

Exhibition Standards—Lovebirds



This fact sheet gives details of the exhibition standards for Lovebirds.

BLACK CHEEKED LOVEBIRD

Agapornis nigrigenis

LENGTH :

5.25 in (13.5 cm)

DESCRIPTION :

Adults : general plumage green, darker on wings, body and underparts, lighter green including rump, more yellowish on the rump and underparts; forehead and forecrown reddish-brown; hind crown and nape dark yellowish-green; lores, throat and cheeks brownish-black; upper breast pale orange; tail green, lateral feathers marked with orange-yellow and basally and subterminally barred with lateral feathers marked with orange-yellow and basally and subterminally barred with black. Naked periophthalmic ring is white; bill coral-red fading to pink at base; iris brown; legs grey-brown.

QUALITIES:

A good specimen should display the following qualities:

1. The body should be compact.
2. The wing tips should sit together over the tail.
3. The tail should be short and tapered.
4. The head should be neat and in proportion with the body.
5. The face should be appealing with a round and bright eye.
6. Any bird showing blue feathers on the rump should be regarded as a hybrid.
7. The feather condition should be immaculate.
8. The feet should be clean and not turned in, and the toes should be straight and show no signs of curling inwards. There should be no scars or mutilation and all nails should be present.
9. The bill should be clean and show no scars or mutilation.
10. Overall, the bird should display an exhibition carriage and stance.

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