

Found Bird Information and Tips

Tips to help return a found bird to its owner:

- ✓ Check for a microchip or leg band.
- ✓ Post a found bird bulletin on each of the free resources listed at the bottom of this page.
- ✓ In your ad, be deliberately vague. Only include basic information such as the area in which the animal was found, the basic type of bird, and when the animal was found. For example, if the found bird was a Sun Conure, mention in the ad only that you have found a conure.
- ✓ Gather information about the found bird in order to screen people responding to your ad. Here are a list of potential screening questions:
 - What type of bird is it specifically? Example: If the bird was a cockatoo, was it a Bare-eyed, Moluccan, Umbrella, Goffin's, etc. ?
 - When the bird was found, were its wings/beak/nails clipped?
 - What does the bird eat – pellet or seeds? Does it seem to like any particular treat more than another?
 - Does the bird have any specific or unique vocalizations?
 - Does the bird show a definite preference for one sex over the other?
 - Does the bird have any unusual physical characteristics i.e. feather-picking, missing toes, etc.?
 - In general, does the bird like to be handled?
- ✓ When people respond to the ad, do not give out any information about the animal but ask them about the bird that they are missing.
- ✓ Beware scammers who try to weedle information out of you – they make just be searching for free birds to sell!

The following are free resources in which you can post a found ad for a pet bird:

- ✓ <http://monterey.craigslist.org/> - You can post both in "Pets" and "Lost and Found." Craigslist is nationwide and they have one for most major cities.
- ✓ <http://www.911parrotalert.com/> - Yahoo! email group that sends daily announcements regarding lost and found birds to your inbox.
- ✓ <http://www.birdhotline.com/> - WorldWide database of lost birds.
- ✓ <http://www.mickaboo.org/> - Local bird rescue with lost and found resources.