Which Cage Style is Right for Your Bird?

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selecting a bird cage

Essential Considerations

Whether you're seeking a new cage or an upgrade, consider these important characteristics and requirements.

Spaciousness

Cage interior should be large enough for your bird to stand, move freely, and spread her wings.

- Large birds require a living area at least 1.5 times their adult wingspan in width, depth, and height.
- Small birds thrive in a flight cage, such as the Large Economy Flight Cage.
- Cage should accommodate accessories without crowding your bird.

Bar Spacing

Space between bars must be narrow enough to prevent injury and/or escape, while still encouraging climbing, flying, or play.

- Ideal bar spacing Look for the bar spacing symbol near each cage. It indicates the amount of space between bars.

- **5/8" or less** for small birds (finches,canaries, parakeets, lovebirds)
- **1/2" - 7/8"** for medium birds (cockatiels, conures, lories, Senegals)
- **3/4" - 13.8"** for large birds (African Greys, Amazons, macaws, cockatoos)

Cage Style

Dometops offer extra interior space without sacrificing your floor space. Featherland Cages and Dometop Cages ensure comfy spaciousness.

Playtop cages entertain with above-cage toy/treat hooks, ladders, and perches. Corner Parrot Cage and Select Series Cages delight birds who spend large amounts of time outside the cage.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Large doors or fully opening front panels simplify bird access and cleaning.
- Locking doors help keep strong, clever birds safe.
- Individual feeder doors simplify food and water changes.
- Removable bottom grills and drawers, and seamless bottom trays streamline cleaning.
- Stands with casters simplify cage movement.

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