

# Appropriate Company for Birds

**Ensure your Birds have appropriate company!**



- Birds are naturally sociable preferring other bird company
- If they can't be housed together, they should at least be able to see others, or have a mirror for temporary companionship
- If they come in as a pair or group, every attempt should be made to maintain social stability
- Keep with at least one other friendly bird, unless advised otherwise by a vet/qualified animal behaviourist. A good combination is a male and female, or siblings raised together
- When kept together they form a 'pecking order'. Some will become more dominant than others, and monopolize resources, so they must be observed closely
- Birds can develop abnormal behaviours and may suffer if left alone and with nothing to do for long periods
- Places to go to get away from companions if they want to. Provide enough resources (e.g. shelter/food/water/hiding places) for every bird at all times
- Introduce new birds gradually and under supervision, preferably in a space new to both birds. Birds brought up together will usually get along, but if introduced for the first time as adults may fight at first. Start gradually by placing their cages beside each other, before sharing the same cage