



Plumheads are elegant, slender parakeets with a striking plum-coloured head that develops on mature males at around two years old, closely related to the ringneck family. They're intelligent and can form a genuine bond with a patient owner.

KEY FACTS

EXPERIENCE	Advanced	LIFESPAN	15–20 years
TEMPERAMENT	Intelligent, affectionate once settled, independent-minded	TAMEABILITY	Tames with patience; most go through a nippy “bluffing” stage
TALKABILITY	Capable, with some developing a decent vocabulary	NOISE LEVEL	Moderate, particularly at dawn and dusk
SOCIAL NEEDS	Can live alone with committed daily interaction, or in pairs/aviary	SIZE	Approx. 33–36 cm, head to tail (including the long tail feathers)
GENDER	Gender only determined by DNA testing. Once mature, males have a much more vibrant plum head		
HYPOALLERGENIC	Low dust – oil-based feathers with very little loose powder		

PERSONALITY

- Intelligent, elegant, and independent-minded.
- Affectionate once settled, with a patient owner.
- Males develop their striking plum-coloured head at around two years old.
- Tames with patience; most go through a nippy “bluffing” stage.
- Needs confident, consistent interaction to come out well-mannered.
- Capable talkability, with some developing a decent vocabulary.

ONE OR TWO?

Like other ringneck-type parakeets, Plumheads can live alone, so **keep just one** only if you can commit to daily interaction – especially through their challenging adolescent phase. If daily attention isn't realistic, they're best kept in pairs or in an aviary, where they'll do well with company of their own kind instead.

WHAT THEY NEED

- **A suitable cage** – please check with us for the right size and bar spacing; plumheads need plenty of room for that long tail.
- **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.
- **Chew-safe 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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