

# Baby Budgie Growth Guide



Day 1 -hours old

The chick can't hold it's head up yet. The entire chick is the size of a nickel! You can see his food sitting in his crop under his neck. This is a "holding area" before they digest it. When they are newly hatched this is a very thin mixture called "Budgie milk".



Day 2 - 24 hours old

Still not holding its head up yet. You can see through the belly skin.



The chicks ears have opened today. They look like goose bumps on his head and crop.



The chicks feathers are very visible under the skin today. The eyes are starting to open today too! It also grew a lot and increased in size. It can hold his head up for one second, and it's very strong so putting the chick on it's belly is difficult because the chick can easily turn

it's self over today. It's also very vocal today.



Our chick looks very similar today to yesterday. Just a few more pin feathers showing under the skin. However mom and dad are feeding her a thicker mixture of food. You can see the seeds in it's crop. The chick has younger siblings and they are getting the thinner

"Budgie milk." This little chick is now old enough for a few big bird seeds.



Today it has a lot more feathers under the skin, even on her belly & crop! The chick is also being fed mostly seeds today.



Day 7 -1 week

Today it's down feathers are sprouting more. Also you can see black feathers under the skin on the wings and head. The chick can hold it's head up now for a few seconds. Mom and dad also feeding lots of peas and Swiss chard. They have had the veggies all along but today apparently the chick was fed it for the 1st time. Mom and dad were controlling what contents it received before and didn't give it to him, even though the parents were eating it all along. Also it's eyes are opened much more today.



Today the chicks youngest sibling hatched. Here is a picture to show the size difference between our oldest baby and the youngest. The oldest is getting the seeds and greens and you can see and the youngest is only getting Budgie milk. The oldest also holding it's head up for 30 seconds.



In states where its required by law days 8 and 9 are when the bands go on. Today this little chick got it's band. If your one day late it wont fit.



Day 10

Lots of feathers are poking out today.



Day 11

Today is the day you can tell what color family the chick is in buy looking at the wing color. Budgies are either green or blue factor. The black on the wings comes in first and after that the white if they are blue factor, or

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Day 12

Lots more feathers today! You can see the black and white color bands on the wings and tail now. There is also a lot more down today.



Day 13

Feathers are almost opening! Today it's grasping my finger trying to perch on it. But it lacks the strength to sit up on it's feet.



Day 14 - 2 weeks

The chick has violet tips on her tail feathers! Looks like this baby has a white face. Is this going to be her color? Let's wait and find out. It's sitting up like a little birdie!

This little chick is still being raised by its parents at this age. But is going to be pulled in a little less than a week to become a hand fed baby. So today it was hand fed for the 1st time to get it's digestive tract used to the formula. The chick will continue to be hand fed once a day until it's about 3 weeks old at which point I (the breeder) will be taking over full time. Chicks, as with all animals need to get used to a new diet slowly. After all we don't want upset tummies! Also this gives the babies time to learn how to be hand fed so that they accept the syringe or pipette. You should not cold turkey switch from mom and her food to a syringe or pipette with formula in it. Babies need time to adjust if possible.



Day 15

It looks like some sort of violet or blue shade is coming in on the breast. We can see more of an exact coloration in the days to come.



Day 16

You can really start to call them "pin heads" today!



Day 17

Today our chick has quite a bit of blue on the rump, Some shade of blue coming in on the breast. The chick now has the strength to perch on my finger!

At this point this chick is getting very bonded to humans. Since she has been held daily since she hatched shes now chirping excitedly to see me and walking over to me. She is quite animated about her excitement. And that's after only 4 days of being hand fed once daily. That really helps get them bonded to you quickly. Buy the time I pull her from mamma and take over hand feeding in a few days she will be very used to the routine.



Today we can see the true colors! Our chick is a white faced Single Factor Violet Cobalt!

There was also a lot of growth with the awareness of it's surroundings today. The chick is very aware of sounds like the human voice and music. Baby is now standing tall, calking it's head and listening to everything it hears. It is very curious for the first time.



The feathers on the face are open today.

I have now pulled the chick from momma and I have taken over hand feeding around the clock! It loves the feeding formula, and it has normal poops. So we are good to go!



Day 20

Lots more back feathers today. The baby also likes to run! Running is fun now.

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Day 21 - 3 weeks

You can really see the true color today. The chick still not perching perfectly confidently. It crouches down because of the lack of strength. But as it gains strength and confidence in the surroundings it will sit up.



Day 27

Such a pudgy budgie today! The chick is gaining some nice weight. It's crazy shoulder feathers are now fully opened and lying down like they should be. It's also regulating it's heat very well at this age. And so curious. So today it was introduced to a cage!



Day 22

It's just about fully feathered on it's back now. And the breast feathers are really opening up and starting to cover the skin.



Day 28 - 4 weeks

What a cute little fluff ball this lil chick has turned into after 4 weeks!



Day 23

There has been a huge amount of feather growth today. The breast feathers are open and the tail is longer. Our chick officially looks like a little birdie. And is also nibbling and eating on some soft veggies now.



5 weeks

It's a boy! He's also weaned and talking! He's saying hello. This week he has learned to fly and play with toys. He's also standing tall & stepping up very well. But he's still mentally very infantile and not ready to leave his mamma (me). Emotionally he's not ready for that and won't eat will and paces if I am too close to the cage. He needs more practice being independent! And a little less time being coddled my arms. I have to leave him alone more.



Day 24

The chick just about fully feathered today. There is a small spot on the crop that needs to fill in. And the tail and wings need to lengthen. After that it's done growing feathers.



6 weeks

Isn't he pretty! All weaned, talking and loves people! He is even able to play in the big boy cage with the adults now. They are not picking on him at this age and he can navigate the huge flight cage very well.



Day 25

Today the feathers on the crop are filled in.



Day 26

The feathers are smoothing out and becoming much softer in appearance. It still has some crazy feathers on it's shoulders. Those will finish opening soon.

He's now got a blue back ground since hes a boy...

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