



ROSY-FACED (PEACH-FACED) LOVEBIRD

Psittaciformes
Family: Psittacidae
Genus: *Agapornis*
Species: *roseicallis*
Subspecies: *roseicallis*



Range: Namibia and Northern Cape Province

Habitat: Arid woodlands and riparian areas along rivers where rainfall exceeds 100mm a year

Niche: diurnal, arboreal and herbivorous

Biomes:

Wild diet: Buds, foliage and flowers of various plants

Zoo diet:

Life Span: (Wild)
(Captivity) 15 – 30 years

Sexual dimorphism: None

Location: SF Children's Zoo

APPEARANCE & PHYSICAL ADAPTATIONS:

The body over all is green with the dorsal being darker than the ventral. The rump is bright blue while the chest is like the face, peach pink. The bill is yellowish while the eye-ring is fleshy white. The crown is dark reddish and the feet are gray. When compared to a Budgerigar it is slightly larger with a much shorter tail.

Weight: 43 – 63 g.

Length: 15 – 18 cm (6")

STATUS & CONSERVATION

Found in pet trade and may be reduced in parts of its range but as of now not threaten though it is listed under CITIES II

COMMUNICATION AND OTHER BEHAVIOR

In ideal situations they can gather in flocks of hundreds, other wise they can be found in small flocks of 10 or more.

They have high, shrill calls that are numerous when they are in flocks.

They are dependent on water sources but though they do not migrate they will wander when local water sources dry up.

COURTSHIP AND YOUNG

Breeds Feb – April in most of its range, while extending to July in the Northern parts.

The ripening of seeds determines when this birds breeds in any given locales. It will either nest in its own cup nest made of straw, twigs and other materials or utilize nest of the Weaver finches. These nests can be found in rock crevices or on buildings and bridges.

Male does not assist with incubation

Incubation: 23 days	Sexual Maturity:
# of Young: 4 – 6 eggs	Fledge: 43 days

MISCELLANEOUS

In Southern Arizona a feral population has been established.

Is a pest in crops of maize and sunflowers.

17 morphs are recognized

Discovered in late 1700s

Subspecies *catumbella* is brighter in coloration and is found in Angola.

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