## ECLECTUS PARROT

One of the most striking species of parrot, the Eclectus is sexually dimorphic, meaning the male & female differ in appearance!

For the Eclectus, their dimorphism is colour, the male is mainly green with a yellow beak, while the female is mainly red with a black beak.

Eclectus make vibrant companions but do need a lot of attention & often training as they are highly intelligent.

A large variety of toys will keep an Eclectus' mind healthy & will relieve the boredom that can so easily set in with these clever pet birds. It is important to provide Eclectus parrots with toys made out of soft wood. Although they love to chew & gnaw, they do not have beaks as strong as other parrot species. As the Eclectus parrot needs plenty of exercise & has a very wide wingspan, it is important to buy the largest enclosure possible for your pet, with the focus being on the width. An enclosure designed for a macaw would also be ideal for the seemingly smaller Eclectus.

Eclectus parrot diets should be made up of vegetables, legumes (mixed with brown rice), fresh fruit & commercial pellets. Their favourites include cooked sweet potato, broccoli & corn on the cob. Although they will eat seeds & nuts, these should be given in moderation as they can quickly lead to Eclectus obesity.

The Eclectus likes to take a long dip in the bath every day. Allow them to do this in the morning to give them the rest of the day to dry out.

In terms of speech, the Eclectus can learn sentences, songs & will mimic sounds. The Eclectus when cared for correctly can live on average anywhere between 30-50 years! This should always taken into consideration before aquiring an Eclectus as a pet. For further information about the individual personality of any of our hand raised Eclectus parrots, our knowledgable staff will be more than happy to talk to you

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