, where birds other than the breeding pair help raise the young and is common in some bird families, is extremely rare in parrots, and has only unambiguously been demonstrated in the El Oro parakeet and the golden parakeet which may also exhibit polygamous, or group breeding, behaviour with multiple females contributing to the clutch. Only the monk parakeet and five species

of lovebirds build nests in trees, [61] and three Australian and New Zealand ground parrots nest on the ground. All other parrots and cockatoos nest in cavities, either tree hollows or cavities dug into cliffs, banks, or the ground. The use of holes in cliffs is more common in the Americas. Many species use termite nests, possibly to reduce the conspicuousness of the nesting site or to create a favourable microclimate. The length of the burrow varies with species, but is usually between 0. The nests of cockatoos are often lined with sticks, wood chips, and other plant material. In the larger species of parrots and cockatoos, the availability of nesting hollows may be limited, leading to intense competition for them both within the species and between species, as well as with other bird families. The intensity of this competition can limit breeding success in some cases. In most species, the female undertakes all the incubation, although incubation is shared in cockatoos, the blue lorikeet, and the vernal hanging parrot. The female remains in the nest for almost all of the incubation period and is fed both by the male and during short breaks. Incubation varies from 17 to 35 days, with larger species having longer incubation periods. The newly born young are altricial, either lacking feathers or with sparse white down. The young spend three weeks to four months in the nest, depending on species, and may receive parental care for several months thereafter. They require several years to reach maturity, produce one or very few young per year, and do not necessarily breed every year. While parrots are able to mimic human speech, studies with the grey parrot have shown that some are able to associate words with their meanings and form simple sentences. Along with crows, ravens, and jays family Corvidae, parrots are considered the most intelligent of birds. The brain-to-body size ratio of psittacines and corvines is comparable to that of higher primates. However, birds use a different part of the brain, the mediorostral HVC, as the seat of their intelligence. Karten, a neuroscientist at the University of California, San Diego, who studied bird physiology, has discovered that the lower part of the avian brain is functionally similar to that in humans. Not only have parrots demonstrated intelligence through scientific testing of their language-using ability, but also some species of parrots such as the kea are also highly skilled at using tools and solving puzzles. Social interactions are often practised with siblings, and in several species, creches are formed with several broods, and these, too, are important for learning social skills. Foraging behaviour is generally learnt from parents, and can be a very protracted affair. Suprageneralists and specialists generally become independent of their parents much quicker than partly specialised species who may have to learn skills over long periods as various resources become seasonally available. Play forms a large part of learning in parrots; it can be solitary, and related to motor skills, or social. Species may engage in play fights or wild flights to practice predator evasion. An absence of stimuli can delay the development of young birds, as demonstrated by a group of vasa parrots kept in tiny cages with domesticated chickens from the age of 3 months; at 9 months, these birds still behaved in the same way as 3-month-olds, but had adopted some chicken behaviour. Aviculturists working with parrots have identified the need for environmental enrichment to keep parrots stimulated.

Chapter 3 : Hyacinth macaw - Wikipedia

It seems that when you mention the word "parrot" to a person, the same image generally comes to mind: a large, colorful bird whose most distinguishing characteristic is the ability to mimic human speech.

