



New to aviaries? A simple overview of what to consider when building and housing one, plus a quick-reference guide to the birds we keep in ours. Two main factors shape the size, materials and wire of your aviary: **the species to be housed** and **the purpose of the aviary**.

We sell aviary panels, safety porches and everything you need to build and fit out your aviary – ask in store, or see the **Aviaries & Panels page on our website.**

📄 WHERE TO START

Flight space is the unobstructed exercise area – not resting areas or the safety porch. It decides how many birds you can keep.

Bird purpose: is your aviary for display, or for breeding? If breeding, **we do not recommend mixing species**. Fledglings are vulnerable and may sit on the floor, so kit the aviary out for them.

❓ BASIC SAFETY

- **Safety porch** – a double-door airlock so birds can't fly straight out. Keep a catching net inside.
- **Hard standing** – slabs or concrete stop vermin digging in, and let you screw the aviary down against harsh weather.
- **Wire** – we build ours with the wire inside the frame. Check the gauge and hole size suit your species.

♥ WINTER PROTECTION

- Aviary birds need protection from wind, rain and extreme cold on the exposed sides of the aviary.
- The roof needs to be **completely covered** – not just partially – to keep the aviary dry and draught-free.

🛒 ESSENTIALS

SEED

Keep the same mix, or wean gradually. Change daily, in open dishes.

GRIT

On the seed twice a week to aid digestion.

SUPPLEMENTS

Powdered complete pet supplement, or an iodine block and cuttlefish.

DISINFECTANT

Bird-safe only – protects against diseases like avian influenza.

TOYS

For enrichment and shelter. Replace damaged ones; avoid mirrors.

PERCHES

Natural apple or hazel branches keep feet healthy and nails trim.

Change fresh water daily. We do not offer wing, beak or nail clipping.



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☺ SPECIES FACT FILE

SPECIES	MIXABILITY	NOISE	LIFE	SEXING	BREEDING
 Bengalese Finch	Mixes	Low	4–6 yrs	Cannot be sexed	Box / cage (pairs)
 Bourke's Parakeet	Mixes	Very low	5–12 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Budgie	Mixes	Low–moderate	5–12 yrs	Visual sexing	Breeding cage (pairs)
 Caique	Own kind	Moderate–loud	20–40 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (single pair)
 Canary	Mixes	Moderate–high	5–12 yrs	Requires expertise (often by song)	Cage (pairs)
 Cockatiel	Mixes	Low–moderate	10–19 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (colony & pairs)
 Diamond Dove	Mixes	Very low	4–6 yrs	Visual sexing	Aviary (colony)
 Fischer's Lovebird	Own kind	Moderate–loud	10–15 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Green Cheek Conure	Own kind	Moderate	15–25 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Indian Ringneck	Own kind	Moderate–loud	20–30 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (colony & pairs)
 Lineolated Parakeet (Barred Parakeet)	Mixes	Moderate	10–15 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Parrotlet	Own kind	Low	15–20 yrs	Visual sexing	Aviary (single pair)
 Plumhead	Mixes	Moderate	15–20 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Quaker Parrot	Own kind	Loud	20–30 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (colony & pairs)
 Rock Pebbler	Mixes	Moderate	20–30 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Rose Crowned Conure	Own kind	Moderate	15–25 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Sierra Parakeet	Mixes	Quiet	10–15 yrs	DNA sexing	Aviary (pairs)
 Zebra Finch	Mixes	Low	4–6 yrs	Visual sexing	Cage & aviary (colony & pairs)

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