



# African Grey Parrot

## *Psittacus enithacus*

**Description:** The African Grey is a medium sized bird with grey to black feathers. Its wings are typically darker than its light grey belly. Its tail feathers are a bright red which make it a very popular bird.

**Habitat:** They are found primarily in forests, both primary and secondary. They thrive in warmer climates.

**Range:** African Grays are native to the western part of Africa in the Congo, and in the central areas of Africa.

**Life Span:** They have an average life span of 60 years and can live longer in captivity.

**Natural Diet:** In the wild, they will forage for seeds, nuts, and fruits found on trees

**Zoo Diet:** At the zoo, the parrots receive a commercialized parrot food, supplemented with fresh fruits and vegetables.

**Behavior:** African Grey Parrots are known for their high levels of intelligence. They are capable of mimicking complex human sounds, which makes them common in the pet trade, along with their docile temperament. When an African Grey is aggressive they have been known to growl.



**Reproduction:** Females will lay eggs that will then be fertilized by a male. After several weeks the egg will hatch to a baby parrot without feathers or eyesight. The mother will be the main caretaker until it is fully flighted and can forage for itself.

**Conservation Status:** Near threatened

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