



AUSTRALIAN BUDGERIGAR (BUDGIE)

(*MELOPSITTACUS UNDULATUS*)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

Throughout drier parts of Australia

HABITAT:

Savannas, Grasslands, Forests, and Wooded Areas

LIFESTYLE:

Arboreal (tree dwelling)

DIET:

Seeds, & other Vegetation (herbivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

~ 8-15 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

~ 25-40g

ACTIVITY:

Diurnal (mostly active during the day)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, Natural Disasters, Invasive Species, & Importation

FUN FACTS:

Budgies are one of the smallest species of parrot in the world, and live natively in Australia. In nature, they are colored yellow and green, but because they have been selectively bred in the care of humans for many years, can now be seen in lots of different colors and patterns. Adult male and female budgies can be differentiated by the color of their cere, which is the fleshy area surrounding their nostrils at the base of their beak. Adult males have a blue cere, and females have a pink or tan cere. Budgies have become very popular pets to humans all over the world, and are also one of the best talking parrot species on the planet. They can mimic all sorts of sounds, (including human speech) very well. Though sometimes known as the “parakeet” -the Budgerigar is actually only just one of many types of parakeets that exist in the world.