

Wings 'n' Things

Quick guide fact sheet

Umbrella Cockatoo

Cacatua alba

- **General info.** If you want a companion that has good talking ability and becomes devoted to its keepers then this is the parrot for you.
-The Umbrella Cockatoo, sometimes called the white Cockatoo is found in Indonesia in the Moluccas islands, Obi, Batjan, Tidore and Ternate. Very surprisingly although this Cockatoo is fairly common in the wild and one of the most common Cockatoo's in aviculture, very little is known about this Cockatoo. There is very little information on its habitat but is recorded in small groups or pairs. Umbrellas are fairly common in British aviaries and among the most popular of the Cockatoos kept as companion birds. They are not regarded as endangered yet but unfortunately a very small number of these remarkable birds may 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 should remain in the wild and never make good companion birds.
- **Adult size.**46cms (18in).
- **Sexing.**The sexes are alike, except the males have black eyes and the females have reddish brown eyes when mature.
- **Talking ability.** Umbrella Cockatoo's are fairly good talkers.
- **Life span.**Umbrella Cockatoo's can live for 40 to 60 years possibly more.
- **Diet.** Umbrella 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 Umbrella Cockatoo.**
 - They are extremely intelligent,
 - Become devoted to their keepers,
 - Fairly Good talking ability,
 - Long lived,
 - Gentle, loving nature.
 - Very entertaining with dancing and posturing.
- **Cons for choosing a Umbrella 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 a lot of stimulation and are very sensitive.
 - They are very 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 Umbrella Cockatoo, please ask.

