

# Wings 'n' Things

## Quick guide fact sheet

### Double Yellow Headed Amazon Parrot

#### *amazona ochrocephala Oratrix*

- **General info.** If you want a companion that has excellent talking ability is very colourful and has a charming entertaining personality this is the parrot for you.
- ....Double Yellow Headed Amazons are in the *Ochrocephala* family and have nine sub-species, which include the Yellow Naped and Yellow Crowned Amazons. They are found in South America from Guiana and Venezuela in the East to the Columbian Andes in the West also they are found in Trinidad, Mexico, Honduras and Costa Rica. All the subspecies differ in the position and size of the yellow patch on the head. They live in Forested areas in flocks. DY Heads are fairly popular in British aviaries and among the most popular of the large Parrots kept as companion birds. All the Double Yellow Headed Amazon sub-species are endangered and are on the CITES list, and therefore paperwork is needed to keep this species. And should never be bought without this paperwork and these CITES certificates should accompany this parrot throughout its life. Newly imported wild caught Double Yellow Headed Amazons should never therefore be offered for sale by law.
- **Adult size.** ....from 35cms (13.5in) to 41cms (16in).
- **Sexing.** .....The sexes are alike, although some males have larger heads and beak.
- **Talking ability.** DY Heads are excellent talkers, and mimics of tunes, songs and household sounds such as the telephone and door bell.
- **Life span.** ....DY Heads can live for 40 to 60 years possibly more.
- **Diet.**..... DY Heads require a good parrot mix, a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, vitamin and mineral supplements and fresh water daily.
- **Pros for choosing a Double Yellow Headed Amazon.**
  - They are extremely intelligent,
  - Become devoted to their keepers,
  - Excellent talking ability,
  - Exceptionally entertaining,
  - Good family pet.
  - Long lived,
  - Beautifully coloured.
  - Gentle, loving nature.
- **Cons for choosing a Double Yellow Headed Amazon.**
  - Can be noisy at times.
  - They are headstrong and can be stubborn.
- **Wings 'n' Things** Produce our own care sheet for the Double Yellow Headed Amazon Parrot, please ask.