Taxonomy[edit] English physician, ornithologist, and artist John Latham first described the hyacinth macaw in under the binomial name *Psittacus hyacinthinus* based on a taxidermic specimen sent to England. However, the neck feathers can sometimes be slightly grey. Behaviour[edit] Food and feeding[edit] The majority of the hyacinth macaw diet is Brazil nuts, from native palms, such as acuri and bocaiuva palms. Their strong beaks are even able to crack coconuts , the large brazil nut pods, and macadamia nuts. The birds also boast dry, smooth tongues with a bone inside them that makes them an effective tool for tapping into fruits. The hyacinth macaw generally eats fruits, nuts, nectar, and various kinds of seeds. Also, they travel for the ripest of foods over a vast area. This behaviour was recorded by the English naturalist Henry Walter Bates in his book *The Naturalist on the River Amazons* , where he wrote that It flies in pairs, and feeds on the hard nuts of several palms, but especially of the Mucuja *Acrocomia lasiospatha*. These nuts, which are so hard as to be difficult to break with a heavy hammer, are crushed to a pulp by the powerful beak of this macaw. Reported sightings of tool use in wild parrots go as far back as Examples of tool use that have been observed usually involve a chewed leaf or pieces of wood. Macaws often incorporate these items when feeding on harder nuts. Their use allows the nuts the macaws eat to remain in position prevent slipping while they gnaw into it. It is not known whether this is learned social behavior or an innate trait, but observation on captive macaws shows that hand-raised macaws exhibit this behavior, as well. Comparisons show that older macaws were able to open seeds more efficiently. The hyacinth macaw depends on the toucan , for its livelihood. The toucan contributes largely to seed dispersal of the manduvi tree that the macaw needs for reproduction. A possible explanation for this behavior is what is called the insurance hypothesis. The macaw lays more eggs than can be normally fledged to compensate for earlier eggs that failed to hatch or firstborn chicks that did not survive. General traits[edit] Hyacinth macaws are the largest psittacine. They are also very even-tempered and can be calmer than other macaws, being known as "gentle giants". Smaller, fragmented populations may occur in other areas. It prefers palm swamps , woodlands, and other semiopen, wooded habitats. It usually avoids dense, humid forest, and in regions dominated by such habitats, it is generally restricted to the edge or relatively open sections e. In different areas of their range, these parrots are found in savannah grasslands, in dry thorn forest known as caatinga , and in palm stands, [11] particularly the Moriche Palm *Mauritia flexuosa*. Locally, it has been hunted for food, and the Kayapo Indians of Gorotire in south-central Brazil use its feathers to make headdresses and other ornaments. While overall greatly reduced in numbers, it remains locally common in the Brazilian Pantanal, where many ranch-owners now protect the macaws on their land. This family has the most endangered species of all bird families, especially in the neotropics , the natural home of the hyacinth macaw, where 46 of species are at a serious risk of global extinction. This genetic structure accentuates the need for protection of hyacinth macaws from different regions to maintain their genetic diversity. Nevertheless, the most important factors negatively affecting the wild population prove to be habitat destruction and nest poaching. Many young manduvi trees are then being grazed on by cattle or burnt by fire, and the Gerais is speedily being converted to land for mechanized agriculture, cattle ranching, and exotic tree plantations. Once birds are captured and brought into captivity, their mortality rates can become very high. Due to the poor survival rates of the young, poachers concentrate more heavily on adult birds, which depletes the population at a rapid pace. Unfortunately, animal trafficking is not necessarily viewed as a priority in the city, leaving national departmental and municipal governments unwilling to halt the trade in city centers, and local police reluctant to get involved. This ideology has in turn resulted in a lack of enforcement regarding trade in both CITES-restricted species and threatened species, with little to no restrictions regarding humane treatment of the animals, disease control, or proper hygiene. Additionally, they have a higher incidence of acute crop stasis than other macaw species due, in part, to their specific dietary requirements. Many ranch owners in the Pantanal and Gerais, to protect the birds, no longer allow trappers on their properties.

Additionally, propositions have been made to assess the effectiveness of artificial nest boxes, enforce legal measures preventing trade, and experiment with ecotourism at one or two sites to encourage donors. Endangered Species Act have been made to further protective measures in the USA and to create Bolivian and Paraguayan trade management authorities under presidential control. While the birds may be in decline in the wild, notably higher populations of captive macaws are being held in zoos and private collections. Survival rates could also be enhanced if ranch owners would leave all large and potential nest trees standing and eliminate all trapping on their properties. Ultimately, should these factors work in tandem with erection of nest boxes, fencing off of certain saplings, and the planting of others, the long-term prospects of the hyacinth macaw species would be greatly improved.

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If you have not yet figured this out, brace yourself, this is going to sting: He thinks HE is the most important cog in the wheel and will do whatever is necessary promote what is in HIS best interest. He will favor whoever proves to be the most beneficial to him. From our point of view, it appears that the affection we get from our bird is love or a show of gratitude for the great toys and yummy snacks. But the reality is that their relationship with us is all about their survival and safety. Before you go running for the tissues with hurt feelings, consider this: Your bird is in your house today because it was in some way beneficial to you. Either you wanted a bird because you thought it would be a fun addition to the family, or were looking for something to nurture and love, or caring for needy birds fills your cup. In there somewhere is a benefit to you. Magically, somewhere in the midst of all this selfishness, humans and birds build bonds with the strength of super glue. In almost all cases, a bird will have a favorite person and there is nothing wrong with that. It is NOT acceptable, though, when your bird rejects, or worse, attacks everyone else. Birds select long term mates in the wild and we have seen footage of small birds attacking a predatory bird in defense of its mate or nest. But birds are also social flock animals. A flock has an unwritten agreement to protect each other. They often all play a role in teaching the young members about foraging and safety matters. Without a flock a bird feels vulnerable. Having a bird that will not tolerate the entire family, or will not be handled by everyone, affects the emotional well-being of the bird. Part of our job as bird owner is to make sure that our birds have a permanent home with us and to prepare them for any unthinkable future events. What will happen to your bird if you die and your bird hates everyone else in the house? How long will you be able to keep your bird if it repeatedly attacks family members? So how to solve the problem? Training is the fastest and most effective way to demonstrate what you can bring to the table. While you are establishing your worth, ask yourself why your bird has chosen another person? Was there an event which caused the bird to back away? What is the favorite person doing right that you can utilize? And, this a hard one, is the favorite person working against you without realizing it? Sometimes your presence will hold the bird back rather than make him feel more at ease. If your bird has switched their allegiance away from you to another person, there is a reason for it and you will have to respect this decision. This happens a lot with people who travel often or are away from home for long stretches. As always, proceed slowly and let a new relationship grow naturally and comfortably especially since you are trying to show your bird that you have value and can be trusted as a companion. You may never be the favorite person, but your bird should respect you enough to interact politely with you at all times.

