

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing: Cockatiels



Cockatiels, known in Western Australia as Weiros or in other Australian states as a Quarrion, are a very popular bird and pet for many aviaries. They have a sweet, sociable nature and do very well in pairs or small groups. Cockatiels are native to Australia and are part of the Cockatoo family. We have quite a number of cockatiels in our aviary of varying colours.

Did you know?

- Cockatiels can live between 10- 14 years
- Cockatiels distinctive crest on top of their head tells you what mood the cockatiel is in. Straight up it is excited or startled, natural (not up or down) it is relaxed and down flat it is angry or agitated
- A cockatiel's tail feathers make up half of its body length
- Cockatiels are very vocal:- that is they like to sing a lot and they can be taught a melody and they can learn to repeat words. In my experience it is generally the male birds that do this
- There are currently 22 listed colours of cockatiels the most common being the grey and then the yellow and grey.

Our Secret

Cockatiels breed a lot and very easily. We do have a breeding pair in our aviary and every spring they have several clutches of babies. If you're lucky you might get to see some young juveniles as they take their first flight out from the nest.