



# Hawk-headed parrot

***Deroptyus accipitrinus***

FAMILY: Psittacidae

ORDER: Psittaciformes

AZA MANAGEMENT: Studbook

## GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

- EUROPE
- ASIA
- NORTH AMERICA
- NEOTROPICAL
- AFRICA
- AUSTRALIA
- OTHER

## HABITAT

- FOREST
- DESERT
- GRASSLAND
- COASTAL
- RIVERINE
- MONTANE
- OTHER

## CIRCADIAN CYCLE

- DIURNAL
- CREPUSCULAR
- NOCTURNAL
- OTHER



## TEMPERATURE TOLERANCE



From 50° F to 90° F

## DIET

- FRUGIVORE
- CARNIVORE
- PISCIVORE
- INSECTIVORE
- NECTIVORE
- OMNIVORE
- FOLIVORE
- OTHER

Primarily a parrot maintenance pellet that is lightly supplemented with various nuts, seeds, fresh vegetables or fresh fruit.

## LIFE EXPECTANCY

	Median Life Expectancy	Maximum Longevity	
Within AZA	25	35	♂
In the Wild	Unknown	Unknown	
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# BREEDING INFORMATION

## AGE AT SEXUAL MATURITY



Males: 5 to 6 years



Females: 5 to 6 years

**Incubation period:** 18 to 22 days

**Fledgling Period:** ~12 weeks

## CLUTCH SIZE, & EGG DESCRIPTION

2 to 4 (commonly 2) white oval eggs, usually laid every other day

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# CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION



## SOCIAL STRUCTURE

**In the wild:** Mostly found in pairs or family units, occasionally flocks have been documented up to 10 birds but this may be rare.

**Within AZA:** Pairs or pairs with non-sexually mature offspring. Once offspring are sexually mature they may have to be removed. There have been a few single sex groups that have done well in human care if housed together starting at a young age.

**Minimum Group Size:** 1.1

**Maximum Group Size:** see above.



## COURTSHIP DISPLAYS

Allopreening, courtship feeding, flying in and out of nest barrel with crest erected, lots of vocalizations.



## NEST SITE DESCRIPTION

Cavity nesters: Non-treated wooden box measuring approximately 10"x10"x14" tall with a hole opening just large enough for the bird to fit through. Attach a prop on the outside of the box just below the opening. This will give them a place to perch where they can easily protect the nest box. Wood shavings can be used as substrate. It is also helpful to have a small latched door on the side for checking eggs or chicks without too much disruption.



## CHICK DEVELOPMENT

Altricial



## PARENTAL CARE

Both parents incubate and feed offspring



## MIXED SPECIES EXHIBITS

Compatible in mixed species exhibits?  YES

NO

**Comments:** Have been successfully housed with marmosets, tamarins, new world turtles/tortoises, iguana, and some perching birds. Housing with other birds is dependent on the size of enclosure and enclosure plantings.



## OPTIMAL HABITAT SIZE

10' x 12' x 8' high



## MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

None other than typical parrot chewing on props.

# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

These are unique birds in that they can erect their crest when excited. As juveniles they are playful and this playfulness has recently been observed with adults.

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