

Wings 'n' Things

Quick guide fact sheet

Blue and Gold Macaw

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- **General info.** If you want a companion that is magnificent both in colour and size, extremely affectionate and loving and can give the full time care they deserve, this is definitely the bird for you.
- Blue and Gold Macaws, also called Blue and Yellow Macaws are found over almost all of northern South America from Panama to northern Argentina. They live in forested areas and swamplands containing palm trees. Blue and Gold Macaws are fairly common in British aviaries and among the most popular of the large Macaws kept as companion birds. They are not regarded as endangered as yet. They are no longer imported into the E.U. due to the ban on wild caught birds being imported, so the only young birds available should be aviary bred stock.
- **Adult size.**85cms (34in).
- **Sexing.**The sexes are alike, although some males have larger heads and beak.
- **Talking ability.** Blue and Gold Macaws can be regarded as good talkers.
- **Life span.**Blue and Gold Macaws can live for 60 to 70 years possibly more. The oldest recorded was over 100 years old!
- **Diet.** Blue and Gold Macaws require a good parrot mix, large nuts such as Walnuts, A lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, vitamin supplements and fresh water daily. Vitamin and mineral supplements.
- **Pros for choosing a Blue and Gold Macaw.**
 - They are extremely intelligent,
 - Become devoted to their keepers,
 - Large, magnificent in size.
 - Good talking ability,
 - Exceptionally entertaining,
 - Playful, mischievous disposition,
 - Good family pet.
 - Long lived and a lifelong pet.
 - Beautifully coloured.
 - Gentle, loving nature.
- **In my opinion the Rolls Royce of Parrots.**
- **Cons for choosing a Blue and Gold Macaw.**
 - Due to their size they need a large cage and space.
 - Can be very loud at times.
 - Because of their powerful beaks can be destructive.
- **Wings 'n' Things** Produce our own care sheet for the Blue and Gold Macaw, please ask.

