

AMAZON, DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED

RANGE:

Pacific coastal forests of southern Mexico, Gulf-Caribbean slope of Mexico, Belize and northwest Honduras.

HABITAT:

Deciduous forests, open woodlands and pine ridges within their range.

SIZE:

Medium-sized parrots averaging 13 – 14 inches. (35 cm)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

Wild: 20 years

Captivity: Have lived to 50+ years

REPRODUCTION:

- Breeding pairs will seek out a hollow in a tree trunk which they will work together to enlarge in order to build their nest.
- The female generally lays 3 - 4 eggs which she incubates for 29 days. The male stays nearby and twice a day the female will leave the nest to find her mate, who feeds her by regurgitation.

DIET:

Wild: Fruits, seeds, nuts, berries and blossoms

Zoo: Sunflower seeds, fruit, peanuts, vegetables, mixed seeds.

BEHAVIOR:

- During the day these parrots feed in small groups throughout the treetops and may even venture to within 6 feet of the ground in their search for food.
- They are strong flyers and fly high above the trees except when traveling short distances.
- They have set roosting areas which they return to each day at dusk.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

These parrots and related subspecies are sought by pet traders due to their reputation as good talkers and mimics.

STATUS:

This species is declining in numbers because of deforestation, habitat destruction, and due to the removal of large numbers of young birds from the wild for the pet trade.

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Order: **Psittaciformes**
Family: **Psittacidae**
Genus: **Amazona**
Species: **ochrocephala**
Sub-species: **oratrix**