

Wings 'n' Things

Quick guide fact sheet

White bellied Caique

pionites leucogaster

- **General info.** If you want a bird that is always on the go completely manic, acrobatic and totally entertaining this is the bird for you.
- White bellied Caiques are found in tropical forests near water South of the river Amazon in Bolivia, Peru and Equador. They are rarer in Britain than their Black headed cousins and therefore more expensive. Only in recent years have people started breeding these clowns more frequently. They are not regarded as endangered but unfortunately some Caiques are still imported into Britain, there is no need for this. There are more than enough bred in this country to cover demand. ***Please do not buy these imported birds.*** They are wild and rarely make good companion birds.
- **Adult size.**23cms (9in).
- **Sexing.**The sexes are alike, although some males have slightly larger heads and beak.
- **Talking ability.** Caiques can be regarded as moderate talkers and mimics of whistles and household sounds.
- **Life span.**White bellied Caiques can live for 25 to 30 years possibly more.
- **Diet.** Caiques require a good parrot and parakeet mix. A lot of fresh fruit and vegetables and fresh water daily. Vitamin and mineral supplements.
- **Pros for choosing a White bellied Caique.**
- Caiques are extremely intelligent,
- Become devoted to their keepers,
- Small in size.
- Moderate talking ability,
- Exceptionally entertaining,
- Playful, mischievous disposition,
- Good family pet.
- Caiques are the Ultimate CLOWNS of the parrot world,
- Beautifully coloured.
- **Cons for choosing a White bellied Caique.**
- Can be messy eaters due to their large fruit intake.
- Wings 'n' Things Produce our own care sheet for the White bellied Caique, please ask.