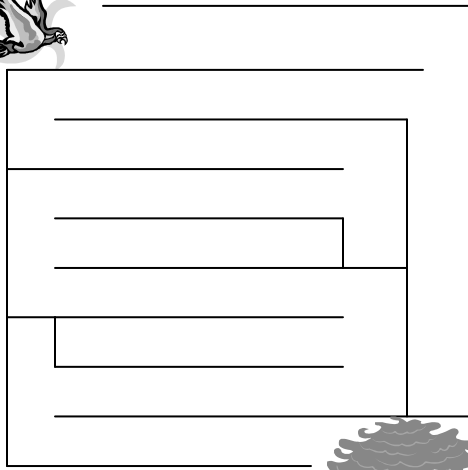


Help Pete the Parrot fly home!



**Q: WHAT'S SMARTER THAN A TALKING PARROT?**

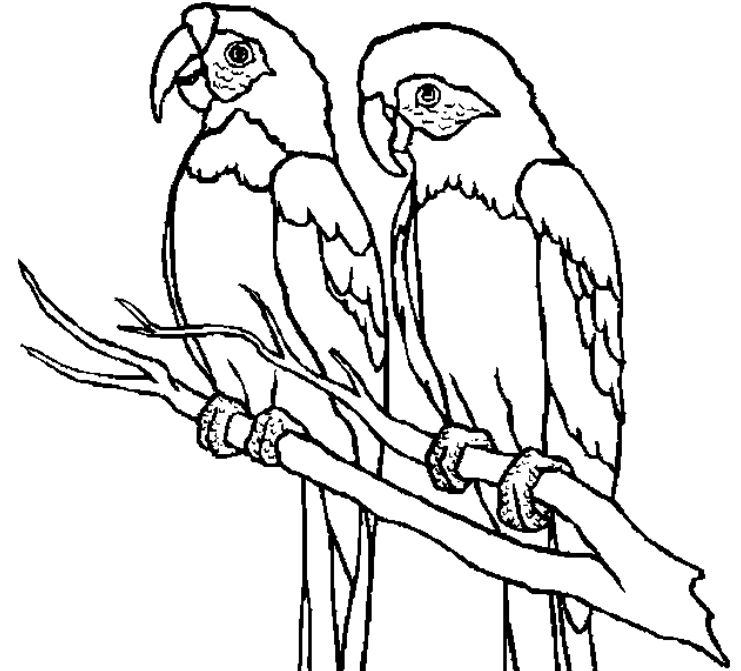
*(answer at the bottom of page)*

Draw the parrot's habitat around it.  
Don't forget it's food!



*A: A spelling bee!*

# The World of



# Parrots

## An Informative Activity Book

## All About Parrots


Parakeets and budgies, cockatiels and conures, macaws, cockatoos and amazons... you just can't help being intrigued by parrots.

The parrot order name is Psittaciformes. There are 315 species of parrot in the world, but only three species have occurred in North America. One is the thick-billed parrot of Mexico, which is now rare. Another was the Carolina parakeet, which is now extinct. Lastly is the Red Crowned Parrot. It can be found in Mexico, southern California, southern Florida and southeastern Texas. The other parrot species that live in the western hemisphere are found in the Amazon Basin. In the eastern hemisphere, parrots are found in the Australia, East Indies, Pacific Islands and Africa.



Parrots are forest birds. They eat seeds, nuts, fruits and berries, and a few eat insects and nectar. They have very thick bills and fleshy little tongues which allow them to crack and eat hard-shelled nuts.

Parrots hold their food in one foot while they are eating, and can be right-handed or left-handed. Or is it right-footed and left-footed?

 Parrots live in flocks when they're not nesting. The flocks get very noisy and parrots are well-known for their squawking and screaming. One such bird is the Red-Crowned Parrot. It gathers and feeds in large noisy flocks (mornings and evenings being noisiest). These birds feed on seeds, fruits, berries, flowers and nectar, and often move in one screeching flock from one feeding location to another. It flies with rapid wing-beats.

Parrot sizes range from the pygmy parrot of New Guinea at 3.3 in to the hyacinth macaw of South America at 39.4 in.

Along with destruction of their habitats, many parrot species are seriously threatened with endangerment and extinction due to excessive capture of parrots for the pet trade. It is no longer legal to trade

endangered species, and the interests of parrots are being protected world-wide.

Information from [www.iwrc-online.org](http://www.iwrc-online.org) & [www.bird-friends.com](http://www.bird-friends.com)

## Parrot Puzzle

Figure out each parrot word.

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## FUN FACTS

Parrots raised by humans show an amazing ability to mimic people and noisy objects, but in the wild they have never been observed mimicking.

While both sexes of parrots tend to look identical, the eclectus parrot is one of the few birds in which the female is more colorful than the male. She is bright red; he is green.

Lorikeets have tongues that look like little brushes for feeding on nectar

Because large parrots live so long, and may out live their owners, it is often necessary for owners to put the birds in their wills.

