

Cockatiel

The cockatiel is the smallest member of the cockatoo family, and the bird is renowned for having a sweet disposition. However there are a number of factors that will play a role in this, and some of them include the environment the bird is raised in, as well as how it is handled by those who care for it. Cockatiels can be noisy, and they can be demanding when it comes to getting the attention. The cockatiel has a fairly long lifespan, and can live as long as 20 years.

The cockatiel is known for its crest and when startled or surprised the crest will have a vertical appearance, but the crest will become flattened when the bird is angry or upset.

The face of a male cockatiel will either be white or yellow in color, while the face of a female cockatiel will be various shades of grey. Both sexes of this species will have a circular area of orange near their ears. The orange area is very beautiful within the male cockatiels, but is much more muted in the females.