



Often called “Linnies” and also known as Barred Parakeets, these small, chunky parakeets have a calm, easy-going nature that sets them apart from most parakeet species – quiet, gentle, and full of quirky charm.

KEY FACTS

EXPERIENCE	Beginner	LIFESPAN	10–15 years
TEMPERAMENT	Calm, gentle, easy-going – one of the quieter parakeet species; can be a little hand shy	TAMEABILITY	Hand tames with patience, generally slower than a budgie; gentle, consistent interaction works best
TALKABILITY	Not known for talking – an occasional soft word is a bonus	NOISE LEVEL	Moderate – generally quiet, but alarm calls can be moderately loud
SOCIAL NEEDS	Best kept as a single bird with plenty of one-to-one interaction – linnies do not always thrive in pairs, and benefit from more company during the day than most	SIZE	Approx. 16 cm, head to tail
GENDER	Gender only determined by DNA testing		
HYPOALLERGENIC	Low dust – oil-based feathers with very little loose powder		

PERSONALITY

- Calm, gentle, and easy-going – one of the quieter parakeet species.
- Full of quirky charm – climbers rather than fliers, who love to burrow.
- Can be a little hand shy to begin with.
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ONE OR TWO?

Unlike most parakeets, linnies are best kept **singly** rather than in pairs – they do not always thrive sharing a cage, so we’d talk this through with you before recommending it. A single linnie needs plenty of one-to-one interaction and more company during the day than most birds; eight hours alone every day could be too much for them, so they suit a household where someone is around for a good part of the day.

WHAT THEY NEED

- **A suitable cage** – please check with us for the right size and bar spacing.
- **A quality seed or pellet mix** in open dishes, changed daily.
- **Grit** – a pinch twice a week aids digestion.
- **Calcium & vitamins** – a supplement powder, or a cuttlefish and iodine block.
- **Varied perches** – washed apple or hazel branches, plus a pedicure perch.
- **Toys**, rotated regularly (no mirrors – they raise hormones).
- **Fresh water** daily, and a bath or light spray a few times a week.



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