

# Wings 'n' Things

## Quick guide fact sheet

### Yellow Crowned Amazon Parrot

#### amazona ochrocephala

- **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.
- ....Yellow Crowned Amazons have nine sub-species. 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. Yellow Crowns are fairly popular in British aviaries and among the most popular of the large Parrots kept as companion birds. Some of the sub-species of this parrot are regarded as endangered and are on the CITES list. But unfortunately some of the more common Yellow Crowned Amazons 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 should remain in the wild and rarely make good companion birds.
- **Adult size.** ....from 35cms (13.5in) to 41cms (16in).
- **Sexing.** .....The sexes are alike, although some males have larger heads and beak.
- **Talking ability.** Yellow Crowns are excellent talkers, and mimics of tunes, songs and household sounds such as the telephone and door bell.
- **Life span.** ....Yellow Crowned Amazons can live for 40 to 60 years possibly more.
- **Diet.** ..... Yellow Crowns require a good parrot mix, a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, vitamin and mineral supplements and fresh water daily.
- **Pros for choosing a Yellow Crowned Amazon.**
  - They are extremely intelligent,
  - Become devoted to their keepers,
  - Good talking ability,
  - Exceptionally entertaining,
  - Good family pet.
  - Long lived,
  - Beautifully coloured.
  - Gentle, loving nature.
- **Cons for choosing a Yellow Crowned Amazon.**
  - Can be noisy at times.
  - *Wings 'n' Things* Produce our own care sheet for the Yellow Crowned Amazon Parrot, please ask.

