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Animal Fact Sheet

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African Grey Parrot

Psittacus erithacus

The African grey is the parrot that changed what science was prepared to say about animal minds. Over three decades, Irene Pepperberg's grey, Alex, learned to label around a hundred objects, colours,…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Psittacidae
Habitat: Rainforest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 40-60 years
Weight: 400-600 grams
Scientific name: Psittacus erithacus

Did you know?

- The African Grey Parrot is considered the best talking parrot in the world, with some individuals able to mimic not only words but also human-like vo…
- Alex, a grey, learned roughly a hundred labels and could combine categories, naming which object was both green and three-cornered. He grasped "same"…

What I learned

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