



WHAT IS RIGHT FOR MY BIRD

INDIAN RINGNECKS



CAGE

- MINIMUM SIZE: AT LEAST 36" WIDE X 24" DEEP X 24" HIGH TO ALLOW FOR THEIR LONG TAILS.
- BAR SPACING: 1/2" TO 5/8".
- OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: RINGNECKS ARE VERY ACTIVE AND NEED LOTS OF SPACE TO CLIMB AND PLAY.

TOYS

- SHREDDING TOYS: THEY ENJOY TOYS MADE FROM SOFTER WOOD, SOLA, YUCCA, AND CARDBOARD THAT THEY CAN SHRED AND DESTROY.
- FORAGING CHALLENGES: WITH THEIR PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, RINGNECKS ARE IDEAL FOR MORE DIFFICULT FORAGING TOYS.
- SWINGS AND BELLS: THEY OFTEN ENJOY ROPE SWINGS AND DURABLE, BIRD-SAFE BELLS.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

OWNING AN INDIAN RINGNECK REQUIRES A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT, AS THEY ARE INTELLIGENT, VOCAL, AND POTENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE BIRDS THAT CAN LIVE FOR OVER 25 YEARS. THEY NEED OWNERS WHO ARE PATIENT AND WILLING TO PROVIDE DAILY ATTENTION FOR TRAINING AND SOCIALIZATION, ESPECIALLY TO NAVIGATE THEIR HORMONAL AND "BLUFFING" PHASES. RINGNECKS ALSO NEED A LARGE CAGE WITH PLENTY OF TOYS FOR CHEWING AND A VARIED DIET TO MAINTAIN THEIR HEALTH.

INDIAN RINGNECKS SHOULD NOT BE CAGED WITH SMALLER BIRDS LIKE BUDGIES, COCKATIELS, AND POTENTIALLY OTHER SMALLER SPECIES, BECAUSE THEY CAN BE TERRITORIAL AND AGGRESSIVE, AND THEIR LARGER SIZE CAN LEAD TO FATAL INJURIES. EVEN IF BIRDS SEEM TO GET ALONG, A RINGNECK'S BITE CAN BE DEADLY TO A SMALLER BIRD, AND TERRITORIAL BEHAVIORS OR STRESS CAN RESULT IN FEATHER PLUCKING OR PHYSICAL CONFRONTATIONS.





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PERCHES

GOOD PERCHES FOR AN INDIAN RINGNECK INCLUDE NATURAL WOOD BRANCHES OF VARIOUS DIAMETERS AND TEXTURES TO EXERCISE THEIR FEET AND FILE THEIR BEAKS AND NAILS, AS WELL AS ROPE PERCHES MADE OF NATURAL FIBERS LIKE SISAL OR JUTE. AVOID PERCHES THAT ARE UNIFORM IN DIAMETER (LIKE MANY DOWEL PERCHES), SMOOTH AND SLIPPERY (LIKE PLASTIC), OR ABRASIVE (LIKE SANDED PERCHES), AS THESE CAN LEAD TO FOOT PROBLEMS, PRESSURE SORES, OR IRRITATION. SAND PERCHES ARE PARTICULARLY BAD BECAUSE INGESTING SAND CAN IRRITATE THE BIRD'S DIGESTIVE TRACT.

GOOD PERCHES

NATURAL WOOD BRANCHES:

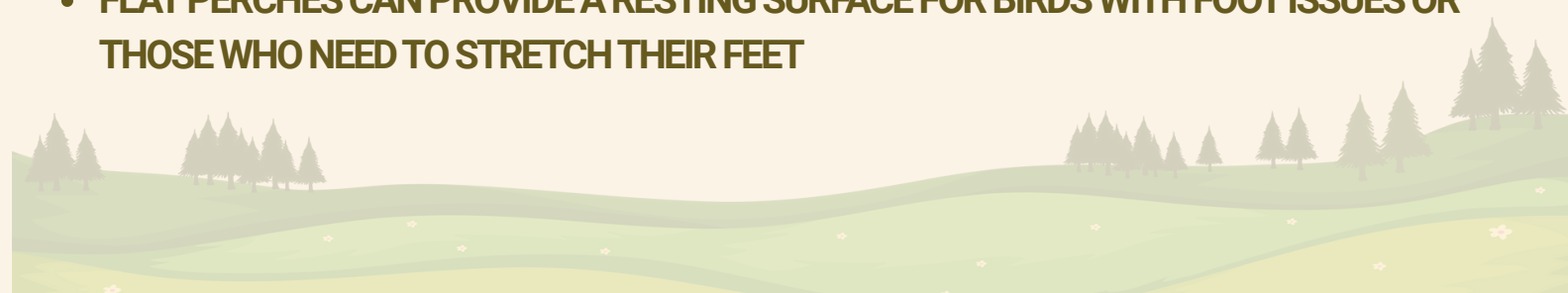
- OFFER A VARIETY OF DIAMETERS AND ROUGH TEXTURES TO PROMOTE FOOT HEALTH, PROVIDE A SURFACE FOR CHEWING, AND NATURALLY FILE BEAKS AND NAILS. SAFE WOODS INCLUDE APPLE, HAZEL, OR WILLOW.

NATURAL FIBER ROPE PERCHES:

- MADE FROM MATERIALS LIKE SISAL, HEMP, OR JUTE, THESE OFFER A SOFT, COMFORTABLE SURFACE FOR RESTING AND CAN BE SHAPED IN VARIOUS CONFIGURATIONS.

PLATFORM PERCHES:

- FLAT PERCHES CAN PROVIDE A RESTING SURFACE FOR BIRDS WITH FOOT ISSUES OR THOSE WHO NEED TO STRETCH THEIR FEET





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PERCHES TO AVOID



UNIFORM DOWEL PERCHES:

- FOUND IN MANY CAGES, THESE SMOOTH, UNIFORM PERCHES KEEP FEET IN THE SAME POSITION, POTENTIALLY CAUSING PRESSURE SORES, STIFFNESS, AND LACK OF EXERCISE.

PLASTIC PERCHES:

- THESE ARE OFTEN SMOOTH, SLIPPERY, AND CAN BE CHEWED BY A BIRD, POTENTIALLY CREATING SHARP OR TOXIC EDGES.

SAND AND SANDPAPER PERCHES:

- THESE ARE DANGEROUS BECAUSE PARROTS CAN INGEST THE SAND, WHICH CAN CAUSE GASTROINTESTINAL IRRITATION AND BLOCKAGES. SANDPAPER PERCHES CAN ALSO BE TOO ABRASIVE, LEADING TO SORES ON THE FEET.

SANDED PERCHES:

- WHILE THEY MAY SEEM HELPFUL FOR NAIL TRIMMING, THE CONSTANT ABRASIVE SURFACE CAN IRRITATE FEET AND CAUSE SORES.

COTTON ROPE PERCHES:

- COTTON CAN BE INGESTED AND CAUSE CROP IMPACTION, AND LOOSE FIBERS CAN TRAP TOES OR NAILS.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- VARIETY: OFFER A VARIETY OF PERCHES IN DIFFERENT TEXTURES, SHAPES, AND DIAMETERS TO KEEP YOUR PARROT'S FEET HEALTHY AND PREVENT BOREDOM.
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 - SIZE: ENSURE THE PERCH IS APPROPRIATELY SIZED SO THE BIRD'S TOES CAN WRAP ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WAY AROUND IT.
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 - SAFETY: ONLY USE WOODS FROM NON-TOXIC TREES, AND CLEAN THEM THOROUGHLY BEFORE USE.
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