

Answers - Bird Welfare Trail

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Kakariki (native)

What has been added to the kakariki enclosures to make them more like their wild environments?

Grasses and natural wooden perches

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Sid the Sulphur Crested Cockatoo (exotic)

Why are cockatoos NOT recommended as pets?

They live over 100 years & are very demanding

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Talking Cockatoos (exotic)

Some birds can mimic the sounds that we make and learn human words and phrases. Can you think how this helps them in the wild?

Helps them communicate to their parents to tell them they are hungry or tell the flock there is danger.

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Alexandrine Parrot (exotic)

In May last year a male Alexandrine Parrot escaped over the head of our Aviary Curator as he took gum branches into its cage. Where do you think the parrot would be now?

Probably eaten by a predator, died in cold, or could not find food

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Macaw (exotic)

Our Blue & Gold Macaw produced 2 chicks in 2007. What does this tell you about the life of these birds in captivity?

Happy & have everything they need to survive and bring up two babies at one time.

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Java Sparrows and friends (exotic)

Name 3 things these birds can do in their enclosure that they could not do in a smaller space.

Fly, flock, forage, hide, have territories, mate etc

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Zebra Finch (exotic)

Describe how we have helped to give these birds the opportunity to breed.

Attached nest box “apartments” to the wall

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Chattering Lorikeet (exotic)

What do Chattering Lorikeets eat in the wild?

Nectar and pollen

What are they feed in captivity to mimic their wild food?

Artificial nectar and pollen

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Eclectus Parrot (exotic)

How does a mother Eclectus Parrot manage to raise her demanding offspring?

By eating a tremendous amount and variety of food, her older daughters help with sitting on the eggs and feeding the babies

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Gouldian Finch (exotic)

What event in the future may effect these birds food supply in the wild?

Climate Change

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Kaka (native)

What special food do they eat in the wild and so are also given to these birds in this aviary to help them raise their babies??

Huhu grubs.

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Peacock (exotic)

Why do male peacocks need so much space?

To spread their tail feathers, they need to keep fit by larking around in the large aviary.