

Lovebirds

Lovebirds are a playful and affectionate type of small parrot. They are only about five inches in length and are sometimes called pint-sized bundles of joy.

Lovebirds are little clowns and they love to play for hours at a time. They hang upside down, spin toys and dance on shoulders.

Put this sentence back together to find out why they're called lovebirds.

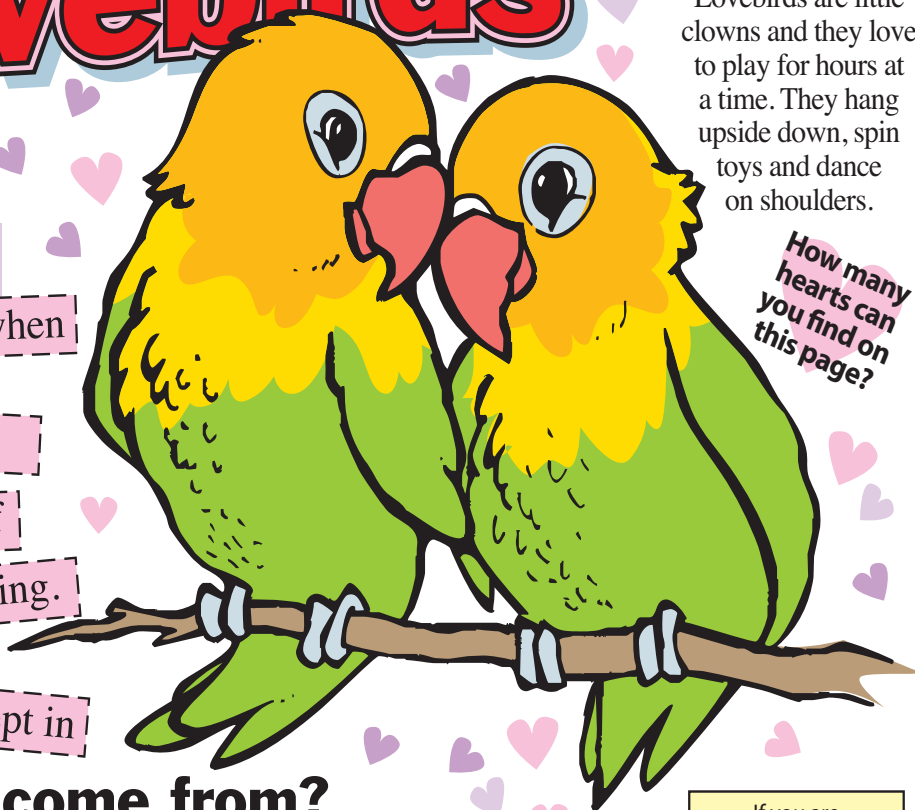
time snuggling close together when

These little African parrots are

pairs, they spend long periods of

sleeping or resting.

called lovebirds because, if kept in



How many hearts can you find on this page?

Where do lovebirds come from?

Read about which parts of Africa are home to each of the nine varieties of lovebirds. Then use different colors to show where each kind can be found on the map of Africa.

Madagascar Lovebird
is found on the island of Madagascar.

Red-Faced Lovebird
is found in equatorial Africa, ranging from Sierra Leone to Uganda.

Abyssinian Lovebird
is found in central and eastern Ethiopia and southern Eritrea.

Swindern's Lovebird
is found in Liberia, Cameroon and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Peach-Faced Lovebird
is found in Angola.

Nyasa Lovebird
is found in parts of Zambia and Malawi.

Black-Checked Lovebird
is found in Zimbabwe.

Fischer's Lovebird
is found in northwestern Tanzania.

Masked Lovebird
is found in northeastern Tanzania.

