

# What sex is your budgie?

**YOUNG  
/ADULT  
FEMALE**



**BREEDING  
CONDITION  
FEMALE**



**YOUNG  
MALE**



**ADULT  
MALE**



**PIED  
MALE**



**SPECIAL**



**UNWELL  
SEEK HELP**



# Types & Understanding

## Young / adult female -

A young adult female budgie is a female parakeet that has recently matured, generally falling into the 4 to 8-month age range. At this stage, she has likely completed her first major molt, losing the stripes on her head, but is just establishing her adult breeding behaviors and permanent cere color.

## Breeding condition female-

A breeding condition female budgie is a sexually mature hen (usually over 10-12 months old) whose hormonal levels are peaked, signaling readiness to lay eggs. Key indicators include her cere (the fleshy area above the beak) turning thick, brown, and often crusty, accompanied by increased aggression, chewing behavior, and interest in nesting sites.

## Young Male

A young male budgie

(also known as a juvenile cock) is a male parakeet typically under 4 months old. Identifying them is primarily done by looking at their physical features and early social behaviours.

## Adult Male

An adult male budgie (a cock) is a sexually mature male parakeet, typically over 8 to 12 months old. At this stage, he has finished his first major molt and his physical features have "set

## Pied Male

A pied male budgie

is a male parakeet with a genetic mutation that causes random patches of clear, unpigmented feathers (white or yellow) where there would normally be a solid body colour or wing markings.

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Identifying the sex of a pied male is unique because their cere (the fleshy area above the beak) often looks different from standard adult males.

## Unwell Seek Help

Budgie unwell, seek help" is

a serious warning that your bird is showing signs of illness and needs immediate professional care. Because budgies are prey animals, they instinctively hide symptoms until they are critically ill. By the time you notice something is wrong, it is often a medical emergency.

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