



Do not let their size fool you – parrotlets are tiny, but they've got the confidence and personality of a much bigger parrot. Bold, curious, and endlessly entertaining, they make a brilliant choice for someone who wants big parrot character in a small-bird package.

KEY FACTS

EXPERIENCE	Intermediate	LIFESPAN	15–20 years
TEMPERAMENT	Bold, confident, full of character – “a big parrot in a small body”	TAMEABILITY	Tames well young; can nip if startled or under-socialised
TALKABILITY	A handful of words in some individuals – the exception, not the rule	NOISE LEVEL	Low – occasional chirps and chatter
SOCIAL NEEDS	Does well alone with daily interaction; kept in pairs, two may bond to each other over their owner	SIZE	Approx. 12–14 cm, head to tail
GENDER	Usually sexed visually once fully feathered as babies, so we do not DNA test them – males show blue in the wing and rump; females do not		
HYPOALLERGENIC	Low dust – oil-based feathers with very little loose powder		

PERSONALITY

- Bold, confident, and full of character – a big parrot in a small body.
- Curious and endlessly entertaining to watch.
- Their feisty streak means they're a step up from the easiest starter birds.
- Tames well when started young.
- Can nip if startled or under-socialised.
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ONE OR TWO?

Parrotlets do well living alone, so for the closest bond, **keep just one** and give daily out-of-cage interaction – a single bird relies on you for company. Kept as a pair, two parrotlets may well bond to each other over their owner, which still makes lively, entertaining company, just less likely to become hands-on tame.

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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