



# Mealy Amazon (*Farinosa farinosa*)

The Mealy is the second largest of the Amazons with the hallmark white ring around the eye. Although these birds are among the most gentle of the Amazon parrots, they are not one of the more popular birds due to its plain green color. Their popularity is also low as a result of their high mortality rate during importation. The Mealy is the most susceptible to respiratory problems.

## *Habitat & Diet*

The Mealy prefers forested areas, generally keeping to the canopy, but sometimes descending at gaps and edges of the forest. It will feed on fruits, seeds, palms, figs, legumes, some buds, and flowers. This bird creates a nest in the natural cavities of dead wood, incubating an average of 3 eggs during the dry season.

## *Fascinating Facts*

Mealy Amazons are one of the most talkative parrots; they can even repeat a word or sentence after hearing it only once. Although this bird can gain a large vocabulary, it may be hard to understand, for they like to express a wide range of emotions in their words. As crazy as they are about talking, they are even crazier about water. They love to be absolutely drenched and splash in a pan until the last drop is gone.

## *Status*

In parts of the Caribbean and South Pacific lowlands, this bird can still be found in the wild. The main causes for diminishing parrot populations are the loss of habitat and contamination of the environment.

**Height:** Up to 19 inches

**Weight:** 2-4 lbs.

**Habitat:** In the canopy along borders of rainforests & in humid coniferous forests

**Range:** From South America through Central America



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