

# Wings 'n' Things

## Quick guide fact sheet

### Ducorps' Cockatoo

#### *Cacatua ducorpsii*

- **General info.** If you want a companion that has good talking ability fairly calm and becomes devoted to its keepers then this is the Cockatoo for you.
- ....The Ducorps' Cockatoo is found in the Solomon Islands. It is recorded in small groups or pairs in the wild. Where they are said to do considerable damage to villagers crops particularly sweet potatoes and pawpaws. Ducorps' are fairly un-common in British aviaries and are not often available as companion birds.. They are on appendix II of CITES this means that they are not necessarily now threatened with extinction but that may become so unless trade is closely controlled. All young birds now available should now, of been bred in aviaries as the trade in wild caught birds is now banned in the E.U.
- **Adult size.** ....31cms (12.5in).
- **Sexing.** .....The sexes are alike, except the males have black eyes and the females have reddish brown eyes when mature.
- **Talking ability.** Ducorps' Cockatoo's are fairly good talkers.
- **Life span.** ....Ducorps' Cockatoo's can live for 40 to 60 years possibly more.
- **Diet.** ..... Ducorps' Cockatoo's require a good parrot mix, a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh water daily. Vitamin, mineral and calcium supplements.
- **Pros for choosing an Ducorps' Cockatoo.**
  - They are extremely intelligent,
  - Become devoted to their keepers,
  - Fairly Good talking ability,
  - Long lived,
  - Gentle, loving nature.
  - Very beautiful with their striking blue eye ring.
  - Very entertaining with dancing and posturing.
  - Not as hyperactive as some species of Cockatoo.
- **Cons for choosing a Ducorps' Cockatoo.**
  - Can be quite noisy at times.
  - Can be prone to plucking if bored, stressed or un-stimulated.
  - Because of their high intelligence they need stimulation and are very sensitive.
  - They can be dusty
- **SPECIAL NOTES** Please think carefully before taking on this species of Cockatoo, they are not for the novice. Please discuss with us before making your mind up.
- **Wings 'n' Things** Produce our own care sheet for the Ducorps' Cockatoo, please ask.

