

Cockatiels: Fun Facts and Care Tips

All about the Tiels!!

Cockatiels are small, friendly birds that come from Australia. They are part of the cockatoo family and are known for their beautiful crests and cheerful personalities. Cockatiels are popular pets because they are easy to take care of and love to interact with people.

Cool Facts About Cockatiels

- Scientific Name: *Nymphicus hollandicus*
- Size: About 12 to 13 inches long, including their long tail feathers
- Lifespan: They can live up to 25 years with proper care
- Colors: Cockatiels come in many colors, but the most common is grey with a yellow face and orange cheeks
- Crest: The feathers on top of their head are called a crest. The crest shows how they are feeling. If it's straight up, they are excited or scared. If it's flat, they might be angry



Where Do They Live

In the wild, cockatiels live in Australia. They like to stay close to water and often travel in flocks. They can be found in arid or semi-arid areas, but they always make sure they are near a water source.

What Do They Eat

Cockatiels love to eat seeds but should not have more than 20% each day. They should eat pellets and they also need fruits, vegetables, and beans to stay healthy. It's important to give them a variety of foods to make sure they get all the nutrients they need.

How to Take Care of a Cockatiel

- Cage: Make sure they have a spacious cage with plenty of room to move around.
- Toys: Cockatiels are playful and need toys to keep them entertained.
- Social Time: Spend time with your cockatiel every day. They are social birds and love to interact with their owners.
- Clean Water: Always provide fresh water for your cockatiel to drink.
- Baths: birds need a bath each week. Try letting water run in a sink and let them bathe.

Why Are They Special

Cockatiels are not just pets; they are companions. They can show a wide range of emotions and can become very attached to their owners. With the right care and attention, a cockatiel can be a wonderful addition to your family.

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Fun Things to Do

Cockatiels can learn to do tricks like handshakes, flips, and even fly on command. They can also be taught to sing simple songs. Training takes patience and practice, but it's a great way to bond with your bird.

My Favorite Cockatiel:

