



Indian Ringnecks are strikingly elegant, intelligent parakeets with a real capacity to bond closely with their owner – but they're well known for a challenging adolescent “bluffing” phase, where a previously sweet young bird can become nippy and territorial for several months.

KEY FACTS

EXPERIENCE	Advanced	LIFESPAN	20–30 years
TEMPERAMENT	Intelligent, confident, affectionate with their bonded person	TAMEABILITY	Tames well young; the bluffing phase needs a calm, consistent hand
TALKABILITY	Excellent – one of the clearest-talking parakeet species, although very repetitive	NOISE LEVEL	Moderate to loud, particularly around dawn and dusk
SOCIAL NEEDS	Bonds strongly with one person; can be kept alone only with committed daily interaction, otherwise best in pairs or an aviary	SIZE	Approx. 40 cm, head to tail (including the long tail feathers)
GENDER	Gender only determined by DNA testing. Once mature, males develop a dark ring framing the head		
HYPOALLERGENIC	Low dust – oil-based feathers with very little loose powder		

PERSONALITY

- Intelligent, confident, and strikingly elegant.
- Affectionate with their bonded person once settled.
- Known for a challenging adolescent “bluffing” phase.
- Tames well young; the bluffing phase needs a calm, consistent hand.
- Excellent talkability – one of the clearest-talking parakeets.
- Can be very repetitive once they learn a word or phrase.

ONE OR TWO?

Ringnecks bond strongly with one person, so **keep just one** only if you can commit to daily interaction – without it, a single bird can become frustrated or noisy. 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; ringnecks 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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