



TEMPERATURE TOLERANCE



From 50° F to 90° F

Common Name

Golden conure (Golden parakeet)

Scientific Name : *Guaruba gua*

FAMILY: Psittacidae

ORDER: Psittaciformes

AZA MANEGMENT: Regional Studbook

DIET

FRUGIVORE

NECTIVORE

CARNIVORE

OMNIVORE

PISCIVORE

FOLIVORE

INSECTIVORE

OTHER

Captive Dietary Needs: Primarily a parrot maintenance pellet that is lightly supplemented with various nuts, seeds, fresh vegetables and fruit.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE

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

HABITAT

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

Additional information here if needed.

CIRCADIAN CYCLE

- DIURNAL
- CREPUSCULAR
- NOCTURNAL
- OTHER

Additional information here if needed.

LIFE EXPECTANCY

	Median Life Expectancy	Maximum Longevity	
Within AZA	15.2	42	♂
In the Wild	Unknown		
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In the Wild	Unknown		

BREEDING INFORMATION



AGE AT SEXUAL MATURITY



Males In captivity: 2-3 years.



Females In captivity: 2-3 years.

Incubation period: 28-30 days

Fledgling Period: 55-60 days



CLUTCH SIZE, & EGG DESCRIPTION



1-7 white eggs. Average 4 eggs/clutch. Can have multiple clutches per season.



COURTSHIP DISPLAYS

In the wild, nesting occurs in the wet season, between November and April. Females incubate the eggs with the males and any helpers defending the nest from other conures or predators.



NEST SITE DESCRIPTION

In the wild, they nest in cavities in large, old growth, dead hardwood trees. In captivity, a nestbox with an "L" shape or at least a double cavity is recommended to help prevent egg breakage.



CHICK DEVELOPMENT

Chicks fledge at ~55-60 days. Chicks have green streaked plumage and molt to adult plumage at ~ 1 year.



PARENTAL CARE

Males and females both feed the chicks.

CAPTIVE HABITAT INFORMATION



SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Golden conures live in flocks of either related breeding pairs with reproductive helpers, or a main pair with juveniles from different generations that help to protect and rear the chicks. Flocks range from 4-20 individuals with 10 being average.

Minimum Group Size: 2 birds.

Maximum Group Size: Can be kept in larger



MIXED SPECIES EXHIBITS

Compatible in mixed species exhibits?

YES

NO

Comments:

OPTIMAL HABITAT SIZE

Large free flight aviaries are preferred. A single pair can be housed in a minimum 4'x4'x8' enclosure but larger is always better.



MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Golden conures in captivity are prone to feather destructive behavior that may be related to hormone imbalances. Providing behavioral enrichment may help alleviate this behavior as well as ensuring even sex ratios in flocks.

groups of same sex. If mixed sex, there should be even numbers of each sex.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



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