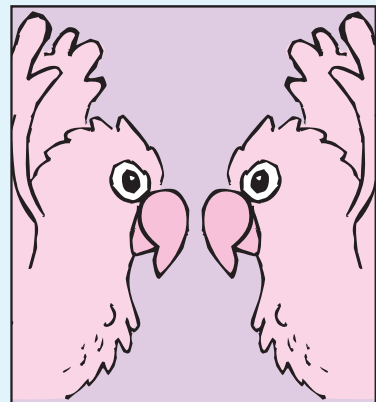


If you are considering lovebirds as pets, make sure they are purchased from a captive breeder. It's a good idea to ask your veterinarian if he or she can recommend a breeder or find a local lovebird club. It is illegal to purchase any wild-bred bird.

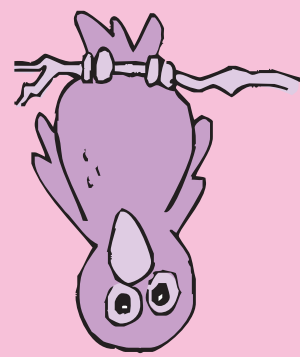
Extra! Extra!
Play with Shapes
Select three photos from the newspaper. Measure the sides and compute the perimeter and the area.
Standards Link: Measurement: Calculate area and perimeter.

Standards Link: Geography: Use map skills to locate places.

Play Like Lovebirds



Face a friend and pretend one of you is the mirror image of the other. Try to "mirror" each action your friend does.



Lovebirds often hang upside down. Find a large grassy area and try to stand on your head. Don't give up, it takes practice and balance.



SAFE!

Lovebirds love to chase each other from tree to tree. Play a game of tag with some friends. Choose a tree to be "base" where you can't be tagged IT.

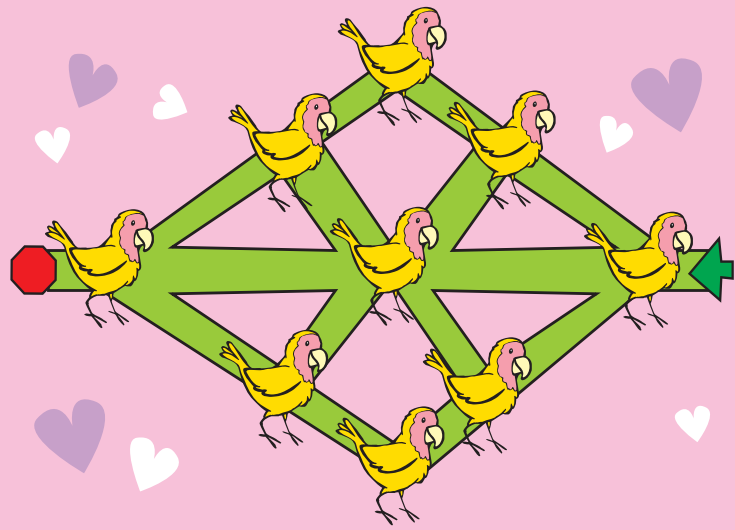


Lovebirds love to dance, too. Put on some of your favorite music and dance, dance, dance!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw a line through every lovebird without lifting your pencil or passing over the same bird twice!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- LOVEBIRDS
- PERIMETER
- PLAYFUL
- CLOWNS
- MASKED
- AFRICA
- PARROT
- ISLAND
- LITTLE
- PEACH
- NYASA
- DANCE
- CONGO
- HANG
- SPIN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word CLOWN in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

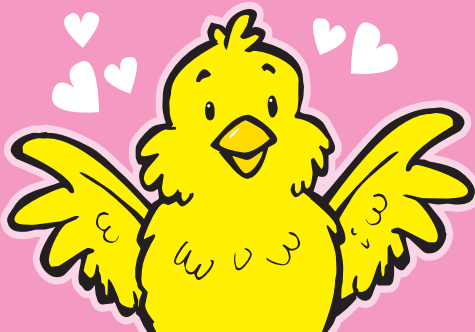


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Lovebirds in the News

Find an article about people in love in today's newspaper or newspaper website. Identify who the article is about as well as the what, when, where, why and how.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details.



What is a bird after it is nine days old?

ANSWER: Ten days old.

Write On!

Heart Thumping Ideas

What do you do to exercise your heart?

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