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Lorikeets were previously regarded as a third family, Loriidae: 45 but are now considered a tribe within the subfamily Lorinae, family Psittaculidae. The two other tribes in the subfamily are the closely related fig parrots (two genera in the tribe Cyclopsittini) and budgerigar (tribe Melopsittacini).

All belong to just two families. In the family Psittacidae are parakeets including the budgerigars, rosellas, and conures, lovebirds, amazons, The family Psittacidae numbers species. These birds have a blunt tongue and eat seeds, buds, and some fruits and insects. Many members of the subfamily are known simply as parrots, but various subgroups have more specific names such as macaw, parakeet, conure, and lovebird. Budgerigar *Melopsittacus undulatus*, a popular parakeet. Captive birds are alert and, compared with other parrots, relatively good-tempered. Some are said to have lived 80 years. The bird is about 33 cm 13 inches long and is light gray except for its squared, red tail and bare, whitish face; the sexes look alike. Gray parrots are common in the rainforest, where they eat fruits and seeds; they damage crops but are important propagators of the oil palm. Among other proficient mimics are the Amazon parrots *Amazona*. The 31 species of Amazons are chunky birds, mostly 25 to 40 cm 10 to 16 inches long, with slightly erectile crown feathers and a rather short, squared tail. Their predominantly green plumage is marked with other bright colours, chiefly on the upper head; the sexes look alike. They are difficult to breed and may be aggressive as well as squawky. Common in aviaries is the blue-fronted Amazon *A. The yellow-crowned parrot A. The monk, or green, parakeet Myiopsitta monachus* is one of the hardiest parrot species. It is native to South America, but some have escaped from captivity in the United States and now nest in several states. Its large stick nest is unique among psittaciforms. Other remarkable parrots of this subfamily include the hanging parrots *Loriculus*, which sleep upside-down like bats. Caiques *Pionites* are small, short-tailed South American birds similar to conures in build and habits. Black-capped parakeet *Pyrrhura rupicola*. Painting by John P. It feeds at night on spinifex grass seeds and dozes under a tussock by day. Its nest is a twig platform in a bush and is entered by way of a tunnel. Equally unusual is the ground parrot, or ground parakeet *Pezoporus wallicus*. Rare local populations exist in the wastelands of coastal southern Australia and western Tasmania. It runs in the grass, flushes like a quail, and makes a sudden deceptive pitch, and it was formerly hunted with dogs. It eats seeds and insects; its nest is a leaf-lined depression under a bush. The lorries with short tails and lorikeets with longer, pointed tails make up the Psittacidae subfamily *Loriinae*. The 53 species in 12 genera are found in Australia, New Guinea, and some Pacific islands. All have a slender, wavy-edged beak and a brush-tipped tongue for extracting nectar from flowers and juices from fruits. Greg Hume Rainbow lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*. The pygmy parrots of the subfamily *Micropsittinae* all belong to the genus *Micropsitta*. The six species are endemic to New Guinea and nearby islands. These are the smallest members of the family. They live in forests, where they eat insects and fungi. The subfamily *Nestorinae* is found only in New Zealand. The kea *Nestor notabilis* occasionally tears into sheep carcasses rarely, weakened sheep to get at the fat around the kidneys. The kaka, N. The owl parrot, or kakapo *Strigops habroptilus*, also lives only in New Zealand. It is the sole member of the subfamily *Strigopinae*. Rare and once thought extinct, it survives as a scant population on Stewart Island. The cockatoo family *Cacatuidae* numbers 21 species from Australia, New Guinea, and nearby islands. The group includes the cockatiel *Nymphicus hollandicus*, a smaller bird. All are crested and have heavy beaks for cracking nuts and seeds. The so-called sea parrot is unrelated to the psittaciforms see puffin. Sulfur-crested cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*. Flock of galahs, or roseate cockatoos *Eolophus roseicapillus*.

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