

Bird Vocalization: Insight in to Bird Behavior

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Whether your bird talks incessantly or makes just a few soft sounds each day, she is, by nature, a social creature who will communicate with you using both body language and varied vocalizations.

- **Singing, talking, and whistling** – often signs of a happy, healthy, content bird.
- **Screaming** – usually an indication of distress or fear. Often used to obtain a result, such as your attention or food.
- **Chattering** – soft chatter can signal contentment or the beginning of talking. Loud chatter can be an attention-getter.
- **Purring** – similar to a soft growl; can indicate contentment or annoyance.
- **Tongue-clicking** – may be simple entertainment or a request for attention.
- **Growling** – a sign of aggression, irritation, or frustration. Not all pet birds growl.



Sounds or silence?

Your bird's unique personality dictates her inclination to vocalize. To increase her vocalization, introduce her to new sights and sounds with an out-of-cage perch such as the [Shower/ Window Perch](#) or a Slide-Over Perch. If you plan to teach her to talk, keep treats on hand to reward talking behavior; small pieces of [Lafeber's Avi-Cakes](#) are ideal.

If your bird is a chatterbox or screamer, you may need a reprieve. Keep her busy to encourage longer periods of silence. Offer a variety of engaging toys, such as the [Super Shredder Ball](#).

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[Lafeber's Avi-Cakes](#)
Nutritionally complete
treat.



[Super Shredder Ball](#)
Award-winning toy keeps the minds of curious birds
active.