

Case study

Today budgies – often called lovebirds in India – are the most popular pet birds in the world. All the adored cage birds of today are the descendants of parrots. They are one of the smallest of the world's 330 parrot species which have come down from a plucky little bird in rural Australia.

Some appear to be about 30 cm long from tail tip to crown, with bulbous, fluffy foreheads, barrel chests and deep-set eyes. Their colours are striking; vivid shades of blue, gray and green as well as violet and white. Most startling of all

are the yolk-yellow birds, called Lutinas that are like splashes of luminous paint. The first colour mutations in captive birds were blue and yellow. Today, breeders raise birds with rainbow of colours.

Lovebirds stay near water when it's dry, but when there's a lot of rain they spread out. They are sometimes seen nestling on top of tall eucalyptus trees. While some of the caged varieties would have difficulty flying across a room, wild budgies travel hundreds of kilometres at speeds of up to 50 kilometres per hour to seek seed and water. Even in prolonged droughts, the budgie has an

extraordinary ability to withstand dehydration. When deprived of water, budgies can reportedly exist with little weight loss for more than a month at an average air temperature of 30 degrees. At 20 degrees some can apparently survive indefinitely without provided they are getting some moisture from food.

A. Mark the correct option.

1. Budgies's name in India is_____

- a) Parrots
- b) Pigeons
- c) Lovebirds
- d) Sparrows

2. State the origin of lovebirds?

- a) Africa
- b) America
- c) Australia
- d) India

3. State the average length of a lovebird?

- a) 10 cm
- b) 20 cm
- c) 30 cm
- d) 50 cm

4. State the nesting spot of lovebird.

- a) On hill top
- b) On eucalyptus tree
- c) On terrace
- d) On coconut tree

5) a) Find out the reason for budgies weight loss?

b) Find out the synonym of outstanding from the passage.

6. Find out the Pronouns in this sentence:

“They are sometimes seen nestling on top of tall eucalyptus trees.”

- a) Are
- b) seen

c) They

d) Tall

