

 10-15 years

 11 inches

 Intermediate

 70-75° F

 Seeded Foods



Kakarikis are highly energetic, fun loving, and full of curiosity. These birds love to hide, fly, climb, and play, and are very easily tamed. Kakarikis are one of the most acrobatic small parrots, and are happy to climb up, down, and all around the entire cage. Because they are avid chewers, many natural toys and wood perches will be necessary to keep them happy. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

CAGE SET UP

Kakarikis must have a well-ventilated home with space for them to roam. They are avid climbers, and will need many bars, climbing toys, and ladders to keep them occupied. A minimum 36" x 36" x 36" cage is recommended.

BEDDING

Horse pellet bedding or corn cob is great for the base of the bird cage, and makes for easier clean up. As always, NEVER use cedar shavings with any small animal or bird. It negatively affects the respiratory tracts in small animals.

TEMPERATURE

Room temperature, between 70-75°F, is good for kakarikis. They are very hardy birds, and can tolerate a wide range of temperatures, but a constant household temperature is best. Keep the cage in a safe area away from windows and drafts.

FOOD AND WATER

Feed young kakarikis seeded cockatiel food, such as the Happy Hearts or Kaytee brand cockatiel seed. Additionally, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, sprouts, and boiled eggs are wonderful options for the kakariki's diet. These birds like to forage, so a food dish on the bottom of the cage is recommended. The bird will also love to bathe in a shallow dish of lukewarm water placed on the bottom of the cage.

HANDLING

Kakarikis are inquisitive, friendly birds, and typically very easily handled. Do so frequently, as they can become human friendly in no time at all. By using their favorite treats and activities, the kakariki will look forward to time spent outside of the cage.

CLEANING

Clean out the cage on a daily basis. Replace soiled bedding, and give fresh food and water daily. Perches, ladders, and toys must be taken out and cleaned regularly.

ACCESSORIES

Kakarikis enjoy a variety of perches, ladders, and chew toys. They will chew on anything and everything. Include several natural wood chews and natural hanging toys for their enjoyment, but do not overcrowd the cage, as they love to play and run.