

Wild-Type Budgies

They say “A picture tells a thousand words!” Well in order to get across what AWEBSA means by ‘Wild-Type’ Budgies please consider the images below and we trust it would clear the matter up for you.



Perhaps it's a case of David and Goliath. If you had any doubts the Wild-Type budgie is on the right of the picture.



Light Green Wild-Type cock bird. I also found it amazing how they would display without any plucking of spots the 6 desired throat spots!



Green hen and blue cock



Recessive Pied hen left and Dominant Pied hen right.



In the wild!



Very suitable for colony breeding. Trying to breed a pink budgie and with a tuft?



Various nesting sites and nests. Good practice is to have more nests than hens. (one or two in a smaller aviary and as the numbers grow a few more)



Log



Plywood



Even some toys



Many would advocate that nests must be fitted on the same height in the aviary to avoid unnecessary competition (for the highest site normally).



Notice the wonderful range of colours



And more...

If you breed these budgies **WE, AS AWEBSA, ARE INTERESTED IN YOU.**

“Why?” do you ask? Well we are of the firm opinion that if we want to establish, identify and breed more mutations it would most likely happens in the colony breeding environment of hobbyists breeding wild-type budgerigars. However, how would you know when you have bred a new mutation if you are not part of a formal Association and rubs shoulders with other breeders and on the other hand how would we know? I guess one could stumble across it by accident? How many mutations have possibly gone “missing” again because we did not know any better?

Some purists and proud exhibition budgerigar breeders would disagree and that's why we are different.

We started by questioning:

- Why we are breeding these fascinated little grass parakeets?
- Where and when will the stretching of the length of feathers in the exhibition budgies end?
- How big do we really want them to be?
- Surely birds must be able to fly?
- How do we bring back the fun into budgies and reduce the cost element?
- What created a market for an exhibition budgie ranging from R150.00 to R5000.00 plus per bird for example?
- How would we, going forward, address matters such as cysts and birds with no tails, to name but a few?
- How would we address reduced fertility, docile birds and related matters moving breeders to experiment with artificial insemination?

From across the world we had recommendations that an Association was long overdue that caters for both Wild-Type and Exhibition budgies together under the same banner. Perhaps they want to see whether we could manage and then follow our example, I am not sure.

However, because of our love for mutations it made sense to become involved in the part of our hobby where they would most likely emanate from and we would just make a lot more friends!