

Cage Size Guide

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The Right Cage can affect your bird's health

A cage is your bird's sanctuary. Birds require a lot from a cage for physical and psychological well being.

Even small birds need space to flit, while large birds need space to flap wings or play with toys. Without the right cage, a bird may have behavior problems, including the nastiest, those most hard to deal with - aggression, feather plucking, screaming, and phobias.



A too-small cage does not allow room for toys and other accessories that are vital for making the cage an enriching environment. A too-large cage can be intimidating for shy birds. A flight cage or aviary, which will not be your bird's main domicile, can be as big as you wish as long as bar spacing is narrow enough so your bird does not get his head caught between, wide enough to accommodate perching, yet not so wide that your bird can escape. Proper bar spacing is important for cages as well.

We recommend the following:

| Bird Size | | Bar Spacing | Diameter |
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| <u>Small</u> | Finch, canary, parrotlet, parakeet, lovebird | no more than 5/8" | 1/2" to 1" |
| <u>Medium</u> | Cockatiel, conure, lory, senegal | 1/2" to no more than 7/8" | 3/4" to 1.5" |
| <u>Large</u> | African Grey, Amazon, macaw, cockatoo | 3/4" to no more than 1-3/8" | 1.5" to 3" |

Another important factor is the setting your bird cage will have. If selecting a large pet bird cage, consider whether it comes fully assembled or if you need to assemble it at home. If it comes fully assembled or you plan to move it around your home, make sure it will fit through all doorways involved. Include dimensions for the seed tray (if it has one you'll have less mess) and feeders accessible from outside the cage.

When your bird is tired or just needs a break, ensure his home is a happy place, a place where he can find fun, food, and comfort.